

**UPDATE ON RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES - 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2008/09**

**1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on recreation facilities and activities for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the 2008/2009 financial year. Community recreation facilities and programmes include the Tawa Swimming Pool, Tawa Recreation Centre and the Push Play Outreach Programme (Northern).

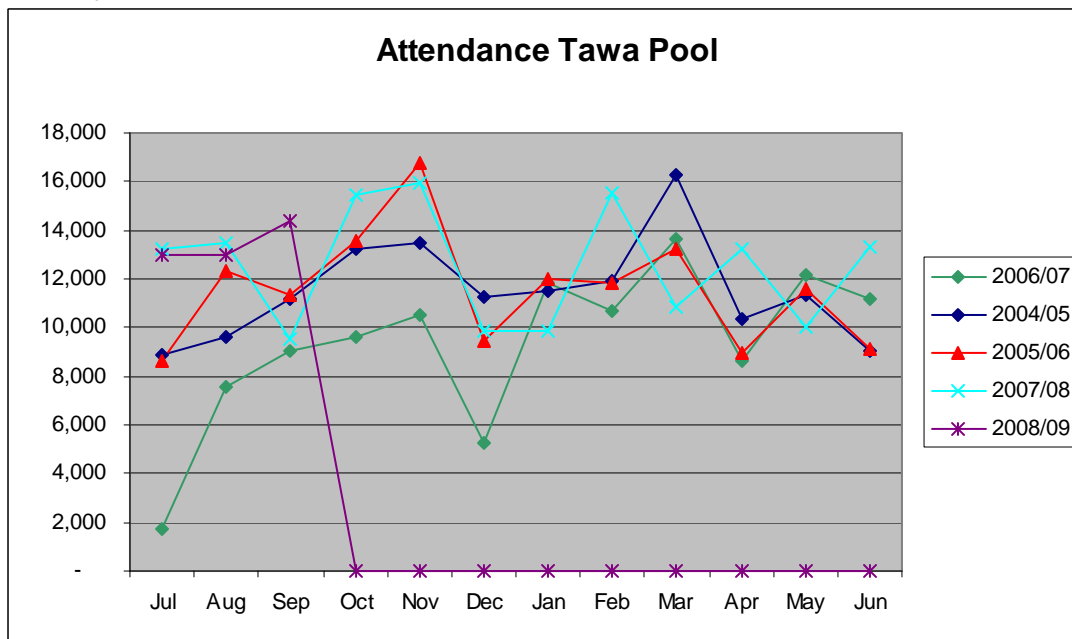
**2. Recommendations**

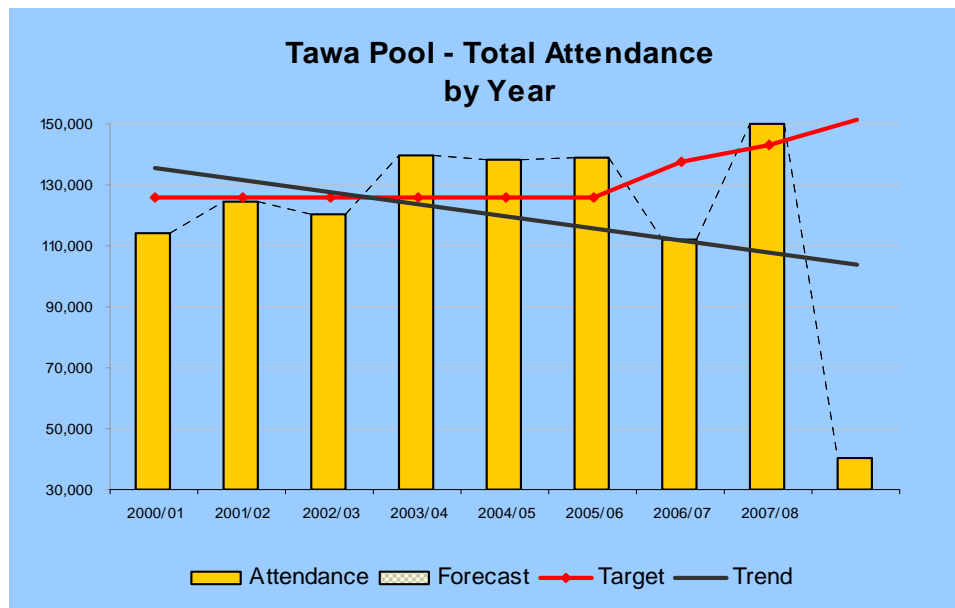
Officers recommend that the Board:

1. *Receives this information*

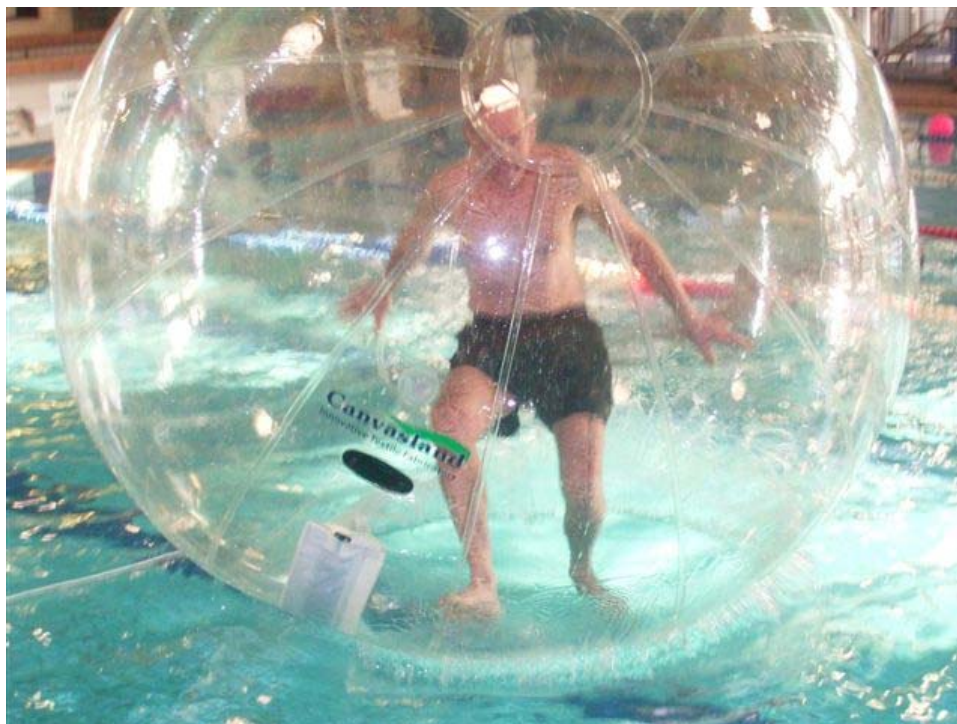
**3. Tawa Community Pool**

- Attendance for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was 40,288 up 4,059 for the same quarter of 2007/08. Participation has increased in child swims, swim memberships and passport to leisure users. Schools participation numbers are down slightly on Term 2 compared to the same period last year.





- The full year attendance target for Tawa Pool is 151,000. Which will contribute to an anticipated total for all Wellingtons Pools of 1.5 million?



- The pool conducted a very successful School Holiday programme in July which involved a range of in water and on land activities. This included the introduction of the **'Zorb'** a new pool toy for kids of all ages.
- Despite some set backs with suppliers and contractors the new starting blocks have now been installed.

- Events in this quarter included three Tawa Swimming Club time trials and Zone Swimming Sports, harbour Capital Masters Swim meet, Tawa Intermediate School sports and a Youth Group (Army) activity programme.

#### 4. Tawa Recreation Centre

##### Attendance

Month	2008	2007
July	2997	2645
August	2208	2678
September	2218	2421
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,423</b>	<b>7,744</b>

- A number of one off activities increased the numbers for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. These included some basketball and netball groups. The Centre had a total attendance of for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 7,423 which is down slightly for the same period in the previous year. Attendance figures have decreased this quarter due to the hand over of management and operation of the Tawa Community Facility to WCC City Communities and a cancelled preschool programme due to lack of participation.
- In July there was an international visit from China by the Taipei Youth Folk Sports Group. This group specialises in traditional Acrobatics. Over 400 people attended and the Chinese Embassy hopes to bring the group back next year.
- The centre staff have spent considerable time trying to get a primary school sports league operating after school. Many of the local school children are already in after school care and so far there has been no success.
- The following groups/clubs are currently hiring the facility on a regular basis:
  - Ultimate Flying Disc (Frisbee)
  - Contenders Boxing
  - Hoop Club – Basketball training for primary age
  - Samoan Seventh Day Adventists – Volleyball
  - Several different soccer teams
  - Badminton
- Other notable activities
  - Our Netball league is running with a full compliment of teams and very popular.
  - The July Holiday Programme was 97% full.
  - Facility occupancy has been on average 86% full this quarter.

- Over the past three months we have had 55 casual bookings from soccer, badminton to volleyball.
- 10 birthday parties. Have been delivered

## 5. Push Play Outreach Programme

- Seventy children from Tawa participated in the Push play Olympics Libraries holiday programme.
- In conjunction with Sport Wellington Get Set Go workshops (Event Management development for clubs, schools and community organisations) have been held with many teachers from Tawa Schools attending.
- Averages of 10 older persons attend weekly Push Play **Sit and be Fit** sessions.



- Several Tawa schools are making use of the push Play trailer on a regular basis.
- Coming up in October will be a Push Play family evening at Tawa Union Church Friday 17 October 2008 and a Push Play backyard games at Tui Park on Sunday 2 November 2008.

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