

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
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FOUND

The Found AGM is to be held on 4 April. It will be recommended at this meeting that Found Incorporated will wind up at the end of June 2006 and that Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council manage the Found Community Database and contract with Volunteer Nelson with a reference group from the community to meet six monthly. The two Councils do have an existing budget to support the Found Directory.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Background

The Rural Travel Fund was developed in response to concerns raised by Tasman District Council and other territorial authorities about the barriers for participation in sport by young people living in rural communities. It has been agreed by SPARC that the Rural Travel fund will be available in 2005/2006 and is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years.

This is an interim measure until a rural participation strategy is fully developed and implemented.

The rural travel fund is designed to help subsidise travel for junior teams participating in local sport competition. The allocation of the funds is based on a population density formula for territorial authorities whom have less than 10 people per square kilometre. Tasman is allocated a total of \$11,027.34 available to allocate for the 2005/2006 financial year, the next round closing 28 April.

Rural Travel Fund Eligibilities

Application for the rural travel fund is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5 and 19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

There will be two funding rounds, the first closing on 31 October 2005 and the second closing on 28 April 2006.

The Rural Travel Fund is to be managed by the Tasman District Council on behalf of SPARC. Funding is not be provided for the purpose of travel to regional or national events.

BOREDOM BUSTERS MAGAZINE

In response to requests from programme providers and parents, the Boredom Busters magazine is being extended to a regional magazine on a similar model to Mudcakes and Roses. The magazine will continue to be coordinated by the Tasman District Council Community Recreation staff and published and designed by Dry Crust but will include information on both Tasman and Nelson Holiday programmes. Nelson City Council will coordinate gathering information on Nelson based programmes and will contribute to the publication and printing costs on a cost share basis. The publication will become the one publication with information on recreation opportunities for 5–14 years olds avoiding creating duplicate publications for Nelson and Tasman.

PUBLIC ART DATABASE PROJECT

A database of public art work is being created. The database will be used both as a historical record as well as to inform future possible publications and projects - see the table below.

Title	Artist	Location	Year	Ward	Contacts
The Birds of Peace Nga Manu Rangimarie	Lorraine Polglase	Cnr Queen Street and Wensley Road	1998	Richmond	
Sun Dial	Peter Knowles	Town Centre	1994	Richmond	14 Kingsley Pl, ph 5446701
Piece at ASB Aquatic Centre	Tim Royal	Champion Road	2005	Richmond	
Nelson Provincial Museum prints	Tyree	Tasman District Council Richmond			
Eagle	Tim Wraight	Rabbit Island		Waimea/Moutere	
Seaweek Mural	Dean Raybold	Rabbit Island Toilet block			
Carving at Motueka Service Centre	John Mutu and Tim Wraight	Motueka Service Centre	2004	Motueka	

COMMUNICATION KAWATIRI

Communication Kawatiri is a Top of the South Arts industry project funded by Creative New Zealand in partnership with the Territorial authorities of Buller, Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ARTISTS RETREAT PROGRAMME, 10/11 JUNE 2006 AT ST ARNAUD

An overview of the responses received from the February community meetings on what should be included in the retreat is as follows.

People from all artform groups confirmed that networking is one of the main things that interest them about the retreat. Interest was also in an opportunity to learn new skills especially in the area of marketing and incorporating a show and tell opportunity to share work with other artists. Other workshop topics suggested were tax/bookkeeping, how to contact suppliers, pricing and copyright.

A debate was proposed to be included in the programme to discuss the topic of how to balance artistic and commercial imperatives when working as an artist.

Speakers and Presenters

The following representative's from national arts organizations have indicated their interest in attending:

- Maggie Gresson from the Artists Alliance
- Liz Allen from the New Zealand Society of Authors
- Cath Anderson from the New Zealand Music Commission
- Tania Kopytko, Executive Manager of DANZ (Dance Aotearoa New Zealand)

We received great feedback from people about the Retreat. It looks like we will get 200 participants which is the maximum that can be accommodated in the venue.

Another round of public meetings will be held in each region at the beginning of April. At these meetings the initial findings from a research project commissioned to look at the art buying habits of visitors to the Nelson region will be presented. Proposed schedule (tbc).

Thursday 6 April – Westport: 5.30 pm

Monday 10 April – Takaka: 1.00 pm and Motueka 5.30 pm

Tuesday 11 April – Nelson: 12.30 pm and 5.30 pm

Thursday 13 April – Blenheim: 5.30 pm

NELSON TASMAN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN

The Draft plan was released prior to Christmas with submissions closing Friday 24 February. A total of 43 submissions to the plan were received. The submissions will be considered by the Plan Steering Group with recommended changes brought to the May Community Services Committee.

Focus will be on what can be done to achieve better access to physical activity opportunities, to make better use of limited resources and support more efficient provision of facilities. The plan has specified actions for communities across the region.

TRUST POWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

Nominations open for the Trust Power Community Awards open Monday 3 April (10 week nomination period). We should be receiving nomination forms very soon which will be distributed via Tasman District Council offices and libraries.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SCHEME

This annual scheme which acknowledges the work done by youth volunteers underway for 2006 with nominations opening end of March - closing date for nominations 25 April. Selection of recipients 1 May and Awards on 18 May to coincide with national youth week.

BIKE WISE WEEK

On Sunday 26 March over 600 riders took to their bikes and followed Mayors of Nelson and Tasman out through the newly opened Salisbury Road underpass to mark the beginning of Bike Wise week. The family fun ride was part of a national event where Mayors from around the country brought out their bikes and took part in the first Mayoral Cycle Challenge. Mayor Hurley rode a quad bike with a fellow Councillor Eileen Wilkins and other celebrities. Two bikes were given away on the day and in both cases the winners had borrowed bikes so that they could participate in the ride.

GO BY BIKE DAY

Community breakfasts were held on Wednesday 1 March in Takaka and Motueka with 70 and 90 riders stopping.

BIKE WISE BUSINESS BATTLE

TDC staff entered the national competition with the Richmond Staff riding 5358 kms during the week.

WAY TO GO

Way to Go is the SPARC Active Communities funded project in partnership with Nelson City Council/Tasman District Council – March newsletter is attached.

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