

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Chair  
**DATE:** 26 April 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Chairperson's Report

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**At the time of this meeting we will all be immersed in the LTCCP** round of meetings. I believe this is a critical year for both Council and the community as the cost of needs, wants and desires over the coming 10 years is analysed and discussed. For this department, the cost of creating and maintaining community assets will need to be weighed against the community's ability to pay – and the social benefit of these community assets also needs to be in the equation as well. A community without sports, leisure and cultural facilities may be a poorer community in the long term than a community which has been prepared to invest in these items. To date, I think this Council has a creditable record in providing facilities, and the community's views on various proposals will be important to future planning.

**Today's meeting has been planned to take place at the Nelson Provincial Museum** for several reasons. The new museum is one of the largest projects the Council has recently invested in and this is an opportunity to become more familiar with how the facility operates. In addition, observing people in their day-to-day work is always useful in order to gain understanding of what their jobs actually involve. If time allows, we will also be visiting the storage and research building at IseI Park as it is possible some councillors have not had the opportunity to see this at first hand.

**As yet we have not been able to arrange a visit to the Takaka Library** – it may be possible to fit this in on the day of the Corporate Services meeting on 11 May as I understand this meeting is to be held in Golden Bay. This visit is important so that we have the situation clearly in our minds when deciding on the final approval of this project.

**Anzac Day parades and functions were again well supported** this year despite heavy rain. We are fortunate to have a number of venues around the district for use when the weather is bad on this day – Memorial Hall in Motueka certainly proved useful and the ceremony reminded us just why it is called Memorial Hall.

Patricia K O'Shea  
Chairperson