

REPORT 6
(1215/12/IM)

UPDATE ON RECREATION FACILITIES FOR JUNE 2005

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the board on recreation facilities and activity for the month of June 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*

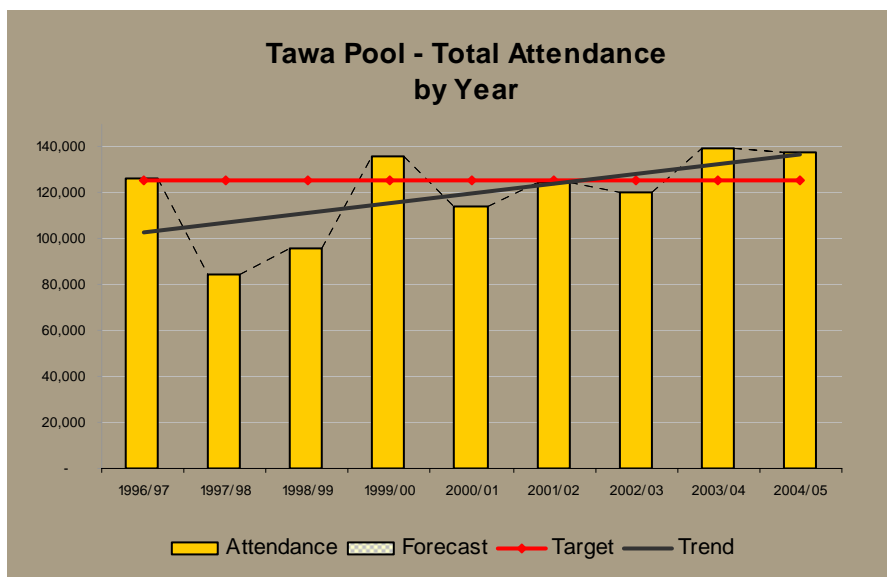
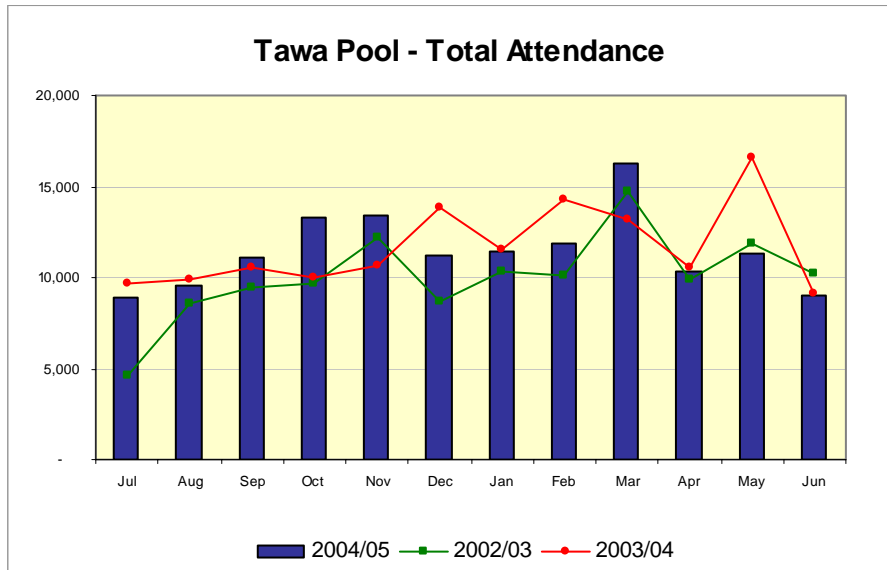
3. Tawa Community Pool

Operational Information

- One fulltime lifeguard has resigned their position to travel overseas. The position is currently being filled.
- The Frog water feature in Toddlers Pool area has been replaced with a more user-friendly and efficient water feature that has already proven very popular with pre-school age children.
- A window smashing incident on the west side of the pool hall building occurred on Friday 11 June 2005. The security film on the glass worked well holding broken glass in place and preventing it from entering the water. Drain pipes and the front door were also damaged during same incident. Police have been informed.
- A new backflow prevention device was installed for the water mains operation system, allowing the facility to meet full Building Warrant of Fitness compliance.
- Further improvement to plant and the equipment has been completed. Work during June included a new heating system chlorifier; new hot water cylinder and mixer for the showers and the elements in the diatomaceous earth filter system were replaced.
- Work has begun on the benches that house the pool covers for the main pool.

Participation

Total attendance for June was 9,062 this is down just slightly (92) compared to June 2004 attendance of 9,154. The total attendance for the pool in 2004/05 was 137,956 and exceeded the annual target of 126,000.



4. Tawa Recreation Centre

- The new Tawa Recreation Centre and shared venture with the Tawa College has been very successful. The facility has completed its first eight months of operation after opening in November 2004. Those involved in the centre look forward to a successful full years operation in 2005/06.

- Holiday programmes delivered have received very positive feedback. An averaged 12 children per day in the first programme grew to 20 a day in the second and are expected to reach 30 a day in July/August holidays.
- The centre established a music and movement programme for pre-schools at Linden hall and additional pre-school age activities are planned. Giggles and Wiggles (music & movement) have had a good start with families re-enrolling for next term.
- Currently running are two Netball leagues being delivered. One is a Social Women's competition on Wednesday nights and a College leagues on Saturday mornings.
- The facilities Mid-week bookings have been 90% full since mid-March.
- The new storage room is near completion.
- The facility has been invited to a fundraising evening organised by the Johnsonville Plunket. The focus is on promoting recreational facilities in this area.
- Total community visits for June was 2400, with total attendance for the period November 2004 to June 2005 was 8,980. This was positive outcome and community response, but short of the target attendance of 10,000 due to the later opening (2 months) for the recreation centre.

5. Linden Social Centre

- Community Halls including Linden Social Centre take a significant amount of time and resourcing. It is pleasing to report an increase in users. Participation is up by 15% and also an increase in hours of use, up by 5% from the previous year.
- A new Team Leader for Halls was appointed in November 2004 and has made a positive impact on the use and perception of how communities can utilise their local halls.
- A new pre-school class at Linden (Tawa Recreation Centre), commenced term 2 2005 Regular bookings at the social centre on an ongoing basis are:
 - Tawa Lions
 - Tawa Community Theatre
 - Ezy Movers
 - Good Neighbours
 - Dance classes
 - Various Church groups

Community Halls Participation

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total
Ngaio	2081	2249	2154	2238	1828	1065	705	1600	1682	2000	1884	1810	21296
Khandallah	1314	1837	1135	1625	1937	1399	220	1447	1575	1579	1739	1777	17584
Vogelmorn	830	895	880	694	340	490	150	615	610	560	700	875	7639
Linden	1805	1893	1450	1418	983	944	1060	878	976	1288	1328	1293	15316
Total	6030	6874	5619	5975	5088	3898	2135	4540	4843	5427	5651	5755	61835

- Total visits and use of community halls is up almost 10,000 when compared to 2003/04. Linden Social Centre attendance of 15,316 is up 2,250 (15%). Hours of occupancy has also risen by five percent.

6. Tawa Service Centre

A contract for work (\$38,404) on minor building operations has been awarded to Transfield Services Limited. The work is expected to be completed in July in association with work being undertaken to wire out the buildings for Knowledge Solutions disaster recovery centre requirements. It is hoped that programmes and activities may be able to commence in August.

Relocation of the New Zealand Police Search and Rescue (SAR) Radio Communications to the Tawa Service Centre.

The Police SAR communications is maintained and operated by the Radio Amateur Volunteers of the Wellington VHF Group. The Wellington Emergency Management Office has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wellington VHF Group (Branch 74 Amateur Radio Emergency Corps).

The MOU outlines the agreement of the parties to work together to provide emergency communications for the residents of Wellington. The area of the Tawa Service Centre that is utilised by WEMO for Civil Defence purposes will be jointly utilised by both parties under this agreement. Effectively the Tawa Civil Defence volunteers and the Police SAR volunteers will have shared use of the existing WEMO area at the Tawa Service Centre.

This agreement provides extended emergency radio communications capability in Tawa that will benefit all residents of Wellington, in emergency and disaster events. This MOU provides for the installation of 4 computer work stations and two VHF radios for SAR, and these will be the control point for remote operated communications equipment located on Colonial Knob. SAR communications operations are on an as required basis when activated by The New Zealand Police.

Other than operational activation some volunteer training will be undertaken as will equipment testing and maintenance. The SAR communications area at the Tawa Service Centre will remain inactive for the majority of the time. Visual impact due to additional antennas will be minimal as the antennas will utilise existing WEMO antenna poles on the roof of the Tawa Service Centre.

The Radio frequencies utilised by SAR are within the emergency services VHF radio band which is the same band as is currently operated by Civil Defence at the Tawa Service Centre. The possibility of an MOU between the New Zealand Police and the WCC, for Police Emergency Operations Centre, temporary use of space in the Tawa Service Centre Board Room or the adjacent community centre is currently being explored.

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