

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
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LOCAL SERVICE MAPPING

Richard Munt, the Regional Relationships Manager from Family and Community Services, has undertaken consultation and research and prepared a report about service delivery priorities for the Tasman local government area. Richard Munt will present a summary of the research.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

The successful recipients for this year's Community Awards were:

- Marcie Fraser
- Bill Marris
- Edna Higgins
- Leigh Briars
- Kathy Hindmarsh
- Marie and Roger Bint
- Graeme Thorn

Each recipient received a framed certificate which was presented at an official ceremony held on 1 August 2006.

TASMAN \$200-SHIPS

These Grants are to assist young people with the costs of participating in youth development opportunities. Grants are a maximum of \$200 or 25% of costs. We continue to get good responses from successful applicants – the attached letter is from Craig Barker as an example.

GRANTS FROM RATES

As at the date of this report the application forms received for the Grants from Rates funding round are tabled as below:

Community and Economic Development Initiatives (2 applications)	\$5,700.00
Museums (1 application)	30,000.00

Arts, Culture, Heritage (19 applications)	33,397.26
Youth/Children (5 applications)	8,783.00
Social Services (14 applications)	40,719.77
Festivals and Events (5 applications)	9,331.25
Beautification Schemes (5 applications)	16,645.00
Emergency Services (3 applications)	6,900.00
Community Newsletter (1 application)	500.00

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

I have heard unofficially that the allocation from SPARC for the 2006/2007 has been increased by another \$2,000 from \$11,027.34. I am currently waiting for the updated criteria and allocation agreement to be forwarded. The major target of the fund will continue to subsidise travel costs for young people aged between 5–19 for junior sports teams to participate in local competition. The closing dates will be the same as previous - last working days of October and April. Brochures will be completed and sent out to schools and sporting groups as soon as the agreement is received.

RECREATION COORDINATORS (Summary of Regional Programmes 2006)

Golden Bay

Primary - Boredom Busters activities are fulltime 20 activities per holiday over 10 days. Programme is in the process to be CYF approved in early September.

Secondary - Working with young people and community on development of BMX facility. Hosting the next Tasman Youth Council regional meeting in November and supporting Youth Council radio show on Fresh FM.

Adult - Hosted the Japanese drummers at Golden Bay High School and supported production of Price of Milk at the Village Theatre.

Motueka Recreation Centre

Preschool - Parents and Tots Roller Skating, Minihoops, Kindy Sport.

Primary - As well as hosting holiday Boredom Busters programmes ongoing include Miniball, dodgeball, netball, development, climbing, roller hockey and skate fun.

Secondary/Adult - Support of Motueka Ward of the Tasman Youth Council. Casual sport opportunities, indoor netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, climbing, gym and green prescription.

Seniors - Gentle exercise – two classes per week, badminton and senior walkers.

Murchison

Primary - Boredom Busters programmes are getting good numbers with 20 attending paintball activity. Other highlights included pig hunting, rifle range, ceramics and art attack.

Secondary - Two young people were successful in the youth volunteer awards nominations – hosted a local presentation ceremony. Working on repairing skateboarding ramps. Held fly fishing, orienteering and movies activities.

Adult - Two Lovers play was coordinated. Worked on the launch and advancing of the Murchison Town Centre Plan.

Seniors - Craft activities and bus trips organised.

Richmond Town Hall

Seniors - Club 50's meet every Tuesday for activities. Recent highlights include Ray Win's car collection, picking apples at Ranzau road, and craft morning at the Richmond Town Hall.

Primary - Boredom Busters program is fulltime in holidays and is growing with several activities fully booked.

Adult - Way 2 Go regional coordinator is locally running a pedometer based walking programme and a Mums and Tots Activity Group.

The Town Hall is benefiting from the fulltime staff presence with increase in numbers of people attending casual active opportunities including aerobics, Tai Chi, Pilates and dance classes.

BOREDOM BUSTERS MAGAZINE

With the inclusion of the Nelson region, the magazine now has 19 OSCAR programmes included in it, and is distributed to 10,000 children. We have had some awesome competitions and contributions from children as well as articles on topics of interest. The magazine has proven to very popular and a well utilized publication by many families in the region when planning holiday activities for their children.

TRAVELLING OSCAR TUTOR

During the July school holidays we had a tutor travel around Nelson/Tasman OSCAR programmes delivering a workshop titled Art Attack which taught children and staff the skill of felting. 355 children from 16 programmes across the region took part (including Murchison) and everyone went home with some magnificent creations and feedback from programme staff was very positive.

During the September/October holidays the workshop on offer is 'African Storytelling'. The workshop will include an introduction to African hand drumming with some percussion improvisation. Children will then take part in some interactive African storytelling in which the children will be playing the group drumming and percussions as sound effects. The workshop is already fully booked!

BIG DAY OUT

Big day Out brings together all the holiday programmes in the Nelson/Tasman region for a day of fun filled and challenging activities. The theme for last July's BDO was a Cultural Celebration based on Tikanga Maori.

Ten programmes bringing along 250 children and 30 programme staff attended. We worked together with Parikarangaranga Ki Roto Trust and Te Rouroukura (top of the south youth kapuhaka group) who lead the activities which included raranga (weaving), taiaha and patu (traditional Maori physical activities), waiata (singing), kapahaka (performing arts), koru painting, poi making and Maori hand games. These activities were then incorporated into a written booklet full of kupu Maori and fun activities for each child to take home and share with their families. The day was held at Victory Primary school and was opened by a traditional powhiri, and then closed with a waiata and dance learnt by all during the day which was then performed by all the children together, whilst during the lunch period Te Rourou Kura kept the children entertained with a stunning performance of haka and waiata.

The theme for the September/October BDO is 'OSCAR in the Park' to celebrate OSCAR week and will be taking place at the Trafalgar Centre. The day is planned to include an OSCAR mural, singing and dancing, games and a fun fair.

EVENTS

During the first week of August The Kodama Japanese Drum Team from Palmerston North performed at Decks Reserve in Motueka for an enthralled audience of around 450, and in Golden Bay at the Golden Bay High School for 250. It was great to see so many different members of the community attend ranging from the elderly to toddlers from a variety of cultures and social backgrounds. The performance was amazing and well received by all – standing ovations at both venues!!!

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Jam Mag

The first edition of the TYC youth publication titled 'Jam Mag' is due to go out at the end of September. The majority of the articles have been written by the TYC youth councillors (from across the clusters) and a big thank you to Mark from Drycrust for helping TYC to get their ideas on paper. There will be 3500 printed for the first edition and distributed via schools and libraries. There will be a survey on public transport issues for youth included in this edition.

Tasman Karaoke Superstar Comp

Tasman Youth Council clusters from across the region have joined together to hold a 'Tasman Karaoke Superstar' competition involving contestants from Golden Bay, Motueka, and Waimea. The event will bring together the communities and provide children and youth an opportunity to perform live in front of the public and show their talents. The competition will have three age group categories: Under 8 years, 9–12 years, 13–18 years, with local heats comprising of the three age group categories taking

place in Golden Bay, Motueka, and Waimea (the Waimea heat to take place at the Richmond Mall during the week 2-6 October). All winners from the local heats will be invited to compete against the other local heat finalists in their age category from across the region, in the regional final which will take place on 3 December 2006 at the Motueka A&P Show, for the title of Tasman Karaoke Superstars.

Youth in Local Govt Conference 2006

Four TYC youth councillors will be attending this year to the biannual conference being held in New Plymouth. They were required to submit an expression of interest outlining what they feel they could learn from the conference and how they will share the learning with the other youth councillors when they return. They are all very excited about the opportunity to meet with other youth councillors from around the country and share and exchange ideas as well as learn new skills from the variety of workshops they will be attending.

WAY 2 GO (Way 2 Go is an Active Communities initiative supported by SPARC (Sport and Recreation New Zealand))

Ecofest 2006

The Way2Go Active Transport Stand at Ecofest was a great success. We were able to promote Way2Go and our programmes as well as providing rewards to attendees who walked or cycled to the event. It was great to see so many people utilising active transport and taking an interest.

Upper Moutere

Vanessa Mairs is our newest Way2Go Hub Coordinator and is working out in Upper Moutere. Vanessa is actively involved in the tennis club and tennis coaching and has already organised social basketball on Monday nights at the new complex. Pilates and badminton are a couple of areas that Vanessa has been asked by the community to investigate.

Two major projects are coming up in October so planning is well underway for both - the Spring Strut Stride to be run in conjunction with the Heart Foundation and our Action Expo in Richmond on 7 October 2006.

Spring Strut and Stride

Spring Strut Stride is a regional walking promotion event where participants have to create a team of up to 10 and walk - either collectively or individually! The event runs through October which is national push-play nation month. Teams fill in their kilometres on a chart, return the information and go into the draw to win some great prizes including a trip along Farewell Spit and ASB Aquatic centre family passes – thanks to our sponsors for their support.

Way2Go Action Expo

The Richmond Action Expo is on 7 October 2006 at the ASB Aquatic Centre Reserve (wet weather alternative Sunday 8 October). Invitations have been mailed out to almost

300 physical activity providers within the Richmond/Nelson area and we are hopeful for as many stalls as possible offering active options for participants.

POSITIVE AGEING FORUM MINUTES

TITLE: Positive Ageing Forum
DATE: Monday 7 August 2006
TIME: 1.00 pm
VENUE: Richmond Town Hall, 9 Cambridge Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Ruby Aberhart (Chair), John Harwood (Nelson Hearing Association), Betty Grainger (Richmond Senior Citizens), Bev Oakley (Rural Women), Jo Howard (Grey Power Motueka), Pat Wright (Brightwater Rural Women), Pauline Marshall (National Council of Women), Gail Collingwood (Nelson City Council), Diane Bradley (Nelmar Home Support), Anne-Marie Fowke (Stroke Foundation), Jill Harris (Work and Income MSD), Bernard Smith (Work and Income MSD), Caroline Pitman (Nelson Federation Women's Institute), Jo Challis (Presbyterian Support), Berylla Jones, Debbie Bowden (TDC), Richard Kempthorne (TDC), Elaine Henry (TDC), Mike Milstein (CAN), Kath Inwood (NCC), Jim David (Age Concern), Dave Hough (Sport Tasman), Don Martin (Tasman Regional Sports Trust), Brigid Ryan (Family and Community Services MSD), Elizabeth Wiblin (St John), Mike Tasman-Jones (TDC)

IN ATTENDANCE: B Moore (TDC)

APOLOGIES

Moved G Collingwood/C Pitman

THAT apologies from R Williams, L Soutan and B Brean, M Parfitt and K Barr be sustained.

CARRIED

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved G Collingwood/P Wright

THAT the Minutes of the Positive Ageing Forum meeting held on 1 May 2006 be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1 MATTERS ARISING

ASB Aquatic Centre – Don Martin of Tasman Regional Sports Trust said that following an inspection of the ASB Aquatic Centre, a report had been provided to

David Ward and Lloyd Kennedy of Tasman District Council, seeking action on matters of concern.

2 MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL PLAN

Jill Harris of MSD tabled and introduced the Regional Plan. She referred to some of the programmes recently introduced such as Super Grans and the Family Violence Programme. Bernard Smith of MSD is partnering with District Health Boards for that programme. Jill Harris spoke about the social report which is due for release on Tuesday 8 August 2006.

3 LIVING CONFIDENTLY BOOKLET UPDATE

Katherine Inwood of Nelson City Council said that this booklet was specifically for senior citizens and it was first published in 2002 and now requires an update. The Nelson Safer Community Council is looking for a community group to update this information. Cr Henry said that the Tasman Safer Community Council has been disbanded and that if the information to be contained within the booklet will cover both Nelson and Tasman, then a dialogue should occur. Anne-Marie Fowke said that the Stroke Foundation has expressed an interest. Jo Challis of Presbyterian Support said that Presbyterian Support may be interested in a shared part of that update work.

4 REPORT OF RUBY ABERHART – VCC CHAIRPERSON

The VCC referred to a central region meeting held in Wellington on 24 May which she attended with Jo Howard and that receives some senior citizens sponsorship.

The 2006/2007 NZ Positive Ageing Strategy will be combined into one document with the action plan.

Discussions on the proposed gold card have been held throughout the regions and a progress update is expected at a meeting to be attended by the VCC in Wellington on Thursday 17 August.

The report referred to attendance at a workshop held to discuss health spending priorities.

The National Road Safety Committee conducted a workshop in Nelson on 1 August 2006 to hear about the "Safe As" programme about road safety issues and ideas in local communities where the emphasis was on the key behavioural issues on speed, alcohol and young drivers.

Safe with Age driving courses had been held in Nelson, Richmond and Motueka. Thanks to Kirsty Barr in responding to forum request for the Richmond course.

Copies of a questionnaire from Whenua-iti were provided and representatives asked to take these and complete them.

The police acting area commander, Tony Bernard, would be happy to talk to this group regarding how police might manage the area. It was intended that a meeting time be arranged.

5 PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE CHARGES

Jo Howard of Grey Power Motueka said that most pharmacies are charging more than the scheduled charges suggested by Nelson Marlborough Health Board, for prescription medicines. Elaine Henry said that a letter should be sent to the chair of the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, requesting that the situation be investigated regarding the cost of prescriptions.

6 COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES IN NELSON CITY

Gail Collingwood said that Nelmac is still accepting recyclables left at the curb-side in plastic bags rather than within the recycling bins provided. Elaine Henry said that she was not aware of the acceptability of the use of plastic bags for recycling in Tasman District.

7 BP PETROL VOUCHERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Mike Tasman-Jones said that applications can be made through the website www.bp.co.nz/about/volunteer for petrol vouchers for volunteers, by the cut-off date on 25 August.

8 NEWCOMERS NETWORK

Brigid Ryan of Family and Community Services MSD showed copies of posters and pamphlets relating to the Newcomers Network and said that further information is available from the MSD website.

9 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN RICHMOND MALL CAR PARK

Elaine Henry referred to requests received for greater provision for pedestrian safety from within the car park into the Richmond Mall building. She said a reminder letter should be sent to the Richmond Mall manager David Hill.

10 TAI CHI EXERCISE CLASSES

Jo Challis said that Presbyterian Support is to soon begin Tai Chi exercise classes in Richmond and Motueka and that leaflets are available through Presbyterian Support and the contact is Fiona Nisbett.

11 STROKE AWARENESS WEEK

Anne-Marie Fowke said that Stroke Awareness Week would be publicised with a stand in the Richmond Mall and by articles in the Leader and Mudcakes and Roses.

12 NELSON VOLUNTEER CENTRE

A meeting regarding the Nelson Volunteer Centre would be held on Wednesday 16 August 2006 at Nelson City Council. The contact phone is 546 7681.

13 ACTIVE AGEING SEMINAR

Dave Hough of Sport Tasman spoke about the Active Ageing Seminar to be held on Friday 11 August at 3.00 pm at Harcourts Auction Rooms, Buxton Square, Nelson when an open forum presentation would be made regarding getting older people to become more physically active.

14 RATES REBATES CONCERNS

Elizabeth Wiblin of St John raised the matter that disability allowance is counted as income for the purposes of calculating local government rates rebates. Jill Harris said that changes to this government policy are unlikely to occur rapidly.

15 ONE STOP SHOP FOR ELDERLY SERVICES IN RICHMOND

Jim Davis of Age Concern spoke about the potential for a one stop shop in Richmond to provide local services and information. Ruby Aberhart instructed that this matter be placed on the next meeting agenda.

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was scheduled for 6 November 2006.

VCC Chair Ruby Aberhart said that she was happy with the growth and progress of this forum and closed the meeting at 3.40 pm.

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