

TAWA RECREATION FACILITIES -UPDATE FOR THE 4TH QUARTER 2006/07

1. Purpose of Report

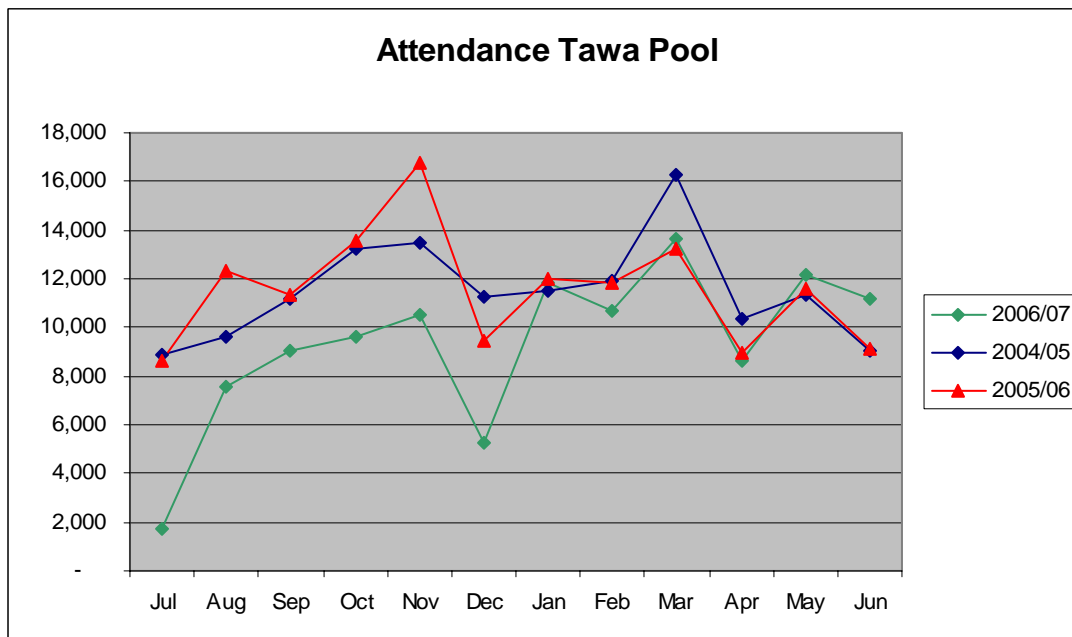
The purpose of this report is to update the board on recreation facilities and activities for the 4th quarter of the 2006/2007 financial year. Recreation facilities include the Tawa Swimming Pool, Tawa Recreation Centre and Linden Social Centre.

2. Recommendations

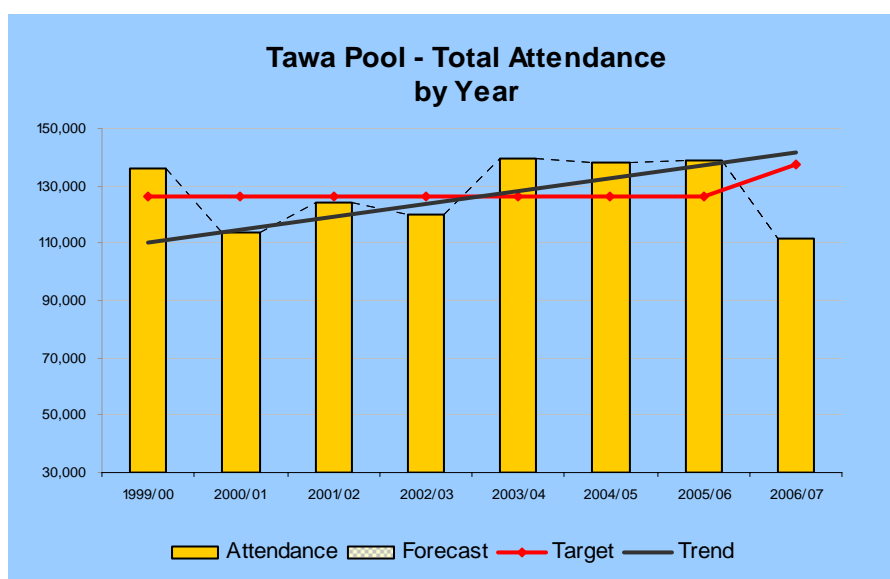
It is recommended that the Board:

1. *Receive the information*

3. Tawa Community Pool



Attendance for the 4th quarter was 31,949 up 2,345 for the same quarter on 2005/06. Attendance for the year 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 is 111,737 down 27,053 compared to the 2005/06 financial year.



Three Tawa Swimming Club events took place during the 4th quarter with Tawa Primary School and Tawa College both making good use of the pool during the quarter also. The pool also hosted a Gold Coast Swimming Zone event and a TSW Dolphins event during the quarter.

Pool management are investigating the Tawa Swim Club's request for new starting blocks as part of the capital renewal projects programmed for 2007/08.

Swim school bookings continued to operate close to capacity with 732 participants in term two and further improvements to the new centralised booking process for swim lessons were introduced for term three bookings. This new system allows all existing customers within the programme to book their lessons for the following term before the bookings are opened to the general public. This system does not guarantee the customer their first choice of time and day for their lesson but does ensure that there are sufficient places available to accommodate all those currently in the programme.

4. Tawa Recreation Centre

Tawa Recreation had a total attendance of 7,044 for the 4th quarter which is significantly (1,538) up for the 4th quarter in the previous year. The total attendance for the 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 is 25,913 which is an increase of 18% over the previous year. This has been a very positive result and a strong indication that the community support and use for the centre continues to grow.

Current user groups:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Contenders Boxing Club Spin class Capital soccer	Hoop basketball club Volleyball	North's Soccer Netball league	Boxing Ultimate		Badminton

During the quarter in conjunction with the College we installed a water fountain and laundry facility.

We continued to develop senior students at Tawa College through working for us as Recreation Assistants and Netball Umpires. This has been very positive both for us and the College

The level of participation and delivery of our holiday programme has gone up since 2005/06. We are now reaching target numbers of 40 per session on each programme

In May we held a National Karate (Go Kan Ryu) Tournament with 150 competitors and over 250 spectators.

Following City Communities take over of the management of the Tawa Community Facility we have continued to hire the facility to run our recreation programmes such as our pre-school classes.

5. Linden Social Centre

Attendance	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Ngaio	1967	2257	1925	1324	1667	1216	0	1230	2140	1150	2134	2014
Khandallah	962	1592	1194	1111	1768	1388	284	1015	1486	697	1597	1460
Vogelmorn	510	728	741	626	978	476	115	435	739	644	1110	855
Linden	1805	895	1220	1525	1715	1130	480	1330	1200	681	695	1440
Attendance Total	5244	5472	5080	4586	6128	4210	879	4010	5565	3172	5536	5769
Hours of Use												
Ngaio	251	298.5	248.5	203	273.25	149	0	165.5	261	148.5	282.25	287.5
Khandallah	143.5	230.75	178.25	154.75	219.25	133.5	30	148.75	198.25	88.5	197	204.5
Vogelmorn	55.5	72	79.75	51.75	69.25	50	15.5	49.75	87.75	69.75	103.5	91.5
Linden	88	56	101.25	112.75	101.5	50	15	83.75	80.5	36.75	39	111
Hours of Use Total	538	657.25	607.75	522.25	663.25	382.5	60.5	447.75	627.5	343.5	621.75	694.5

Numbers using the Linden Social Centre during the last quarter totalled 2816 down significantly following the cancellation of the Tawa Theatre Groups bookings for April and May. The total numbers for the year were 14,116 with the total number of hours the community hall was used being 875.5.

It was disappointing that the Tawa Community Theatre Group was forced to cancel their bookings for April and May after being unable to cast for their planned production. This had a significant impact on usage as alternative bookings at short notice were difficult to promote.

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