

REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Chair
DATE: 21 January 2011
SUBJECT: Chair's Report – RCS11-02-04

Welcome to the first Community Services meeting for 2011. The Christmas/New Year period was a bit of a mixed bag with a lot of our residents being affected by the 28 December flooding. In times of adversity we often get to see the real character of people, and the tenacity, courage and compassion of our residents was demonstrated once again.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King Jr

Tasman is a great place to live especially in summer time with so much to do, see and enjoy - beaches, rivers, bush walks, parks and playgrounds, fishing and lots more. The community has also had the opportunity to attend a wide range of fantastic events – Jazz Festival, Tasman Skatepark Tour, Richmond Santa Parade, Tapawera A & P Show, Outdoor Movies, Carols by Candlelight and Golden Bay Sand Sculpture competition, with many more still to come.

The Tasman District Libraries once again ran the summer holiday reading programme for children – The Big Bush Read. The summer reading programme is an incredibly popular programme with waiting lists each year and is very beneficial for our young children to keep them reading, become familiar with our libraries and develop a relationship with the librarians. My two boys did the programme and we went to the Motueka Library for one of the check-ins. It was a great opportunity to look at the space, or lack thereof. It's a fantastic location but would definitely benefit from expansion.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Chair's Report RCS11-02-04 be received by the Community Services Committee.



Judene Edgar
Chair