

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Manager
DATE: 13 November 2007
SUBJECT: Community Services Manager's Report

Welcome to the first meeting of the Community Services Committee.

ESTATE MRS J M HARDING

Mrs Joan Harding died on 28 June 2006 and in her Will had nominated the Motueka Public Library as a beneficiary. As a result, just under \$50,000.00 has been received and this will be separately accounted for and used for improvements to the library.

For information only.

COLLINGWOOD AREA SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

In this year's Annual Plan, a sum of \$56,000.00 was allocated for school pools – roofing/other.

Neither school are currently in a position to uplift these funds, however the Collingwood Area School has undertaken approximately \$16,000.00 of necessary upgrades to their swimming pool and these works would have needed to be undertaken before it could be covered.

The school has asked whether Council could provide \$6,000.00 towards these costs from the \$56,000.00 allocated in the Annual Plan.

Recommendation

That \$6,000.00 plus GST be provided to the Collingwood Area School towards the costs of upgrading the school swimming pool.

MARAHAU FIRE STATION

The Marahau Fire Station was shifted onto its current site approximately eight years ago and the initial lease was for a period of five years. The new owners of the site are very keen to undertake a redevelopment of their land and have asked for the fire station and meeting room to be removed.

Council have known this for some time and have been looking for and negotiating new sites for the last two years. Unfortunately, this has still not produced a really suitable site.

I recently met with members of the Marahau Valley Association and also members of the Fire Brigade and we discussed various options. Since then Council has received an offer of a new site that, unlike the other sites on offer, is not in a flood zone area.

As the owners of the current site require urgency to be given to the shifting of the building I would suggest that a small Working Group be formed to find a new site and that this Working Group be given power to act in finalising a new site for lease.

Recommendation

That the Chairperson, Cr King (Rural Fire Representative), Manager Property and Community Services Manager be authorised to negotiate a lease for a new site for the Marahau Fire Station.

LIBRARY STAFF

As reported previously, Brian Paterson the District Librarian, will be leaving at the end of the year. I can now happily report that Lisa Oldham has been appointed to replace Brian and she will commence officially in mid January. Lisa will spend a week with Brian during December which will hopefully make the transaction go very smoothly.

Unfortunately we have also received a resignation from Jay Robinson, the Takaka Librarian for the last 2.5 years. Jay is shifting to the Auckland area to further advance his library career. We will miss Jay's keen involvement in the new Takaka Library project in which he has been a valuable member of the Project Team.

We wish Jay all the best with his shift and future library work.

MOTUEKA SPORTSPARK / TEMPORARY SEATS

It was recently announced that the Crusaders and Hurricanes will be playing a pre-season game in Motueka on 25 January 2008 at 5.30 pm.

This game is expected to attract a lot of interest and therefore this will be the first opportunity to assemble the full 3000 temporary seats Council has purchased.

Negotiations are underway with the suppliers of the seats as part of their contract included one full assembly of the seats. This was to have been at Trafalgar Park last September but unfortunately other facilities at the Park were unable to be completed on time.

The new seats have created plenty of interest but some of the other possible users clash with the Motueka match. This includes the World Bowls Championships in Christchurch in January.

Six hundred of the seats will be used in blocks of 200 at the Nelson A & P Show.

I intend calling a meeting of the Working Group that was formed to investigate these seats to consider future management of them. We have negotiated with the Nelson A & P Association and Wrightsons for permanent storage at the showgrounds.

HALL AND RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Attached are two reports regarding Hall and Reserve Management Committees and other Committees.

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