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Ordinary meeting of the
Sports and Recreation Committee

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Council Chamber

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Chairman Report

Tim Skinner

With kids now counting down the remaining days till end of the school year, and parents hoping not to be reminded that Christmas Day is now less than 5 weeks away, it's not all necessarily batten down the hatches.

The good news, snapper catches over the weekend are being boasted about, the first signs of tourists and visitors starting to add a new vibrancy and economic vigour to the region.

The calendar of music, arts and social sporting activities have kicked off.

I've now needed to slap on the sunscreen and sunhat to mow the lawn, and already the public barbeques are being utilised down at Tahunanui Beach Reserve.

So though officially meteorologically, summer begins on 1st December, I'm going to go out on a limb and declare summer has officially begun today, thus two weeks earlier in Nelson than the rest of NZ.

Brief update on local sports, our parks and facilities

The reclassification hearing for the Brook Reserve took place on 23rd October, with the deliberations to be held next Tuesday with the resulting recommendation to be considered at a following Full Council meeting.

The Trafalgar Centre has been named as a finalist in this year's Entertainment Venues Association NZ Venue Awards for 'Medium Venue of the Year'.

The other finalist is Te Rauparaha Arena which is a fantastic facility in Porirua.

This achievement I believe reflects the work done this year at the Trafalgar Centre to bring it up to a top event venue in NZ.

The winner will be announced next week on the 27th November, EVANZ Awards Ceremony in Auckland.

On 1st October it also marked one year anniversary of the current team operating the venue.

Events at the Trafalgar Centre have also just got bigger, now the venue can officially host up to 5699 people, with 4500 standing in the main arena. This is up from the 2700 total prior to the new capacity accreditation.

The installation of the new lowering Truss System for hanging lights and curtain surrounds has proved a huge time and cost saving for setups by users.

Maxwood Manufacturing are currently building a new retractable seating unit to replace the old ones in the southern end of the indoor stadium. These are much quicker to set up and slide away, and much more compact. The new unit has 440 seats and unlike the old unit which comes in 5 pieces, this is one continuous unit.

These will be up and running in time for the '7 Days Comedy Show' on 9th December

The Cawthron Scitech Expo on 25-26th September at Trafalgar Centre, was a great success, and I had the honour to present one of the awards on behalf of the Council at their awards ceremony held in Stoke several weeks later.

I viewed some of the Primary School Kapa Haka Event, which was another great youth event at the Trafalgar Centre the following day on 27 September. Speaking to the sound engineer there, the acoustics were highly complemented on.

The Nelson Chamber Commerce Awards setup and decor transformation at the Trafalgar Centre 3rd November looked amazing, and well received.

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Blindspott and Devil Skin are performing just after Christmas on 27 December, The Hollies Band in February and Trinity Roots 2nd March at Trafalgar Centre.

Bryan Adams, Dave Dobbyn & Jordan Luck are here 16th March outdoors at Trafalgar Park.

One can check out the 'Trafalgar Venues' Facebook page for event updates and images of how these two facilities are utilised in a broad range and turnover of events.

The 20,000 ticket sell out 'Bay Dreams' event for the 3rd and 4th January, will be utilising Trafalgar Park, Trafalgar Centre, Rutherford Park, and Saxton Field subject to final Council permissions and consents being achieved. This concert with attendees staying in Nelson over several days will be a real litmus test for what we can provide, not just as a concert facility but also accommodation and transport capacity in Nelson. It's the type and scale of event I believe Nelsonians have been crying out for, for years now. In the past many such large events have overlooked or not seen Nelson as viable location. This particular event I believe is a real coup for Nelson, and bonus for the region. It's been brought here by the experienced commercial operators that have also put on the successful Mount Maunganui Bay Dreams for the past three years.

Though keeping in mind this event doesn't come without its challenges for Council and the Nelson community in hosting and facilitating the logistics of this concert, but I believe the flow on for putting Nelson on the map and the economic input is a huge positive.

If Nelson community and business get behind this with the excitement and anticipation it has garnered so far, it will encourage the serious consideration of more large capacity events, and not just music concerts from event operators, some who have traditionally not considered Nelson on the radar as viable to add to their touring and event promotions calendar.

In sport, Tasman Mako hosted their last game of the Mitre10 Cup semi-final last month at Trafalgar Park with a great following and excitement, now followed with the pitch being transformed to facilitate the summer sports league of ISPS Handa National League football competition.

I'm aware this week of two Nelson young people making a great step up in their sporting ambitions, with 19 year old Callan Elliot signing a professional contract with the Wellington Phoenix Professional A-League team. And 16 year old Amelia Abbott for being named in the NZ Football FIFA 2018 U17 Women's World Cup squad. The tournament is being held in Uruguay, where in latest update the NZ team are top of their group after beating Finland 1:0 and beating the host nation Uruguay 2:1. Today they play Ghana.

Last Tuesday I attended in support of the Victory Boxing charity, the father son event where young guys got to train with the special male adults in their lives and a range of All Blacks, Crusaders and Makos. The evening was all about promoting positive role models in our kids' lives and healthy lifestyles.

I have witnessed a number of kids I know first-hand who have just grown in confidence and self esteem from the great work this facility and organisation provide.

A reminder that the 2018 ASB Nelson Sports Awards are on this Saturday evening, and once again set to be a night to remember. One of Sport Tasman's signature events of the year, where Nelson recognises the outstanding performances and service to sport by people of the Nelson region.

Another attraction at the awards will be the presence of guest speaker, Wyatt Crockett, the most-capped player in the history of Super Rugby.

If interested in attending, get in quick, as of last night just 20 tickets were still available.

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