

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Chair
DATE: 11 September 2008
SUBJECT: Chair's Report

The Murchison Sports and Cultural Centre opening is planned for Saturday 27 September 2008 at 1.30 pm. All Councillors have been invited and it should be a great day for our southern most town and the Committee that has worked diligently for the last nine years.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the opening of Sundial Square. This is set to be a pivot point of Richmond and looks great, both day and night.

All of our sports grounds are very water logged at present and care is required with their ongoing management.

I still have serious ongoing reservation about the \$7 million proposed upgrade of Trafalgar Park and what Tasman District Council will be asked to contribute to what could become a costly white elephant, if no Rugby World Cup games/teams are forthcoming in 2011. A Nelson City Councillor, who by a minor vote forced extended daylight savings time on all New Zealand, is now promoting along with some (Hands Up) Councillors (NCC) an amalgamation study. I can assure them that in the Lakes Murchison Ward (which I represent) where we have already had one round of losing representation. There is absolutely no support for a study or any amalgamation. I will be interested to hear other Councillors' views.

Stuart Bryant

Chair of Community Services

http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/community_services_committee/reports/2008/rcs080917_report_chair.doc