

REPORT 4
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UPDATE ON RECREATION FACILITIES FOR JULY 2005

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the board on recreation facilities and activity for the month of July 2005. Recreation facilities include Tawa Swimming Pool, Tawa Recreation Centre, Linden Social Centre and information regarding the proposed Tawa Community Centre.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. *Receive this information.*

3. Tawa Community Pool

Operational Information

- The Team Leader Programmes resigned from fulltime position to further her studies but remains employed as part time swim instructor. One permanent part-time operations staff has resigned in order to relocate to Wanganui.
- Incident on Saturday night 15 July where youngsters broke into Tawa Pool reception area and removed Ice Cream freezer with contents from the premises. Contents of freezer worth \$423.74 (cost price) stolen and freezer dumped in creek near car park. Police have CCTV footage and investigation is still continuing.
- Learners and Toddlers Pool have been upgraded to pressure Diatomaceous Earth filtration system. The Learners Pool was closed for 5 days for this work to be completed and Toddlers Pool closed for 3 weeks. These pools are now on separate filtration systems which mitigate the risk of microbiological contamination such as cryptosporidiosis. Diatomaceous Earth filter bags on septums for the main pool filtration system have also been replaced.
- New boilers have been installed for heating of both the Learners and Toddlers Pool.
- Pool cover repairs for main pool covers have been completed and are back in service for greater energy conservation during non operational hours.
- A large Church group booking for whole facility was held on the afternoon of Saturday 9 July 2005.
- Tornadoes Swim Team pool space has been reduced to one lane from two at the start of Term 3 2005 due to a lack of numbers participating.

Participation

- The Year to date and monthly stats figures are marginally down (215) from last year at the same time. This is due to the closures of the learners and toddlers pools for improvements.
- The numbers of Free Swims are 198 up - this is largely due to the complimentary swim passes given out to upset clients who were not aware of the pool closures, despite the signage in the facility. The fact that Toddlers Pool's closure has taken longer than expected has added to the frustrations experienced by some patrons.
- Adult swims are 187 up from last year - this is not only due to the fact that more lane space is available now that Tornadoes has been cut down to one lane, but also due to the fact that the Trust Porirua Aquatic Centre has been closed for maintenance from 25 July - 7 August. It is pleasing to note that Schools are 189 up from last year this time.
- Fifties forwards are 40 down from last year and PTL Swim/Spa/Sauna are 23 down - this is concerning, although it must be added that numerous of these patrons were upset by the high levels of noise and discomfort created by the contractors on site.

Attendance	2005/06	July 05	Total	July 04	Total
Adult Swim		1,187	1187	1,000	1,000
Child Swim		3,174	3174	3,347	3,347
PTL Swim/Spa/Sauna		185	185	208	208
Under 5's		675	675	940	940
Free Swim		306	306	108	108
Free Non-swim		1,518	1518	1,499	1,499
Spectators		784	784	1,070	1,070
Fitness Centre		87	87	67	67
Spa/Sauna		158	158	205	205
Schools		482	482	293	293
Fifties Forward		72	72	112	112
Miscellaneous		7	7	1	1
Total		8,635	8635	8,850	8,850

4. Tawa Recreation Centre

Total participation for July was 2,085

Activity	Times of use	Description
Wellington Region Netball	Mon 6.30pm-8.30pm Sun 9.30am-12pm	Representative team practise
Hoop Club	Tue 4pm-6pm	The Hoop Club meets on a weekly basis and is designed to increase basketball skills for children age 5-12 years.

Niu Ola Youth Group	Tues 7.45pm-10.15pm	The Niu Ola Youth Group have two volleyball courts set up for both men and women.
SISDA Church Group	Sat 7.30pm- 10pm	The SISDA Church use the full sizes volleyball court to play games against each other and invited outside groups.
Tawa School	Mon 3.30 - 4.30pm	Miniball practise
Wgtn Handball	Mon 8.00 - 10pm	Handball practise and games
Wellington Disc Sports (Ultimate)	Thursdays 8.00-10.00	Games. Now also using Old gym between 9 - 10pm due to increased numbers
KBJ Netball Club	Thur 6pm-8pm	Netball practice.
Wgtn Basketball	Sun 5.00-7.00pm	Wellington Representative men's Basketball Team use the facility for basketball practice.
Wgtn Basketball (U14)	Sat 1.00-2.45pm	Wellington Representative women's under 14 Basketball Team use the facility for basketball practice.
School Holiday Programme		Our next Holiday programme is planned for 26 Sept - 7 October
Netball League	Wednesdays	Social Women's Netball
Netball League	Saturdays 9am - 1pm	College Netball league
Pre-school Music and Movement Classes	Wednesdays	Giggles & Wiggles for 2 - 10 month olds and Musical Tots for 1 ^{1/2} - 4 year olds. New 8 week term starting 3/8/05. Increased numbers from last term
Casual Badminton Sessions	Sun 3.00 - 5.00	Casual court hire. Proving popular
Birthday Parties		Four parties held

5. Linden Social Centre

Not available at time of preparing report – information will be provided to meeting

6. Tawa Community Centre

Minor works to link both the Tawa Service Centre and former bank building. This is being done in conjunction with cabling by the Knowledge Solutions Business Unit in preparation for the establishment of the WCC Disaster Recovery Centre. When this work has been completed community use and programmes can be implemented. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of August.

A previously indicated to the Board, Building Consents and Licensing Services was not in any great haste to exit from the Tawa Service Centre until it could guarantee service levels no less than those being provided at present. BCLS have been concentrating on bedding in the changes brought about by the new Building Act 2004 and discussing with our regional partners a regional approach to the introduction of the legislation and options for joint processing of building consents.

It could be December or early next year before we have an action plan for exiting from the Tawa service Centre. We will continue to keep the Board apprised of any alternative plans for servicing the Tawa Community and exiting the Service Centre.

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