

**RECREATION FACILITIES QUARTERLY REPORT  
 UPDATE ON FOR THE 2ND QUARTER 2007/08**

**1. Purpose of Report**

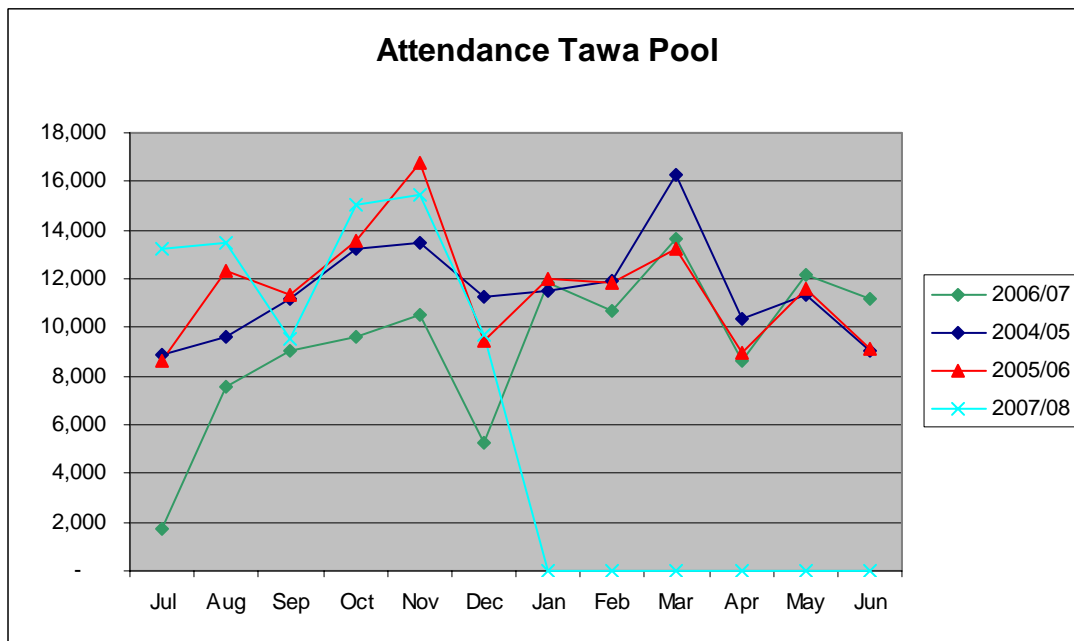
The purpose of this report is to update the Board on recreation facilities and activities for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 2007/2008 financial year. Recreation facilities include the Tawa Swimming Pool and Tawa Recreation Centre.

**2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

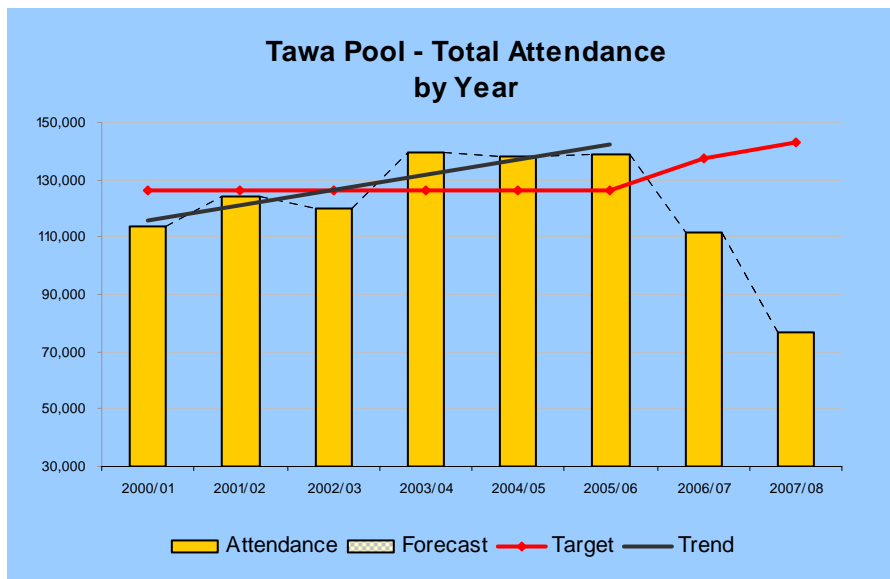
**3. Tawa Community Pool**



- Attendance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was 40,269 up 14,940 for the same quarter of 2006/07. The overall year to date attendance (1 July to 31 December 2007) is 76,498 up 32,887 compared to the same period in 2006/07 and 4,599 ahead of the attendance target of 71,889.

Last year the pool underwent a scheduled maintenance closure in July and August with some remedial work needing to be continued on the exterior of the building until late November impacting attendances.

This was followed with some poor weather in December which resulted in participation levels being slow to return. This contrasts the same period this year when attendances have been well up given a sustained period of good weather and the pool is on track to achieve its 2007/08 annual attendance target of 143,215.



- A new schedule of fees and charges for the cities network of swimming pools were introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2007 and a new Swim Membership option discounting the entry price for regular users (+ 3 times a week) introduced on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Programme participation has remained steady throughout the quarter with lots of school sports, end of term fun days and corporate organisations Christmas outings held in December. Other events during the quarter included: Tawa Swimming Club Time trials in October, November and December and the popular ZM Women's Run Swim Event in November which attracted 186 participants.
- New access stairs to the spa pool were been installed and a specification was completed for replacement starting blocks for the main pool. The new starting blocks have been designed to be removable so that the pools heat retention covers can be placed and removed without causing safety issues for staff. Funding has now been secured and the new blocks are expected to arrive and be installed before the end of the third quarter.
- In support of the Ministry of Health, Healthy Eating Healthy Action (HEHA) strategy vending machines were removed from Wellingtons public swimming

pools and recreation centres in October. Research and discussions with vendors and product suppliers for the provision alternative more healthy options have not yet secured a provider and are ongoing.

#### 4. Tawa Recreation Centre

##### Attendance

Category	YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Adults</b>	<b>8,230</b>	1,624	1,486	1,461	1,368	806	424
<b>Passport to leisure</b>	<b>360</b>	73		66	66		
<b>Children</b>	<b>4,676</b>	849	862	746	937	511	383
<b>*TCF adult</b>	<b>636</b>	71	190	92	102	140	41
<b>*TCF child</b>	<b>376</b>	28	140	56	57	76	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,278</b>	2,645	2,678	2,421	2,530	1,533	867

*\*TFC – Tawa Community Facility*

- The Tawa Recreation Centre had a total attendance of for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 4,930 which is down (851) for the same period in the previous 2006/07 year. The total attendance year to date (1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007) is 14,786 which is down slightly (18) for the same period last year.
- It is pleasing to note that the total number of participants (2054) in the centers schedule of programmes during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter has increased by 24% (398).
- The management and administration of Community Halls including the Linden Social Centre and the operation of the Tawa Community Facility were transferred from Recreation Wellington to City Communities from 1 October 2007.
- Recreation Wellington made application for OSCAR Accreditation for its school holiday programmes in October which was subsequently approved in December following discussions and inspections with Child Youth and Family representatives.
- By meeting prescribed criteria our programmes have qualified for government funding subsidies which can be passed on to those for whom price may be a barrier to participating in the programme.
- During the summer holiday school break routine maintenance was undertaken in cooperation with the Tawa College including re-surfacing to the floor of one of the two gymnasiums. Graffiti at the College including the recreation centre building over the past quarter has been an ongoing maintenance issue.

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