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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Community Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 19 April 2012  
**Report Author:** Cr Judene Edgar  
**Subject:** Chairman's Report

### 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 RCS12-04-05.**

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## 1. WELCOME

- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. I'd like to thank Cr Wilkins for chairing the meeting in my absence, ably supported by Cr Bryant.

## 2. TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

- 2.1 I'd like to welcome members of the Tasman Youth Council to today's meeting. The Youth Council was established in 1998 after local young people told Council they wanted to have their voices heard and their interests taken seriously.
- 2.2 There are four regional clusters - Waimea, Motueka, Golden Bay and Murchison. Each cluster carries out projects and initiatives relevant to the needs expressed by young people in their communities. They help with decision making and planning around the provision of services and facilities for young people. They also support a number of district-wide and regional activities such as Jam Online, The Jam (weekly Fresh FM show), Youth Week and the Youth Volunteer Awards.

## 3. YOUTH WEEK 2012

- 3.1 Youth Week 2012 runs from 19 to 27 May. Youth Week aims to create a society that values young people and affirms their diversity. The theme for this year is "Love the skin you're in!" This theme embodies just how important it is to have a happy, healthy and positive self-acceptance of who you are.
- 3.2 Each year during Youth Week there are events organised by young people, and those who work with young people, all over New Zealand. Events encourage young people to get involved, have a say, influence opinions, showcase their creativity and talent, share ideas, access information and have fun! Youth Week is also a time to acknowledge youth workers, youth service providers and others working with and for young people.

#### **4. DRAFT TEN YEAR PLAN**

- 4.1 The Draft Ten Year plan submissions have made very interesting reading. There are a total of 344 submissions relating to Community Services activities. Of particular note are the submissions on the motorsport facility (63), Saxton Field including the cycling track and hockey turf (123), and aerodromes (59).
- 4.2 Our region's high participation in sport and recreation helps define our district and promotes a healthy vibrant community. 98% of adults and 94% of youth take part in at least one sport or recreation activity over a year. They are supported by 36,580 volunteers (31% of the population) who contribute 1.9 million hours or \$26.3 million worth of labour value to the sector each year. In addition to this, a further 1,821 people are employed in sport and recreation occupations representing 2.7% of all those employed in the region. Economically the sport and recreation sector is estimated to have contributed \$140.8 million to regional GDP in 2008/09 or 2.8%. Increased work productivity and better health outcomes, minus the costs of serious sport and recreation accidents, produced social benefits of \$1 billion in 2009. (Source: The Economic Value of Sport and Recreation to Tasman-Nelson-Marlborough Region, Lincoln University, December 2011).
- 4.3 In making our final funding decisions, the benefits will need to be clearly weighed up against the costs. We will also need to assess where the line is to be drawn on what projects/activities Council should or should not be involved in and to what level. While this does not necessarily mean that these projects/activities do not have value, prioritisation (and possibly deferral and/or removal) of projects/activities will be required.

#### **5. AMALGAMATION POLL**

- 5.1 It is very pleasing to see, at the time of writing, a strong voter turnout for the amalgamation poll. Local Government elections are not generally known for their high voter turnout, so considering the significance of the vote at hand, it is encouraging that the community is engaged and taking an active role by way of voting.
- 5.2 Whatever the outcome of the poll, we need to work together, as a Council, as a community, as a region, as a sector, as a country. Differing viewpoints are the cornerstone of a healthy democracy and it is good that we are able to express them, but we need to ensure that we stick with the facts and respect other people's views.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the report be received.

<b>7. DRAFT RESOLUTION</b>
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Judene Edgar  
Chairman

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