
REPORT 5
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RECREATION WELLINGTON QUARTERLY UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on recreation facilities and activities for the first quarter of the 2010/2011 financial year. Community recreation facilities and programmes include the Tawa Swimming Pool and Tawa Recreation Centre.

2. Executive Summary

Attendance for the quarter at Tawa Community Pool was down 10% on the same period for 2009/10. The major difference is due to a drop in school visits for this term in the pool.

Attendance for the quarter at Tawa Recreation Centre was down 11% on the same period for 2009/10. Two youth events in the previous year accounted for this difference. However income is up 18% on the same period. This is in part due to a price increase but also to an increase in overall bookings.

Kendall Gray has been appointed as Team Leader Operations at Tawa Pool.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

4. Background

4.1 Tawa Community Pool

The general attendance for the pool is on target, but our 'Learn To Swim' numbers are below target. We are aware that we now have competition from Easy Swim with classes established at Tawa School Pool.



Next term we have an increase in schools visiting the facility and we look forward to the “Dead Sea Challenge”. This challenge is to encourage customers’ participation in a competition across our pools.

Our Toddler Spring fever day attracted over 30 toddlers for a fun session at the pool.

A tree that was given to the Tawa Swim Club has been planted in the outdoor garden at the pool.

We have a new Team Leader of Operations at the pool and currently have a vacancy for a Team Leader Aquatic Programmes.

4.2 Tawa Recreation Centre

Although attendance numbers are slightly down on the same quarter as last year, the income is up. The extra advertising undertaken for the school holiday programme has increased the numbers by 15% from last year. We also had the support of a full time staff member from Karori Recreation Centre running the programme.

Tawa Holiday Programme fun

Wigwams or Tipis

This picture shows a Tipi, also known as a wigwam.

A tipi is a conical tent traditionally made of animal skins or birch bark and popularised by Native Americans of the Great Plains. Tipis are usually associated with Native Americans in general, but Native Americans from places other than the Great Plains mostly used different types of dwellings. The term "wigwam" (a domed structure) is sometimes incorrectly used to refer to a tipi.

Most tipis in a village would not be painted. Painted tipis were mainly painted in accordance with traditional tribal battles and often featured geometric pictures of the stars, moon and sun or animal designs. Sometimes tipis were painted to show personal experiences, such as war, hunting, a dream or vision quest.



Try to make your own tipi using bamboo, string, glue, tape and paper. Work in your groups together, you will want to decorate the paper before you attach it to the bamboo.

We are currently planning a basketball league for term four. We have been working with a Tawa resident, Duncan Moore to get this established with the long term hope of establishing a Tawa basketball Club.

4.3 Community outreach

Push Play visited Tawa Union Church in August to run a family games night. One of their leaders attended a Push play games training session in September in preparation for running their own game sessions.

Planning is underway for the "Run Swim Series", (this event is for women only) the Tawa event is scheduled for 12 October 2011.

It was wonderful being part of the Tawa Spring festival and excellent to see so many people out enjoying the day.

4.4 Tawa Pool Roof

Next year the funding for the Tawa Pool roof will form part of the Annual Plan process. Once confirmed, the work will be tendered and we will approve a programme of work.

An indicative work plan has been produced by engineers indicating that the project is likely to take six months to complete. On that basis it is anticipated that the pool would be closed from mid-October 2010 to mid-April 2012.

We will work closely with clubs and local users to accommodate their needs and have already had initial discussions with Tawa Swim Club.

5. Conclusion

Our attendance at the Pool has been affected by the establishment of the Easy Swim school at Tawa School. We hope our efforts with promotion and new programmes such as Aqua Zumba will continue to attract customers.

The basketball league for the Recreation Centre will provide an activity for recent school leavers in the Tawa area and hopefully will lead to a club being formed.

There are several items of maintenance that will be carried out over the summer holidays at Tawa Recreation Centre. These include resealing the changing room floors and a polyurethane of one of the gym floors.

The trees beside the Pool are causing problems with debris falling on the bowling green. These trees have been trimmed but we will need to monitor the problem to assess if further pruning is required.

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