

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Chair  
**DATE:** 8 July 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Chair's Report – RCS10-06-09

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Welcome to the penultimate meeting of the Community Services Committee for this term of Council (2007-2010).

The opening of the new District Library on Saturday 3 July was a milestone for this Council and many visitors took the opportunity to look through. All the comments I heard were very favourable and people were very impressed. I encourage all Councillors to go and have a look. Thanks to all the people who had input to this project. It is great to see it completed.

The TrustPower Community Awards were held at the Rutherford Hotel in Nelson on 5 July. This is a great event to recognise the power and work that volunteers do in our communities. A number of Tasman groups feature in the awards line up and the overall Tasman winner was Mapua Community Library. The runners up were Friends of Flora, Friends of Labyrinth Rocks, Murchison Volunteer Fire Brigade, Collingwood Volunteer Fire Brigade, Golden Bay Tennis Club, Golden Bay Swimming Club, Impact Youth Trust (Takaka) and Mapua Community Library.

The Waimea River Park Hearing Committee undertook a site visit to the proposed river park on 10 June and visited a number of locations on both sides of the river. The Hearing Committee are working towards completion of the Reserve Management Plan.

I had a call recently from one of the most southern constituents regarding walking access onto working farms. He is concerned, as I am, that people may use or try to find paper roads and cause themselves or the landowner some grief. He is concerned if public demand wants a lot of paper roads opened up for walking access, how will Council fund this? I have attached two clippings from this week's Farming Press which may provide further background information to Councillors.

The report regarding the Matai Lodge at the Hope Reserve attached to the agenda was written prior to the recent public meeting. We will need to give careful thought to any recommendations. I am still concerned, however, around the levels of communication and consultation around this event. While the Council has acted within the letter of the law this situation provides a lesson I that we need to look further than the legislative requirements in dealing with the residents and ratepayers of Tasman.

Finally, all of our sportsfields that I have seen appear to have coped with the wet weather and are being managed appropriately and to enable winter sports to be played most of the time thanks to the staff and Sicon.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Chair's Report dated 8 July 2010 (RCS10-07-09) be received by the Community Services Committee, Tasman District Council.

Stuart Bryant  
Chair of Community Services

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