

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Chair  
**DATE:** 26 May 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Chair's Report – RCS10-06-08

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Welcome to Community Services. I would firstly like to thank all the people involved in the response to the heavy rain even on 16 May in the Tapawera area, both on the day and the days afterwards. The efforts of Civil Defence, local fire brigade, police, Red Cross response team, Works EDI Downer, Ferguson Brothers, private individuals, Council staff, forestry companies and Cr Norriss was and has been sincerely appreciated by those people in the community who were and still are affected by this weather event.

I have personally visited and looked at the progress on the three community services building projects (the Motueka Recreation Centre, District Library and ASB Aquatic Centre Learner's Pool) and they all appear to be making good progress towards being completed and opened in this term of Council.

Unfortunately the Hall at the Hope Recreation Reserve turned into a storm in a teacup, because as a department we did not consult with the neighbours as proactively as we should have. I believe across Council we need to better our consultation processes. I would like to thank Mayor Richard, Cr Edgar and Lloyd for their work in trying to resolve this matter.

While in Takaka recently I had the opportunity to use the APN computers. This is a great service in a great facility in Golden Bay.

Stuart Bryant  
Chair of Community Services

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