

**QUARTERLY REPORT - UPDATE ON TAWA RECREATION FACILITIES FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2006/07**

**1. Purpose of Report**

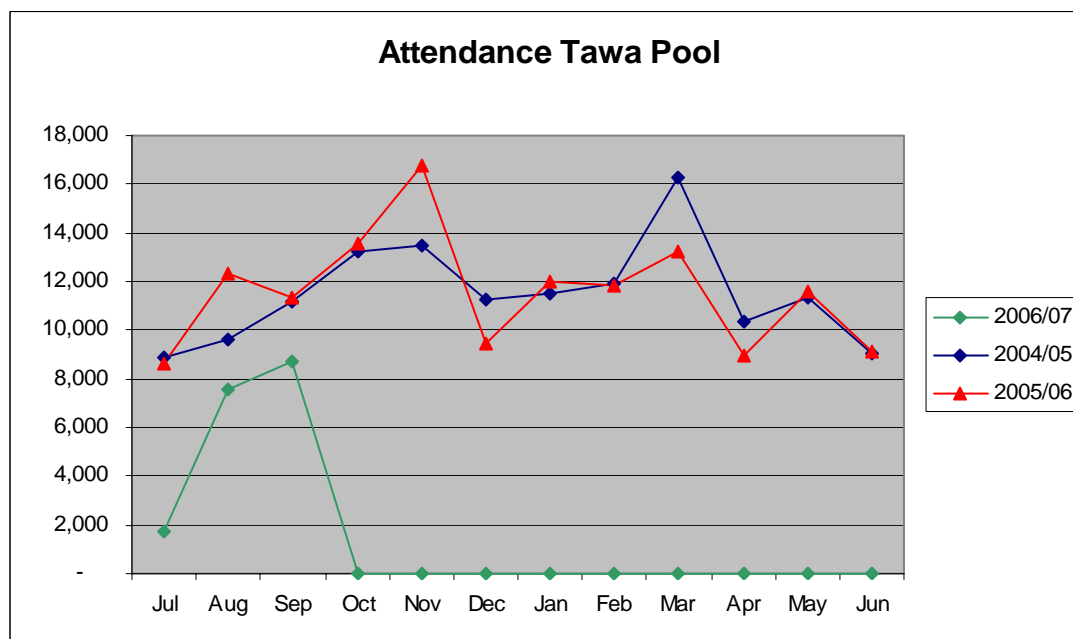
The purpose of this report is to update the board on recreation facilities and activities for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the 2006/2007 financial year. Recreation facilities include the Tawa Swimming Pool, Tawa Recreation Centre, Linden Social Centre and Tawa Community Facility.

**2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

**3. Tawa Community Pool**



- Attendance for the month of September was 8,687 down by 2,659 on September last year. Tawa Pool is recording a year to date attendance of 17,941 down 14,355 on total attendance for the same period last year and down against target by 4573. The maintenance closure and over-running of associated works have been the cause of this downturn in attendance.

- The scheduled 5 yearly maintenance closure for the pool took place from Monday 3 July to Monday 31 July. This was a major programme of works which included: roof replacement and building insulation over the changing areas and clubrooms; installation of external guttering; resurfacing of the toddler pool area; interior painting; exterior concrete sealing; learners pool tiling re-grouted; underground storm water pipe work installed; removal of spa; other minor works.
- A problem occurred during the re-filing of the main pool which required some additional work to the pool circulation system and resulted in the opening of the main pool being delayed for a further week.
- The removal of the spa pool was an unplanned item with a replacement due on site before the end of October.
- Three club events have taken place during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter two for Tawa Swimming Club and one for TSW Dolphins.
- Both Hampton Hill and Tawa Intermediate have held there School Swimming Sports Events during this quarter also
- Nicola Johns a lifeguard at the pool was a member of the regional team which won the National Lifeguard Championships in Dunedin in August.

#### **4. Tawa Recreation Centre**

##### **Attendance**

Total attendance for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was 8,500 an improvement of almost 1000 on the same period last year.

##### **Programmes**

Programmed use of the recreation centre continues to be positive with regular users including:

- Wellington Netball
- Contenders Boxing Club
- Hoop Club
- North Soccer Club
- Tawa College netball
- Ultimate club
- Greenacres School
- School Holiday programmes have been well supported with the September programme full with 40 children in attendance.
- One-off bookings of the facility also continue to be popular for both birthday parties and events for local groups such as Tawa Soccer and Tawa Baptist Church.

- CLASS, the Facility Management software programme that provides Point of Sale, Facility Bookings and Programme Bookings has now been successfully installed at the Tawa Recreation Centre.

## **5. Linden Social Centre**

- Numbers using the centre during the quarter totalled 3595 this is down on the same quarter last year due to the Tawa Theatre Groups use of the hall during August and movement of the older adults fitness class to the Tawa Community Facility.
- The total number of hours used at the centre during the quarter was 198 down 103 hours compared to the same period last year.
- All the gutters on the centre have now been replaced.
- The locks for the centre were changed during August following suspicions that someone may have been sleeping in the hall.

## **6. Tawa Community Facility**

- In August we ran an Open Day for our pre-school classes with over 30 people attending.
- The popularity of the older adult's fitness classes have increased since being moved from the Linden Social Centre.
- One further regular booking has been taken for Funakoshi Karate for 4 hours per week.
- Recreation Wellington is continuing to work with City Communities to extend the operation of the rest of the facility.

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