

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Chair
DATE: 30 March 2009
SUBJECT: Chair's Report

Welcome to today's meeting of Community Services. Thank you to Councillors and staff who have attended Council's presentations and drop in sessions as part of the LTCCP programme across the district. We now wait for the submissions to come in before we can discuss and finalise the plan.

On 16 March Cr Currie, Ensor, Norriss and myself, along with staff Lloyd Kennedy, Stephen Richards, Eric Verstappen and Phillip Drummond visited and viewed recent storm damage at McKee Domain along with some local residents. Many options were discussed on the day but as usual, the biggest restriction was when and where the money would come from. The Environment & Planning and Community Services departments are working together to find a solution.

On Saturday 28 March the first rugby game was held on a new sportsground at Murchison, with (I was told) the highest goal post in the Tasman rugby area. The new lights are now installed on the No 2 ground to allow for night training. The new sports centre itself has been very busy with 41 community activities in the building and grounds, five commercial activities during the month of March and 28 community activities and seven commercial activities are already booked for April. The AGM of the Sport Centre Committee was held on 9 March where 12 community representatives were elected to the Committee.

Estuary Walkway is now a formed track across the racing club's land, A&P land and up and across the composting site of Greenwaste to Zero to the transfer station site. Glenn Thorn is organising fencing to be done shortly. Hopefully shortly we will be able to walk from Headingly Lane to Beach Road alongside the estuary.

On Saturday 28 March I attended and made a presentation to our new youth councillors training hui at Kimi Ora at Kaiteriteri. Although it was the last session of the day and they were very tired, I was impressed with their enthusiasm. They will be in attendance at this meeting of Community Services. Thanks to Paul and his team of local coordinators for organising and running this event.

On 3 April a celebratory dinner to celebrate 100 years of Council in Murchison will be held in the function room at the Murchison Sports, Recreation and Cultural Centre. I will report further at the meeting.

Stuart Bryant
Chair of Community Services

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