

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Chair
DATE: 3 March 2010
SUBJECT: Chair's Report – RCS10-03-03

Over summer I have had the opportunity to attend a number of community events such as the Takaka A&P Show, Tapawera BGAC Show, Opera in the Park and the Murchison A&P Show. It is always great to see the communities support for these events and, in particular, at the Murchison Show and how well the new ground layout and sports centre works. I spent time on the Tasman District Council stand at Tapawera and Murchison shows but felt more benefit was gained by walking around the show and chatting to people. One of the loud and clear messages I got from the community in outlying areas was they do not want any amalgamation with Nelson City.

With more rain this summer all of our reserves have remained green and more pristine for longer this summer.

Our three building projects the Learn to Swim Pool, District Library and the Motueka Recreation Centre upgrade are all progressing along and should be completed in this term of Council.

As summer ends and autumn begins, many of our community groups are meeting for the first time this year and preparing for our Annual Plan round and their budget year.

Over summer our department has run many summer programmes such as Skatepark Tour, Way2Go events, summer movies and Last of the Summer Fayre. I have heard many good reports of how well Last of the Summer Fayre was and what a great venue Sundial Square is.

Last weekend the Youth Council held their annual training hui. Thanks to those Councillors who attended.

Over the weekend I attended the opening of the Murchison BMX track. It has been a long and expensive process working with and getting all the community groups to agree on the final siting but the end result makes it all worthwhile. We now have a premium BMX track in Murchison on the recreation reserve and the dressage arena is still under construction.

Also during February a Civil Defence exercise was held in Murchison. I was unable to attend but apparently it all went well.

The high tides on 2 March appear to have had no affect on any Community Services assets.

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Chair of Community Services

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