

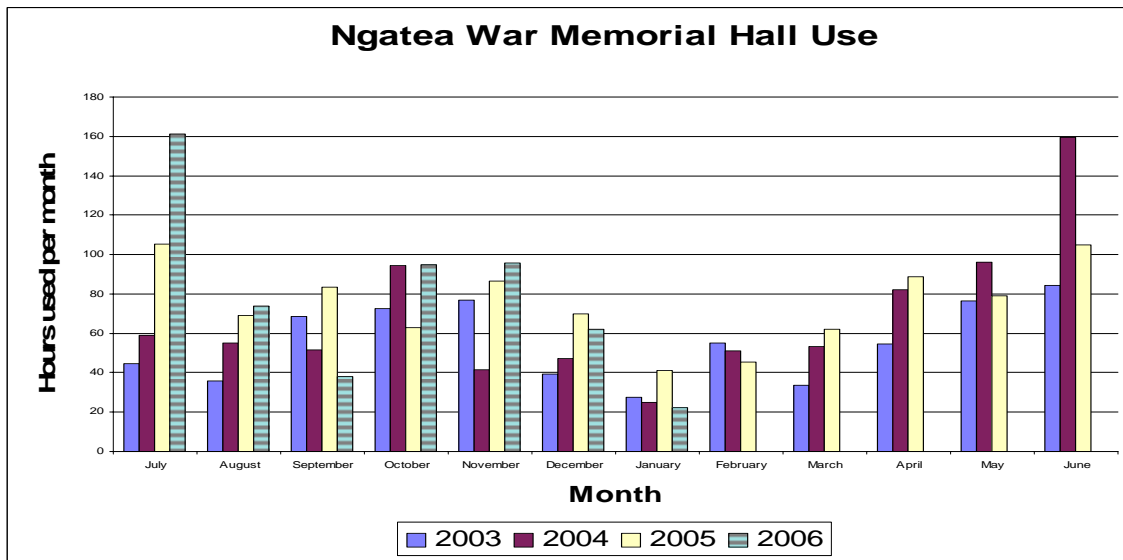
R E P O R T	TO	PLAINS WARD COMMITTEE
	FROM	COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER
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	SUBJECT	REPORT FOR MARCH 2006

RECOMMENDATION

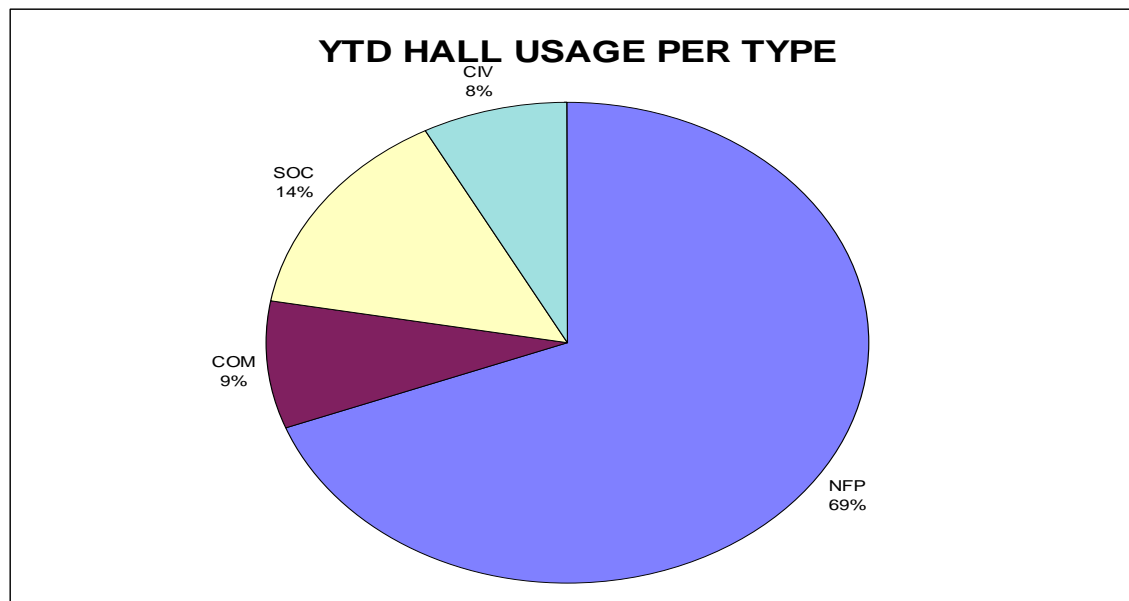
That the report be received.

NGATEA WAR MEMORIAL HALL (02.103.999)

Hours Used per Month:



Percentage Usage Per Type:



HUGH HAYWARD DOMAIN – PROPOSED PRACTICE TURF (02.107.001)

In early February, our Chief Executive met with Mr Graeme Courtney to discuss a proposal of the Thames Valley Turf Trust to construct a practice turf adjacent to the existing Hockey Turf facility.

The location suggested is against the South East corner of the existing turf and a site plan is attached to describe that as is a plan of the proposed practice area.

To make room for the proposal a small shed will require removal which is currently only used by the Hockey Club. The shed many years back may have been used by Council to house mowing equipment. The Turf Trust have stated that they will fund all of the costs for the proposal.

Assigning the subject area to the proposal may mean that future parking intentions will require rethinking.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Plains Ward Committee consents to the allocation of an area of approximately 24 x 12 metres to the Thames Valley Turf Trust for the construction of a hockey practice area, and that the Trust keeps Council informed of construction dates and practises.

HUGH HAYWARD DOMAIN - MOTORCARAVAN BOOKING (02.107.001)

This is just a 'heads up' notice ... the Waikato Motorcaravan Association have asked to book the Domain and the Hall for November 24 – 26, 2006. I have agreed that they can use the domain but with the caution that should they damage the surface due to damp conditions then they must meet cost of repair and remove all rubbish. Should it be wet we would site the heavier vehicles on the area nearer SH2 as it is drier. They have booked the War Memorial Hall as well.

The Reserves fees and charges policy dictate that there will be no fee charged but they have agreed to make a donation to a community organisation and it maybe that the Ward can nominate one in due course.

NGATEA SWIMMING POOL (02.102.999)

The season closed for the winter Sunday February 26 for the public and March 12 for the schools and swimming club.

Until the season closes we cannot provide the patronage figures, however it is fair to say that as December 2005 suffered inclement weather (rain/wind) for most of its duration attendance was light. January was busy with no incidents of note.

The lifeguard team this season was the best we have had, they handled their tasks without mishap and will be hard to replace. Nick Grant who has been the pool supervisor for the last three seasons has finished to complete his last year of medical school and will likewise be missed for the professional manner in which he managed the staff.

Following a successful installation of the heating system, the swimming season in Ngatea will extend to commence at the beginning of November. As the majority of our lifeguards have been drawn from University/Technical College students, the timing of being able to attract this type of assistance for the start of the season will be jeopardised due to University not having closed at that time, and University will reopen before the season closes at the end of April following. The change to a lengthened season may however work to our advantage and better suit two locals who are sufficiently qualified to manage the lifeguard team and work through for six months as opposed to three.

NGATEA POOL HEATING (02.102.999)

Back in December 2005 the Ward committee received a report with options on the type of equipment that would assist with the heating project approved by the Ward and by Council. Staff were asked to continue to work with OPUS International consultants to refine the design and report back so that the installation of the system could be completed by the end of the 2005/06 financial year.

At the time of closing the agenda the consultants report had been received but had not been evaluated by staff. The staff's report will be delivered by separate mail prior to the meeting.

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