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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Community Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 5 May 2011  
**Subject:** Chairman's Report  
**Report Author:** Cr Judene Edgar

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report contains the Community Services Chairman's regular meeting report.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report RCS11-05-03.**

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## **1. WELCOME**

- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. We have a busy few weeks coming up with some important decisions for our community as we consider submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012 as well as commence our planning towards the 2012 Ten Year Plan review.

## **2. COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

- 2.1 Access to and affordability of our community facilities has been raised by a number of different people and groups throughout the district recently. This issue is by no means simple and there are many different issues to be considered. Affordability of our newer facilities funded from the community facilities rate such as the Aquatic Centre, Moutere Hills Community Centre and Murchison Sports, Recreation and Cultural Centre, has been raised on a number of occasions. Conversely, the introduction of the Community Facilities Operating Rate has also raised a number of questions, particularly by the (not-for-profit) facility operators.

We stress the need for our facility operators (commercial and not-for-profit) to attract commercial income to offset rating impact and to, ideally, subsidise facility use by the general community; but how that balance is struck can be problematic. This also leads into the concern of accessibility by the general community. If the facility operators are required to attract commercial use for income, what impact does this have upon the accessibility of facilities by the general community? There is also an inconsistency in access to community facilities which are run by commercial operators as opposed to those run directly by the sporting codes themselves.

To start addressing some of these concerns, Community Services are formalising the criteria as to what is and what isn't included in the Community

Facilities Operating Rate. This will give clarity to our not-for-profit providers that do not have set contracts with the Council on facility operation. This is an important first step that will address concerns raised by the Moutere Hills Community Centre and Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre in particular, but Council will need to give more consideration to the issues of accessibility and affordability.

### **3. POSITIVE AGEING**

- 3.1 On Wednesday 27 April I will be attending a presentation from Dr David Bromell, a Principal Advisor from the Social Sector Strategy Group of the Ministry of Social Development. As well as providing updates from the Ministry, he will also be discussing how we are promoting and enabling positive ageing in the region.

### **4. HALL AND RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

- 4.1 Over the past three months the triennial elections have been held for our Hall and Reserve Management committees. I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers we have in our community who help to manage and maintain our halls and reserves. The role each of you plays in supporting our community is most appreciated.

### **5. FUNDING EXPO AND CHARITIES FORUM**

- 5.1 This year's Funding Expo is being run in conjunction with the Charities Commission's annual forum. This is a positive collaboration between Tasman and Nelson Councils, Inland Revenue, Internal Affairs, Volunteer Nelson, Charities Commission, Sport Tasman and the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants. It has been my pleasure to co-ordinate this group that has been solely focussed on the best outcome for our community as a whole.

The Expo will be held at the Hope Community Church, Friday 3 June 2011.

### **6. RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the report be received.

**7. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report  
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J Edgar  
Chairman