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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Community Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 8 March 2012  
**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 RCS12-03-03.**

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## **1. WELCOME**

- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting – the first Community Services meeting for the new year. It is a very busy time for Council with consultation on the Ten Year Plan underway, assessments and prioritisations of the December storm damage and the amalgamation poll. Regardless of the poll outcome, we still have a responsibility to prepare a robust, sustainable Ten Year Plan, so encouraging people to read and make submissions on the plan despite the distraction of the poll, will be very important. While Council has made a number of significant cuts and changes to levels of service, for us to make good decisions, we need to focus on engaging with the community.
- 1.2 I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their phenomenal efforts over the past three months with regards to the preparation of the Draft Long Term Plan and then meeting the challenge of the December storms.

## **2. TASMAN STREET AMBASSADORS**

- 2.1 Friday 27 January 2012, Mayor Kempthorne and I took the opportunity to join the Tasman Street Ambassadors as they strolled the streets of Richmond. They took us to some of the youth hang out 'hot spots' in Richmond, although we did need to keep a slight distance at times because we looked somewhat like narks. However, we got to hear about what the Tasman Street Ambassadors have encountered during their summer service, and saw firsthand how they operate and engage with our young people, as they work in partnership with the local Police and Night Watch Patrol to keep our streets safe.
- 2.2 The Tasman Street Ambassadors alternate between Richmond and Motueka over the summer months. Thanks to Paul McConachie for arranging this and Karen Howieson and the other street ambassadors for their time.

### **3. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT**

- 3.1 Mal Drummond came to the recent Positive Ageing Forum to provide an update on Neighbourhood Support. After a successful launch in Nelson resulting in the formation of over 300 neighbourhood support groups, they are now extending to Richmond/Waimea and are currently appointing a committee and co-ordinator.
- 3.2 Neighbourhood Support is about “turning streets into neighbourhoods”. It is for small clusters of approximately 15 houses. It extends beyond the traditional neighbourhood watch, which was primarily about crime prevention, to include civil defence and council information.
- 3.3 Another initiative is Neighbours Day Aotearoa. Now in its second year, Neighbours Day is held on the last weekend in March (24–25 March 2012). Neighbours Day is an opportunity to help develop strong, connected neighbourhoods and to get to know your neighbours better. The key is to do whatever suits your neighbourhood – backyard cricket, BBQ, picnic or simply aim to talk to each of your neighbours over the fence.

### **4. SUMMER HOLIDAY READING PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 The Tasman District Libraries undertook another successful summer holiday reading programme. These are always exceedingly popular and generally result in a waiting list. An integral part of the programme is the check-ins at the library when the children discuss the books they have read with the librarians.
- 4.2 I was fortunate to attend the Richmond School presentation last week. The presentations are generally held as part of the school assembly once the new term starts and the children are awarded a book and certificate. It was great to see so many children excited about being part of the programme.

### **5. RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the report be received.

### **6. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Chairman’s Report RCS12-03-03.**

Judene Edgar  
Chair

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