

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 20 June 2007
SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee on the Community and Recreation department.

COMMUNITY GRANTS – GRANTS FROM RATES

The application form has been printed and distributed to libraries and service centres. Applications close 31 August 2007.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Nominations are being called for the annual awards to give well deserved recognition to the outstanding service of individuals in our communities. Nominations close 30 June 2007.

TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

Nelson Tasman Trust Power Community awards closed on 25 May with 118 nominations received for 90 groups.

The Awards cover five categories:

1. Heritage and Environment
2. Health and Wellbeing
3. Arts and Culture
4. Sport and Leisure
5. Educational and Child/Youth Development.

The judging panel includes a Tasman District Council and Nelson City Councillor, TrustPower Community and Council staff representatives.

The judges select the category winners and runners-up who receive \$500 and \$250 respectively. There is also an overall district winner for Tasman District and Nelson City as well as a Supreme Winner who will take home \$1,500, a trophy, framed certificate and an all-expenses paid trip to the TrustPower National Community Awards.

The Nelson Tasman Awards is at 5.30pm on Monday 30 July at Seifrieds Estate. The 2007 TrustPower National Community Awards are being held in Wanaka in March 2008.

LETTER TO CREATIVE NZ REGARDING ALLOCATION TO CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

A letter was sent to Nicola Robb (Senior Programme Advisor) and Stephen Wainwright (Chief Executive) at Creative New Zealand on 30 May 2007. The correspondence queried whether allocations to the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme would be changed to reflect 2006 census figures. No response has as yet been received.

RECREATION CO-ORDINATORS

Memorandums with the existing regional recreation co-ordinators are in the process of being signed for the 2007/2008 year in Golden Bay, Motueka, Murchison and Richmond. The last Regional Recreation Co-ordinators meeting was held on 21 May with updates on activities during February to April and there was a presentation from Steve Mitchell on event risk management.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Golden Bay

- The School Holiday Programme ran for 9 days, had 19 different activities and catered for 182 children between 5 -14 years of age.
- Uni-hockey continues on Monday nights with 22 - 30 players.
- Youth Council is focused on events for Youth Week.
- The BMX Track Project is progressing well.
- The Community Fundraiser for a defibrillator raised over \$10,000.
- Way 2 Go Active Communities projects are continuing to grow.
- Support for the first Golden Bay BikeWise fun ride.

Murchison

- The School Holiday Programme catered for 93 children between 5 - 16 years of age.
- Murchison Community Resource Centre have been gifted a van from Nelson Building Society. This is a huge resource for the community where transport has often been a barrier for holiday programmes, youth council and senior groups.
- The Project to add historic markers around the town is progressing with photos being selected.
- A community market is being co-ordinated at the stables with good attendance.
- Youth Council is progressing well with event planning underway.

Richmond

- The School Holiday Programme catered for 30 plus a day. The programme included for the first time 11 children attending who were classified as disabled or special needs. This does have staffing implications but was seen as hugely positive by staff, children and parents.
- Development of a monthly "What's On" flyer.
- The Richmond Town Hall is becoming a very active community hub with Way 2 Go, Pilates, Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Club 50 and Aerobics all being regular users.

Motueka

- The School Holiday Programme catered for 331 children between 5 - 14 years of age, over 9 days of activities.
- The Motueka Recreation Centre continues to provide a huge range of activities for the community including a gym, skating, climbing and social sports such as netball, badminton, basketball and volleyball all being well supported. Recreation Centre staff have supported several events including Bike Wise Family Fun Ride Motueka, Motueka on High and Rabbit Island Family Fun Day. These events are able to take place due to the Recreation Centre's staff and equipment support.
- Youth Council have been active with the R'spect Youth Week event.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

The Subcommittee met on 22 May to consider the applications for grants from the SPARC Rural Travel Fund for the round closing 30 April. Total funds available for allocation amounted to \$10,667.

Moved Crs Henry/Riley
CS07/05/30

THAT the following applications for SPARC Rural Travel Fund be approved:

Murchison Rugby Football Club	\$1,200
Wakefield School	\$500
Tapawera Rugby Club	\$900
Rangers Soccer Club	\$500
Motueka High School Rugby Club	\$900
Murchison Junior Girls Volleyball Team	\$500
Takaka Rugby Football Club	\$400
Waimea Plains Junior Soccer	\$750
Tapawera Netball Club	\$900
Murchison Netball Club	\$1,100
Golden Bay Association Football Club	\$1,200
Mapua and Districts Netball Club	\$250
Motueka High School Netball	\$400
Motueka Basketball Inc	\$400

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The application from Boccia Nelson was declined and is to be referred to Mayor Hurley, recommending payment of \$250 from the Mayoral fund for the one person who resides in Tasman District.

The application from Motueka High School was declined and they are to be advised that while the Subcommittee would have liked to consider the application favourably, there was insufficient detail and it overlapped with the Motueka High School Netball application.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Much has been going on with all the ward clusters over the last couple of months. Jon Creswell, Cameron Leslie, Nina White, Tamara Stringer and Cleo Smith from the Waimea cluster will be present at this meeting to speak in person on the Youth Council's recent completed and ongoing projects.

Waimea Cluster

- Youth Cube Project
- Bus Survey Update
- Youth Volunteer Awards
- Jam Mag
- Fresh FM Sunnyside Up Radio Workshop

Golden Bay Cluster

- Youth Week Events
- Dance Party

Motueka Cluster

Respeckt Remix Dance Party
Basketball Competition

Murchison Cluster

Youth Week Activities

BOREDOM BUSTERS ACTIVITIES

Boredom Busters Magazine

We are now printing 11,000 copies of the Boredom Busters magazine and most programmes in the Nelson Tasman Region are now advertising their programmes in each issue!

Tasman Holiday Programme Providers

We now have 17 regular OSCAR holiday programme providers in the Tasman Region. Most of these programmes are Child Youth and Family approved and Cindus has been working closely with programmes and the National OSCAR Foundation to ensure that the Tasman regions programmes are maintaining the support and information they require in the absence of an OSCAR Advisor.

OSCAR Council Sponsored Activities

These holidays, in conjunction with Nelson City Council, we have organised the following activities for holiday programmes in the Nelson Tasman region:

OSCAR Workshop: The workshop is titled 'Introduction to Dance and Movement' and will be presented by Jane Pascoe. There has been a great response of interest for this workshop by programmes and all the available workshop slots have been fully booked up. The workshop will be run in both Murchison and Golden Bay these holidays as well as in three programmes in Motueka and the Tasman district so we are ensuring our rurally isolated areas have access to these workshops!

Big Day Out: Big Day Out is titled 'Moutere Madness' these holidays and is going to be held at the new Moutere Hills Community Centre. So far we have 320 children booked to attend for the day which will comprise of a morning of art, sport and music activities and then in the afternoon there will be a disco and hip hop dance workshop.

NELSON TASMAN POSITIVE AGEING FORUM

Points of note from Minutes of 11 June meeting:

Cr Gail Collingwood congratulated the Chair Ruby Aberhart on being made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, which the Forum members endorsed.

Chairperson's Report

- Ruby Aberhart reported that Jane Yoong has been replaced by Jo Odum as Volunteer Community Co-ordinator Manager for Senior Citizens.
- MSD's office for Community and Voluntary Sector launched a document in May called "Mahi Aroha".
- Outlined the projects for 2007.
- Updated the Enduring Power of Attorney Amendment Bill.
- Spoke about the Carer's Strategy.
- Advised that submissions have closed to the Home Equity Conversion discussion document.
- The NZ Positive Ageing Strategy Annual Report 2006/2007 and Action Plan 2007/2008 are in the pipeline, with 13 new Councils likely to contribute to the latter.

Moved R Aberhart/E Wiblin

THAT the Chairperson's report be received.

CARRIED

HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT SERVICES

Jen Lockwood and Pat Curry from the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board gave a presentation on how support services are accessed in the short and long term.

Pat Curry pointed out that one of the reasons they were here today emanated from a request from a community group asking the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board for information about entitlements to services from hospital discharges, ACC and Support Works.

Jen explained that NASC - Needs Assessment Service Co-ordination - is a process. She categorised disability services as a problem that will last more than six months and is basically unable to be treated or get better and personal health which is a condition that is expected to improve. ACC and mental health services are not included in NASC. The services are needs-based and cover all ages. They are co-ordinated at one point and become a package.

Concern was expressed that support services were not organised before a patient left hospital and often people were discharged during the weekend when services and medication were generally not available until the Monday.

Pat Curry requested any feedback of things that have gone wrong so they can be followed up and rectified where necessary.

Contact: Pat Curry, Portfolio Manager, Health of Older People, ph (03) 546 1348, email pat.curry@nmhs.govt.nz

MOTUEKA EMERGENCY RISK SCHEME

Jo Howard from Motueka Grey Power updated the meeting on the Motueka Emergency Risk Scheme Project. She said Civil Defence advocated that in preparation for an emergency everyone should have enough survival items to cope for at least three days in their own home.

Jo explained that Motueka Grey Power decided to compile a list of members who were infirm or isolated and make such a register available for Police and Civil Defence personnel. They were also going to assign younger members to areas to keep an eye on older members should an emergency situation arise. It was noted that several groups have similar registers.

ROAD SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Margaret reported that Mobility Scooter Skills Training Courses will be held in Stoke on 5 September and Motueka on 3 September and Safe With Age courses will be held on 20 June 2007. She also advised that TDC and NCC were investing in two speed advisory signs which would be relocated around the region.

GENERAL BUSINESS

David Huff, formerly of Sports Tasman and now at the Public Health Service of the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, outlined his new position as Health Promoter for Mental Health. He advised that he was still attending this forum partly for interest and also because his new job incorporates programmes that affect older persons.

Nicky McDonald of NCC advised that they were reviewing two policies, namely the Social Wellbeing and Library Strategic Plan. The Positive Ageing Policy, which is a joint policy between NCC and TDC, was also being reviewed.

NEXT MEETING

3 September 2007 commencing at 1.15pm.

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