

16. PARKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on progress towards relocating the regular user groups back into the Community Centre at the completion of building the new sports hall extension.

After considerable delay building work at the Parklands Community Centre is now complete. The contractor has minor items to rectify and user groups have requirements for shelving in the storage rooms still to be done but most groups are now back in the new hall. The Handiscope Group has decided to stay in the adjoining Church Hall where they have been meeting during the building work. The Parklands Playgroup has delayed its return until the end of March and the Parklands Toy Library want to install shelving and organise the storage space before moving back. Two new groups were the first to use the new community lounge. There is now a Yoga Group holding a session on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings and following each of those sessions a Massage programme is held for those who wish to use it.

The Parklands United Sports Club plans to renovate the old Hall once all the other groups have moved out. The Club will have a lease agreement with the Property Unit which is being drafted currently. The locks and alarm code will be changed once they have exclusive use of the Hall. The exterior of the Hall is to be painted to match the new addition. The Sports Club has undertaken to complete the landscaping along the wall adjacent to the new addition with a donation of plants and mulch supplied by the Advocacy Team. The wire security cage at their back door is to be screened with suitable trellis and climbing plants.

The Parklands Toy Library will also have an individual lease arrangement for the room designated for its use and one store room. The Main Hall will be used during the Library sessions and will be booked and paid for in the same way as for any other user group. An offer has been made to the Toy Library Committee to undertake cleaning as an interim measure until other arrangements are made.

The plan is to form a management committee comprising of a representative from each user group. This committee will manage all aspects of the new facility including taking bookings and cleaning contracts.

Some assistance is available to groups who want to install shelves in the storerooms. Each group has been contacted to issue keys and demonstrate the alarm system and an on-site visit has been arranged with a staff member when requested.

The current hire rate for groups and functions will remain unchanged until 1 July 2002 at which time a review will be done.

An official opening ceremony will be arranged when all the minor remedial work is completed. The opening will be probably at the end of March or beginning of April. Elected members, local Residents' Association members, Council staff, user groups and interested parties will be invited to attend. The format of the ceremony has not been planned at this stage.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That a date be set for the opening of the Parklands Community Centre extension.