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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Community Services Committee
Meeting Date: 8 September 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 RCS11-09-06.

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1. WELCOME

- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. It is going to be a very busy time around the region for the next few months with, amongst other things, Rugby World Cup (September/October), South Island Masters Games (October), Top Team (November) and then suddenly the Christmas season is upon us – how on earth did we get there!

2. MAPUA WATERFRONT PARK

- 2.1 Construction of the boardwalk, amphitheatre and landscaping along the Mapua Waterfront is nearing completion. As a result, residents and visitors will soon be able to start enjoying the fruit of years of consultation and planning to make the waterfront park a welcoming, community hub. The next stage of development is to build the new toilets and eventually replace the temporary path connecting the car park to the water front once the new sewerage pumping station has been installed.
- 2.2 This new reserve has by default been known as the Mapua Waterfront Park, but now with work on developing the area nearing completion, consideration of a name is becoming important. An option would be to ask the public for ideas. Staff would like some guidance from the Committee on this matter.

3. SAXTON FIELD

- 3.1 The Saxton Field Working Group, comprising Crs Maling, Ensor and myself from Tasman District Council, Crs Rainey and Copeland from Nelson City Council (Cr Rackley was absent) plus staff from both councils, met last month (23 August 2011) and had a positive and constructive meeting about current activities and future plans.
- 3.2 Council staff are working together to develop a cohesive forward work programme for our respective Long Term Plans including revision of the operational/maintenance funding as requested. Some of the programmed work for this financial year includes a new entranceway via Main Road Stoke, the start of internal cycle/walkways, the completion of the Cricket/Athletics

pavilion (October), and internal signage. After the meeting we enjoyed a tour of the Cricket/Athletics pavilion which is a fantastic facility.

- 3.3 While we were there it was also great to see so much daytime activity with the South Island Secondary Schools netball tournament (22–25 August 2011). The tournament involves over 75 teams (over three grades) and more than 800 players, coaches, managers and umpires. The top five 'A' grade teams from this tournament qualify as the South Island representatives at the New Zealand Secondary School National finals and compete against 11 teams from the North Island at the Pettigrew Green Arena in Napier in October. Congratulations to Craighead Diocesan, Columba College, Rangī Ruru, St Margarets College and our very own Waimea College who qualified to represent the South Island.

4. THINKING RECREATION

- 4.1 The New Zealand Recreation Association held 'Thinking Recreation', a three day seminar for recreation planners and policy makers at Saxton Field from 13–15 July 2011. The seminar included workshops on partnerships in sport and recreation facility governance; collaborative service delivery; energy efficiency and new technologies for indoor swimming pools; and facility planning.
- 4.2 A special mention goes to Glenn Thorn and Mike Tasman-Jones who were two of the key local organisers for this conference. The feedback received from the participants demonstrates the value of these conferences and in the development and delivery of best practice for our communities. Keynote speakers Sarah Dunning and Richard Lindsay presentation on 'Territorial Authority-School Partnerships: A guide for success' was rated as the most valuable session by participants. Of interest, for most participants the key message for them was the value of collaboration – both locally, within the community and with other clubs and organisations – and nationally, to share and develop common and best practice.

5. SOUTH ISLAND MASTERS GAMES

- 5.1 Over 2,000 athletes have already registered for the South Island Masters Games (www.simasters.co.nz) so this should be a great boon for our region. As well as nine days of sporting activities for "athletes" aged 30+, there is also a great array of social events for the athletes, coaches, managers and supporters.
- 5.2 The Masters Games is an excellent example of collaboration, bringing together 50 sports including beach volleyball, cribbage, disc golf, indoor cricket, snooker, softball, ten pin bowling and even ultimate. Facilities all around the region are being utilised for this fantastic event including the ASB Aquatic Centre, Badminton Hall, Club Waimea, Action Indoor Sports, Rabbit

Island, Saxton Stadium, Greenacres Golf Club and so many more.

6. RUGBY WORLD CUP

- 6.1 Tomorrow is the official opening of the Rugby World Cup. The official opening ceremony, at Eden Park prior to the New Zealand vs Tonga match, will be broadcast to millions of viewers worldwide. While it's hard to know what impact the world cup will have on our region, there are three games (Italy vs Russia 20 September; Italy vs USA 27 September; and Australia vs Russia 1 October) and some fantastic events for visitors and locals alike to enjoy. So even if you're already over the world cup (like me), it is still a great opportunity to show off your community spirit and enjoy some great events and camaraderie.
- 6.2 Locally, the Richmond Festival runs from 25–27 September and has been a great collaboration between Council, community groups (A&P Association and Richmond Unlimited) and Ant Holder. And if you're keen on catching up with the rugby but haven't got tickets, there are Fanzones for the semi-finals (15 & 16 October) and final (23 October) at Motueka Recreation Centre and Top of Trafalgar Street.

7. RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

8. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RCS11-09-06.

Judene Edgar
Chair

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