

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Chair
DATE: 7 November 2007
SUBJECT: Chairman's Report

Welcome to the first Community Services meeting for this term. Today it is the intention of the department to give an overview of the activities Community Services does. I appreciate the opportunity to chair this Committee and thank Council for that.

The provision of community and recreation opportunities is becoming more and more important to the whole community. We are particularly lucky in this area that we have easy access to the beaches, forest, rivers etc. However, we do need to ensure that we have a good network of neighborhood playgrounds and parks, particularly of a reasonable size and especially in our urban area. Now is the time to protect and create for future generations in areas like Richmond West.

Councillors will be pleased to know that work on the new Murchison Sports and Recreation Complex is now well underway. With the foundation about to be completed, completion is expected to be mid 2008.

Takaka Library is progressing well and is due for completion by the end of January 2008.

During the term it is my intention that we will meet around the district, visit and view facilities of Tasman District Council, regularly meet with members of the Tasman Youth Council and make timely and proper decisions.

Welcome.

S G Bryant
Chairperson