

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Chair  
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**SUBJECT:** Chairperson's Report

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**This is a big month for the Tasman District Council** with regard to new facilities. The newly-opened Moutere Hills Complex will be a great asset, not only to that community, but to the whole district. Community support was very evident through the numbers attending the opening ceremony and it was great also to see the early family names recognised. The opening of the new Nelson Provincial Museum is another landmark occasion for the whole region and numerous people have commented on the different 'feel' these kinds of modern community facilities give to our district.

**There has been some constructive work done on the Grants from Rates process** – the Subcommittee will report to this Committee on the suggestions. These include clearer indications of the likely amount of allocations, some alterations to categories to reflect changes in the last year or two, and some refining of the way applications are appraised by the Subcommittee. All of these adjustments arise from the very useful discussions at the recent allocation meeting.

**The Tasman District Council is now overseeing a number of major projects under the Facilities Rate**, with more under consideration for future development. I have suggested to the Mayor and Chief Executive that this part of the responsibilities of the Grants and Facilities Rate Subcommittee be transferred to the Community Services Committee. I feel this will bring more people into the discussions and clarify reporting procedures. Given the scale and cost of many of these projects I believe that input from a wider range of Councillors would prove valuable.

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Chairperson