

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
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SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 15-21 MAY

The annual national youth week will be a fun and exciting week with a range of events and projects happening across the district. Tasman District Council have been supporting regional projects via the Youth Council, who will be attending the opening ceremony, taking part in the Youth Survey and handing out the 'Spend Time with Young People' vouchers throughout the week.

The Youth Volunteer Recognition Scheme will acknowledge the work done by youth volunteers at a function on 17 May 2006 at 6.00 pm at the Hub in New Street, Nelson. We will have representatives from the Tasman Youth Council on the judging panel and youth councillors will be attending the function.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL – TRAINING HUI

We had a successful and fun training hui with 17 participants taking part from around the Tasman region (13 Youth Councillors and four Youth Council Coordinators). We stayed overnight on Friday 31 March 2006 and for the entire day on Saturday 1 April 2006 at Bridge Valley Christian Camp.

The workshops we did included:

- Communication Skills and teamwork run by Claire Wyatt of Project Adventure.
- Introduction to Local Government run by Councillor Stuart Bryant.
- Youth Participation run by Rosey Duncan from Health Action.
- Introduction to Radio Broadcasting run by Patrick Steer from Fresh FM.
- An overview of the Tasman Youth Council Role and Responsibilities run by Cindus Colonna from TDC.
- Introduction to Submission Writing, Events Organising, and Publications run by Cindus and Rosey.

- Local Youth Needs discussion and a Health Determinants workshop run by Cindus and Rosey.

From the hui we have lots of keen Youth Councillors and some ideas for projects for the Tasman Youth Council to be working on this year, and we are looking forward to getting some of the projects up and running in the near future.

BOREDOM BUSTERS

The first edition of Boredom Busters for the year has gone out to the community and for the first time the Nelson OSCAR providers have also been included, thus increasing the distribution numbers from 5,800 to 10,612. Every family with a primary school age child in the Nelson/Tasman district receives a copy of the magazine prior to the school holidays commencing via schools with copies also available at local libraries, various community organisations, and service centres. The majority of feedback from providers and families has been positive and Drycrust have done a good job with their articles, layout and competitions.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Querys from Committee 28 March 2006

Is there any funding for kids sport and national events?

The SPARC Rural Travel Fund does not cover national event costs. This is a gap for which a lot of requests are received. Currently fund raising, applications to community funding providers and individual sponsorship are the only options available. Often success gained to be able to attend national competition is achieved in weeks prior to the national event so that applying for grant funding is outside timeframes required.

Artists Retreat Programme – St Arnaud. How is this funded?

The project is funded via Creative New Zealand \$15,000.00, The Canterbury Community Trust \$2,000.00, Economic Development Agency \$1,500.00 and registration fees of \$80.00 each (approximately \$12,800.00 + \$80.00 x 160.00 participants). The Communication Kawatiri projects are also supported via the four TLA's contributing \$3,000.00 per annum. This covers several projects including the Artloop website, Artists expo, regional workshops, surveys as well as the upcoming artists retreat.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND

Tasman District Council in partnership with youth service providers have forwarded an Expression of Interest to the Ministry of Youth Developments Youth Development Partnership Fund. The Project is titled "Youth Voices in Tasman". If successful in seeking funds the project will collect and document the voices of young people in the Tasman District. The aim of the project is to provide an

opportunity for young people living in the Tasman area to have their views, aspirations, challenges and barriers documented so that local policy, service provision and resources are better able to respond to the needs. Focus is on developing good solution based information and understanding. It has been noted for example that Tasman District has a high number of young people leaving school without qualifications, debt is a major problem and the numbers of youth engaging with the justice is increasing. The project will seek to some of the reasons for this and to identify possible solutions.

The scope of the project would be the 12–18 year old youth community in the Tasman District.

FOUND

The Found Annual General Meeting was held on 4 April 2006. The decision was made to continue Found as an incorporated society whose members would meet six monthly, unless special circumstances arose that required additional meetings, and subject to the following:

- That the constitution be revisited and amended to make for a simpler structure, and in particular, clarify and simplify the area of corporate and individual memberships;
- That new additional members would be sought; and
- That a new AGM date would be set for Tuesday 5 September 2006.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

The Creative Communities Funding for local community arts projects we administer on behalf of Creative New Zealand closed 31 March 2006. The Subcommittee meets on 2 May to consider the 16 applications received with an allocation of \$16,431.38 available.

POSITIVE AGING FORUM

Next meeting of the Forum is Tuesday 9 May 2006 at the Richmond Town Hall.

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