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# **REPORT SUMMARY**

Report to: Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: 16 June 2011

Subject: Chairman's Report Report Author: Cr Judene Edgar

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report contains the Community Services Chairman's regular meeting report.

# **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the report be received.

# **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RCS11-06-07.



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#### 1. WELCOME

- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. This morning we will have received the long-awaited outcome from the Local Government Commission. Regardless of the outcome, Council always needs to be seeking to undertake its services more efficiently and more cost effectively. Efficiencies won't always be gained by working co-operatively with Nelson. Tasman also works with Marlborough, Buller and Hurunui (our other neighbouring district councils) as well as West Coast and Canterbury (our other neighbouring regional councils) to gain efficiencies.
- 1.2 We also have delivered some wonderful outcomes working co-operatively with the community sector. Our collaborative efforts with both Councils and the Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society (made up of a number of different codes) on developing Saxton Stadium made the finals in the Project Collaboration section of the recent New Zealand Sport and Recreation Awards and was runner up in the Sport and Leisure section of the TrustPower Community Awards. A big congratulations to all those involved.

#### 2. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

- 2.1 Our communities and our nation are greatly enriched by the generosity of volunteers in our community. Volunteers help in so many immeasurable ways.
- 2.2 19–25 June 2011 is Volunteer Awareness Week. Volunteer Awareness Week provides New Zealanders with a chance to acknowledge the excellent work done by our many volunteers and discover opportunities to get involved in their communities.
- 2.3 The Youth Volunteer Awards ceremony is to be held at The Hub on Thursday 23 June 2011. These awards provide an opportunity for us to celebrate young people aged 12–25 years who volunteer in our community.
- 2.4 Nominations close on 30 June 2011 for the Outstanding Community Service Awards which is our opportunity to acknowledge our residents that have been involved in a range of voluntary activities that have benefited their community for 20 years or more.
- 2.5 The Nelson Tasman TrustPower Community Awards 2011 close 15 July 2011. These awards recognise and reward the outstanding contribution voluntary groups and organisations make in our communities.



## 3. OLD LIBRARY SITE, TAKAKA

3.1 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Golden Bay Community Board for coordinating and overseeing the consultation process on the future of the old library site in Commercial Street, Takaka, following its destruction by fire one year ago. This has been a very positive and inclusive process and has been incredibly beneficial for community services staff.

#### 4. PLANTINGS

- 4.1 Arbor Day plantings will be taking place this month with all schools in the region being offered the opportunity of coming to a Council reserve to take part in a planting. Councillors are welcome to don their gumboots and man a spade also.
- 4.2 As part of the Matariki celebrations, Parks and Reserves Department have planned a public planting at Sandeman Reserve on Saturday 25 June 2011, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. A warm invitation is extended to all Councillors to this event.

## 5. FUNDING EXPO

5.1 We had a fantastic turnout of over 200 again to this years' Funding Expo. Many thanks to Mike Tasman-Jones for supporting this event which was a great collaboration between central and local government and community organisations.

## 6. RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

## 7. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RCS11-06-06.

Judene Edgar Chairman