

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Manager
DATE: 3 March 2010
SUBJECT: Community Services Manager's Report –RCS10-03-05

This meeting is very light on agenda items and if we had not been holding the Citizenship Ceremony, the meeting would probably have been cancelled. Having said that, I will use this as an opportunity to update Councillors on a number of projects/issues.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

As reported at the last meeting, the library is now operating out of the refurbished former Wrightsons store and all the upstairs offices are in use. The contractors are now well into the stripping out of the old library with the last of the noisy jobs about to be undertaken. This is cutting through the concrete beams and floor of the upstairs area for the fitting of the lift and new stairway.

SAXTON FIELD PROJECTS

Hockey/Softball Pavilion

This building has progressed extremely well and although not completed was able to be used for the NZ Masters Hockey Tournament being held over the first week of March. This tournament has brought approximately 1500 players, officials and partners to the region for the week.

Saxton Stadium

The use of this building is starting to build up with netball, volleyball and basketball all making use of the new courts. Table tennis has been going extremely well right from the opening and the Tasman Regional Sports Trust are planning the shift into the new building during March.

Cricket/Athletics Pavilion

Plans are being finalised for this building which will provide an exciting modern design to showcase the Saxton Field development when televised events are held there.

At this stage it is hoped to call tenders for this building in April.

ASB AQUATIC CENTRE – LEARN TO SWIM POOL

Work on the actual pool is well on the way with most of the floor completed and some walls now poured. Colour schemes are currently being worked on as the red on the exterior has started to fade and therefore the project manager and architect are working on colours and paints that are less affected by this region's sunshine.

While discussing the pool, the Mayor and I were invited to attend an event with the CLM staff, celebrating the awarding of Poolsafe Certification. This is under the Poolsafe Quality Management Scheme and is assessed by ACC.

The January report from CLM shows another very successful month with a total patronage of 19475 up from 13997 in January 2009 and 17588 in January 2008.

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION BOARD VACANCIES 2010

We have been notified by the Department of Conservation that the term of appointments of some members of the above board expire on 31 August 2010 and advising that nominations close for new board members on 7 April 2010.

Should anyone be interested or know somebody they think would make a good member to the board, further information can be obtained from www.conservationboards.org.nz. I also have copies of the nomination forms.

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