
REPORT 3
(1215/12/IM)

**PARKS, SPORT AND RECREATION - UPDATE ON
RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES - 2ND
QUARTER 2012/2013**

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on recreation facilities and activities for the 2nd quarter of the 2012/2013 financial year. Community recreation facilities and programmes include the Tawa Swimming Pool and Tawa Recreation Centre.

2. Executive Summary

We were delighted to have the Mayor reopen the pool on the 17th November. Although the weather did not cooperate fully there was a very large crowd who attended the festivities and many people entered into the spirit of the day wearing 1970's disco outfits.

Our Parks team consulted with the public on our Grasslees Reserve project and we also had skating on the park whilst inside the pool we had a wide variety of activities.

We believe over 700 people attended on our opening day. The Breeze acted as the main MC on the day and gave us a wonderful follow up on the radio in the days following. The Breeze also ran a sausage sizzle and reported it was the busiest sizzle they have ever run. At 4pm they ran out of sausages, there were reports that many people waited in the queue for forty minutes!

The mural on the skatepark wall had to be delayed due to the inclement weather but was completed on the following day. It is a bright and vibrant addition to the area.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

4. Background

Tawa Pool

We managed to run five weeks of swimming lessons following the opening and many schools in the area took the opportunity to have a free fun session at the pool.

Everyone is delighted with the facilities and the building looks so light and clean.



Recreation Centre

The Recreation Centre continues to keep up with attendance and financial targets. December attendance was slightly reduced compared to last year. Many clubs ceased operation in November for the summer period and will resume in March or April.

During December we ran fun sessions at the Recreation Centre for Linden School, Rewa Rewa and St Francis Xavier School.

Facility: Tawa Rec Centre

Attendance: 2012/13

Numbers (Actual)		YTD	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Adults		7,926	1,636	1,372	1,911	1,475	1,096	436						
Leisure card		186	33	45	25	29	40	14						
Children		4,901	1,101	1,384	993	526	596	301						
Total		13,013	2,770	2,801	2,929	2,030	1,732	751	0	0	0	0	0	0
TARGET		25,000	3,300	2,800	2,800	2,100	1,600	1,000	1,080	1,138	1,770	2,120	2,300	2,992

Attendance: 2011/12

Numbers (Actual)		YTD
Adults		8,071
Leisure card		198
Children		4,425
Total		12,694
TARGET		25,000

During the summer holidays the gymnasium floors were polyurethaned.

Community outreach

Our staff continued with the Ki-o-Rahi lessons at Tawa Intermediate with a very positive response.

We supported Redwood school with their duathlon during November.

5. Discussion

There are no discussion items for this report.

1. Consultation and Engagement

There are no consultation or engagement issues in respect of this report.

2. Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations in respect of this report.

3. Climate Change Impacts and Considerations

There are no climate change impacts or considerations in respect of this report.

4. Long-Term Plan Considerations

There are no LTP considerations in respect of this paper.

6. Conclusion

The staff at Tawa pool are working hard to bring the customers back to the pool and plan another advertising plan for the new year.

We aim to get our Learn to Swim customers back up to 800 plus per term by term 3 in 2013.

We also have plans to promote a special on lunch time lane swimming. Push Play activities will be a feature at Linden Park in 2013.



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