

AQUATIC & RECREATION CENTRE



Overview

The Council owns and manages an integrated aquatic and fitness centre known as “West Wave Aquatic and Recreation Centre”. Located in Henderson town centre, the facility comprises four main physical spaces; the competition pool hall, the leisure pool hall, Fitness Centre and Recreation Centre. The Fitness Centre expansion was opened in March 2008 to cater for the unprecedented growth in membership which has been experienced over the past three years (from 1338 in January 2006 to 4200+ in January 2009).

The recreation centre caters for games such as indoor basket ball, volley ball, and badminton. It is also a venue for large annual events and runs Holiday and After School Programmes. The recreation centre re-opened in mid 2008 after an upgrade in line with the expansion of the Fitness Centre.

Specific programmes such as hydrotherapy, aqua aerobics, and Cardiac Club cater for the elderly population, whilst leisure activities such as the wave pool, hydroslide and Recreation Centre events cater for youth. Group Exercise classes have been a recent popular and successful addition to the activities offered.

Governing regulations

- Local Government Act 2002
- Building Act
- SwimSafe NZ
- Fitness New Zealand
- New Zealand Recreation Association
- Out of School Care Association

How we contribute to community outcomes

Community outcomes	Our contribution
Strong communities—He iwi kaha	Provision of leisure facilities
Toiora—Healthy lifestyles	Learn to swim programme

How busy were we in 2007/2008?

- Over one million visits to the Centre
- Approximately 3,000 users per day

Sustainability objectives

West Wave aims to provide leisure services that meet the ongoing and ever changing needs of the community

Environmental objectives

West Wave aims to use environmentally friendly products in the management of the facility

Cultural objectives

West Wave aims to acknowledge cultural sensitivities in dealing with all sectors of the public

Economic objectives

West Wave aims to provide a fully user pays service

Social objectives

West Wave aims to provide leisure facilities that cater for all sectors of the community

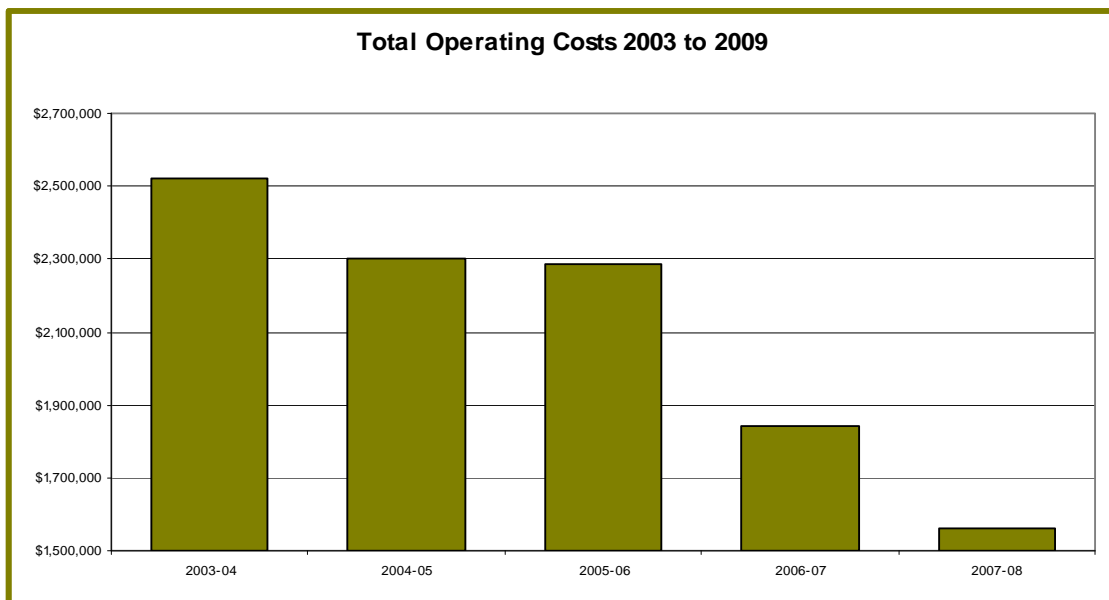
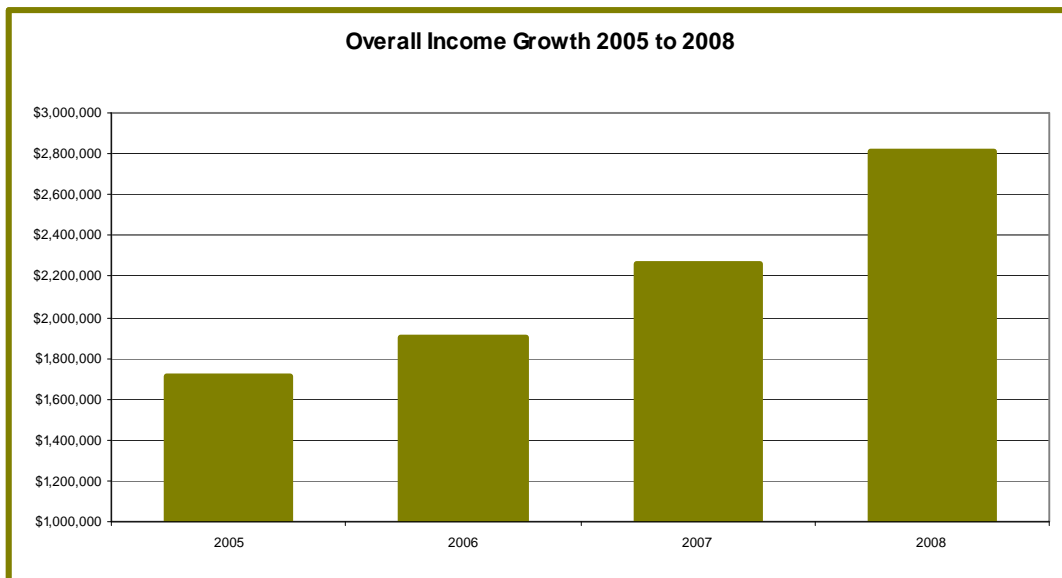
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Funding of our activities

The services are predominantly funded by users:

- Fitness Centre patrons
- Swim school patrons
- Casual swimmers
- Swimming clubs
- Users of the leisure pools
- Holiday programme and children's programmes
- Community Hirers

Total operating costs for West Wave have decreased markedly over the past five years with total expenses dropping from \$2,519,450 in 2003-04 to \$1,560,865 in 2007-08 (see graph below). With continued emphasis on revenue growth (graph below) in key business areas of Aquatics, Fitness and Learn to Swim this positive trend is expected to continue.



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Key services

Competition pool hall

Structured and non structured use of the pool includes casual lane swimming, water polo, aqua aerobics, competitive swim squads and water walking.

The pool and associated dive pool has the ability to host international competitions and is New Zealand's major venue for all top aquatic competitions. It therefore attracts users from the greater Auckland area and around the country for major swim meets.



Added attractions include a 7.5 metre inflatable slide and 22 metre Aquarun catering for youth in the community.

Leisure Pool Hall

The Leisure Pool Hall has one of the largest Wave Pools in the country that also incorporates four 25m lanes that can be utilised when the main pool is closed for competitions.

Adding to the leisure component are two large adult and family spa pools, hydroslide incorporating a lazy river, sauna, steam room and shallow pools for toddlers with water play features.

Swim School

Housed within a purpose-built teaching pool, West Wave's own Swim School is the largest in the country with up to 3000 students per week catering for every level of skill and ability, from babies right through to accomplished adults.



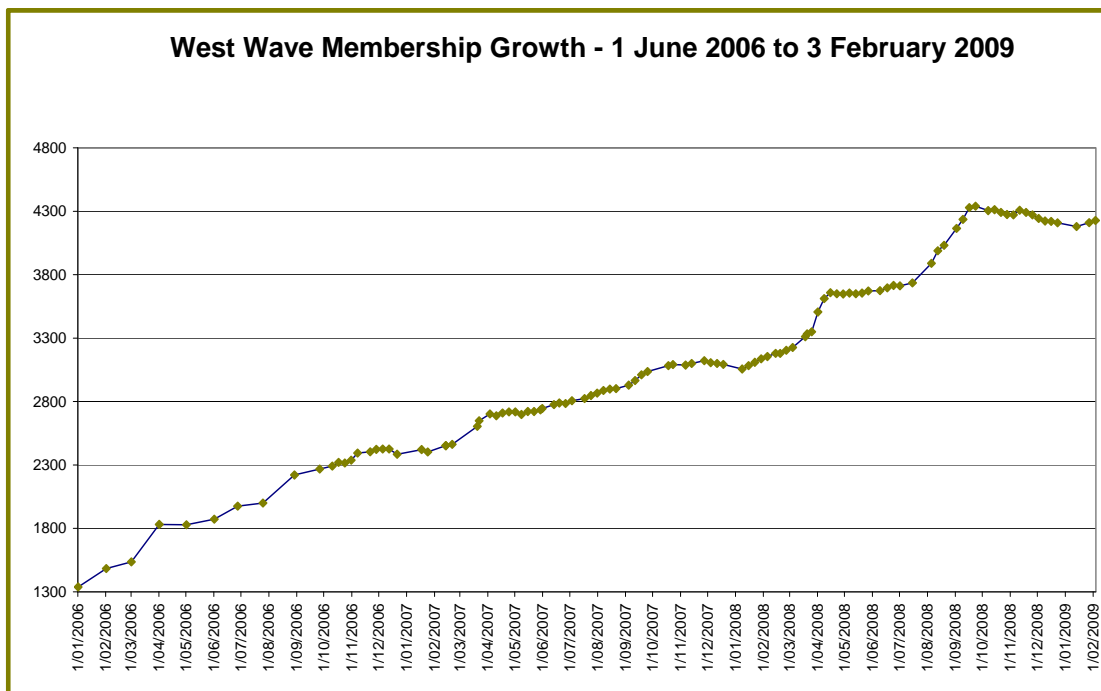
How busy were we in 2007/2008?

- Over 110,000 Learn to Swim visits per year
- Over 50 major carnivals per year covering the Auckland region and North Island
- At least 4 national meets per year
- At least one international meet per year

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Fitness Centre

The Fitness Centre overlooks both the leisure and competition sides of the facility. The Fitness Centre contains the latest Strength and Cardiovascular equipment from around the world. It currently services 4200+ members with the expansion opened in March 2008 increasing the capacity to approximately 4500.



Recreation Centre

The Recreation Centre offers activities and programmes for all age groups and levels of fitness, and an even greater range is available through the many clubs and community groups based here. Regular after school and holiday programmes are held in the Recreation Centre.

Indoor sports include basketball, volleyball, and badminton. There are two playing courts, a gymnastics area, a multi-activities room and a café/kitchen area.

The Centre is also available for casual hire for all kinds of activities including meetings, major exhibitions, dances, and weddings.

How busy were we in 2007/2008?

- 4,200 fitness members
- Over thirty groups use the Recreation Centre
- Over 125,000 visitors per annum to the Recreation Centre