
UPDATE ON RECREATION FACILITIES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER (INCLUDING APRIL) 2005/06

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the board on recreation facilities and activities for the third quarter of the 2005/2006 financial year including April). 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 this information*

3. Tawa Community Pool

A revised staff roster system for all WCC pools operations personnel was introduced on 1 February 2006. Benefits of this change include greater equity in the spread of hours worked and less reliance on casuals and part-time staff at weekends. A further advantage has been the inclusion of a dedicated staff training shift each week.



Tawa Pool Lifeguards discuss resuscitation technique during training

A new Operations Team Leader was appointed 24 January. Jo Saxton comes to Tawa Pool after several years as a Lifeguard and Duty Manager at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.

Several swim events were held at the pool during the beginning of 2006. The Wellington Swimming Association Relay Champs held in February attracted 325 entries and the Tawa Swimming Club annual club championships held 13 and 16 March were also very well attended. Tawa and Papakowhai Schools held their swimming sports in March.



Warm Up at the Wellington Relay Championships in February

Events coming up in the next quarter include the Gold Coast Swimming Zone Swim Carnival on 9 April and the Tawa Swimming Club's Splash & Dash Swim Meet on 21 May.

The Pool received written notice that the Tornadoes Swimming Club would wind up its activities effective from 31 March 2006.

Tawa Pool's 5-yearly Maintenance Closure is scheduled for July 2006. Significant works will include the first phase of roof replacement and building insulation. The swimming club and changing room roof areas will be replaced and an upgrade of changing room and associated services will also be completed. Routine filtration, circulation and HVAC plant renewals and system checks will be undertaken.

Attendance

Third quarter (including April) attendances totalled 46,047. This is down 3,978 on 2004/05 attendance of 50,025 for the same period. This drop in participation is consistent with other pools and attributed to poor weather in March which reportedly, was the coldest and wettest for thirteen years.

Total facility attendance year to date is up 532 on total year to date attendance of 118,104 for the same period in the previous year.

Overall the pool is on target to achieve its attendance target for 2005/06 of 142,150

Attendance 2005/06

Attendance 2005/06	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Total
Adult Swim	1,187	1,363	1245	1155	1205	1,193	1,390	1,125	997	870	11,730
Child Swim	3,174	4,662	4,027	3,752	4,008	3,271	3,767	3,649	3,591	2,777	36,678
Crèche	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTL Swim/Spa/Sauna	185	250	219	208	250	218	169	143	172	161	1975
Under 5's	675	776	915	1,083	840	1,044	1,826	1,395	1,036	1059	10649
Free Swim	306	293	301	334	379	228	335	363	300	241	3080
Free Non-swim	1,518	3,015	2,217	1,983	2,755	1410	952	1,875	2,595	1,472	19,792
Spectators	784	882	1,028	1,437	1,116	1,275	2,052	1,428	1,101	1,245	12,348
Fitness Centre	87	120	128	133	143	101	116	169	169	101	1267
Spa/Sauna	158	173	138	88	74	61	82	86	69	80	1009
Schools	482	678	1011	3281	5,915	547	1244	1,569	3,205	865	18,797
Fifties Forward	72	93	114	96	97	60	59	65	18	41	715
Lap & Latte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	7	10	3	7	10	4	5	4	8	6	64
Total	8,635	12,315	11346	13557	16792	9412	11997	11871	13261	8918	118,104

Attendance 2004/05

Attendance 2004/05	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Total
Adult Swim	1,000	1,042	1299	1213	1277	1,070	1,873	1,692	1,151	1062	12,679
Child Swim	3,347	3,731	3,789	4,191	3,761	3,119	4,088	4,469	3,812	3,492	37,799
Crèche	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTL Swim/Spa/Sauna	208	210	260	255	248	225	293	279	259	216	2453
Under 5's	940	822	1,093	1,078	1,018	986	1,800	1,313	1,092	1116	11258
Free Swim	108	148	177	275	140	180	244	217	191	176	1856
Free Non-swim	1,499	2,166	1,927	2,334	2,992	1225	713	2,205	2,274	1,620	18,955
Spectators	1,070	1,058	1,309	1,561	1,245	1,256	2,115	1,442	1,136	1,222	13,414
Fitness Centre	67	104	63	104	58	32	54	67	67	57	673
Spa/Sauna	205	185	246	185	107	122	183	93	90	126	1542
Schools	293	2	868	1956	2,485	2,907	0	1	6,115	1,182	15,809
Fifties Forward	112	83	121	103	127	127	112	111	95	99	1090
Lap & Latte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1	26	0	2	2	2	8	1	1	1	44
Total	8,850	9,577	11152	13257	13460	11251	11483	11890	16283	10369	117,572

Term one aquatic programmes were operating at or near capacity. There were 819 enrolments in the public learn to swim programme with class occupancy maintained at over 85%.

The schools aquatic education programme had 3,205 participants in the third quarter and the overall participation by schools is up 2,988 year to date.

The January Learn-To-Swim Holiday Programme had a record number of 196 enrolments.

The Schools, Public and Holiday Programmes for Learn to Swim at Tawa Pool continue to be the most popular and successful of all the cities four community pools.

4. Tawa Recreation Centre

User Group Activity Summary

Activity	Times of use	Description
Hoop Club	Tue 4pm-6pm	The Hoop Club meets on a weekly basis and is designed to increase basketball skills for children age 5-12 years.
School Holiday Programme	8.30am-5.30pm daily	Fun filled programme for 5-12 year olds - Mon 16th Jan - Fri 3rd Feb 06
Netball League	Wednesdays	Social Women's Netball
Netball Wellington	Mondays 6pm-8pm	Netball training
Netball Umpires	Mondays 8pm-9pm	Netball Coaching Sessions
BARS Institute	Sundays, Monday, Fridays 6pm-8pm	Intensive training for Wellington U18 Hockey Representatives.
Laos Community	Saturdays 3pm-5pm	Volleyball practice.
Pre-school Music and Movement Classes	Wednesdays	Off site programmes held at the Linden Social Centre. Giggles & Wiggles for 2 - 10 month olds. Musical Adventure for mobile - 2 year olds. Musical Tots for 1 ^{1/2} - 4 year olds.
One off events		
Birthday Parties	7 Parties	Parties catered for children between 5 - 12 years.
Tawa Tongan Youth Group	February	One off treat for community youth which included volleyball, basketball and soccer.

The Tawa Recreation Centre already has bookings for the coming months for Birthday parties, Handball, Netball Wellington, Contenders Boxing Club, April School Holiday Programme, Soccer, and WCC delivered Netball League. The facility is heavily booked Mondays to Thursdays each week. Weekend opportunities are currently available and the college utilises both gyms on Fridays during and out of school time.

Total participation for the third quarter (including April) was 4,573 and the total attendance year to date for 2005/06 is 17,298.

Attendance for the same period in 2004/05 was 3,854. Attendance is up 719 compared to the third quarter (including April) last year. The centre opened November 2004.

5. Linden Social Centre

The total number of hours used at the centre during the quarter including April was 341 up 40 hours compared to the same time last year. Occupancy of the centre was up 2.5% and a positive period for hall usage with the number of users up 1,068 on total participation of 5,270. The total number of users for the centre year to date is 15,473 up 2,778 for the same period in 2004/05.

Tawa Community Theatre has commenced rehearsal and performances for their first production of the 206 year.

Re-painting of the centre roof commenced in March but has been delayed due to adverse weather conditions during the month.

6. Tawa Community Facility

Use of the former ANZ Bank building commenced on Tuesday 8 February 2006. Regular activities include older adult exercise classes "Ezy Movers" Dance Classes 3 days per week and a small orchestra practice on Sundays. The facility is also becoming increasingly popular for 'one off' programme and event hires. Bookings and requests for use are facilitated through the Tawa Recreation Centre.

A sprung wooden floor area was installed in April to provide opportunity for safely expanding physical activity programmes including pre-school activities, aerobic exercise, dance and movement.

WCC Building Consents and Licensing Services (BCLS) are currently vacating the area previously operated as the Tawa Service Centre. Following this the City Communities Business Unit with input from Recreation Wellington and Tawa Community Board representatives will identify interested groups and opportunities for future community use.

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