

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Chair
DATE: 7 February 2008
SUBJECT: Chairman's Report

We have had a great summer in the Tasman for recreation. It is great to see both our natural and build facilities being well supported by visitors and locals, particularly the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre.

The Da Vinci Machines Exhibition has been well supported and I urge those of you whom have not seen it, to go and have a look.

Congratulations to the Nelson Motorcycle Club on reaching their centennial year and the events they ran, Beach Racing at Rabbit Island and Flat Track Racing at the A & P Show Grounds.

I am hoping in this full term of Council we will be able to progress the upgrade of the Richmond Library - various proposals have been around for sometime now.

Thanks to those Councillors who took the time to visit "Gardens of the World".

WALK / CYCLE WAYS

When sitting on the recent Sebastien Vineyards Ltd notified consent hearing, it was drawn to the panel's attention that we have no overall plan network scheme for the provision of walk/cycle ways but tend to develop these on a case by case basis.

We do need to be careful that we do not develop walkways which cause conflict, with productive land users.

We do need to remember that most of the community services activities are funded by general rate or DILs. Many of our general ratepayers across the district do not have as equal easy opportunity to use our recreational facilities. Many in rural areas are in fact still waiting for their road to be sealed.

Finally, "Bike Wise" week begins the last week of this month. I urge you to participate, or encourage those who do.

S G Bryant
Chairperson

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