

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 30 July 2007
SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

PURPOSE

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

NMDHB, NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT

For the last two decades there has been a trend in affluent countries for people to eat more than they can burn off in exercise. The impact shows up the 'obesity epidemic' and a range of chronic diseases. There is a growing realisation that the health sector needs to treat more than the symptoms, and at the end of last year the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board made a five-year commitment, with an annual budget of \$2 million, to deal with issues of nutrition and physical activity. The goals are:

Long term

- Improved health and wellbeing through healthy eating and increased physical activity.
- Reduction in obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer.
- Health system change to better prevent, or delay the onset of, chronic lifestyle diseases.

Short term

- Establishment of an operational structure
- Development of a comprehensive five year plan, with involvement of key stakeholders

Project Manager, Richard Butler will give a presentation on the strategic plan to the Committee today.

TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

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

Shirley Ward
Thelma Levy
Janice Aston
George Riordan
Reg Manson
Jennifer Stilwell
Doris Nalder
Gertrude Oxnam

Each recipient will receive a framed certificate which will be presented at an official ceremony held on 10 August 2007.

TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

As reported in the June Agenda the Nelson Tasman Trust Power Community awards closed on 25 May with 118 nominations received. The awards were held on Monday 30 July 5.30 pm at Seifrieds Estate with 300 people attending the celebration of volunteer work. Category runners up received \$250 and winners \$500, Regional winner \$750 and overall winner \$1,500

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

Heritage & Environment

Winner: Friends of Mangarakau Swamp
Runner-Up: Keep Motueka Beautiful Incorporated
Commendation: Friends of Flora

Health & Wellbeing

Winner: St Vincent De Paul Stoke
Runner-Up: Takaka Volunteer Fire Brigade

Arts & Culture

Joint Winners: Wakefield District Youth Trust /Art Group Nelson
Runner-Up: Mapua Easter Fair Charitable Trust

Sport & Leisure

Winner: Nelson Suburbs Football Club
Runner-Up: Nelson Rowing Club
Commendation: Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club

Educational & Child Youth Development

Winner: Making a Difference Youth – Saturday Servants
Runner-Up: Nelson Science Society
Commendation: Bridge Valley Adventure Centre

Tasman District Supreme Winner
Murchison District Historical Society

Nelson City Supreme Winner
Nightwatch Nelson

Supreme Winner
Altrusa International Inc of Nelson

CONSERVATION WEEK

Conservation Week 5–12 August 2007 has a theme of recreation this year. Tasman District Council has been working with the Department of Conservation to promote and coordinate a range of events across the District including:

Sunday 5 August Mountain Biking, Cannan Downs 11am
Haulashore Island Family Day 10am–2.30pm
Tuesday 7 August Puppet Show, Parklands School
Thursday 9 August Volunteers talk and social, Takaka Bowling Club 5pm
Saturday 11 August Mountain Bike Ride, Teetotal, Lake Rotoiti 1.30pm
Sunday 12 August Gibbs Hill Challenge walk, Wainui carpark 9am.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

SPARC has again agreed to provide funding to provide a travel subsidy for 5 to 19 years olds in school and sports club teams competing in local competition where distance is a barrier to competing. The allocation for 2007/2008 has increased to \$15,618 + GST (from \$14,405)

GRANTS FROM RATES

Community Grants close Friday 31 August.

SPRING STRUT AND STRIDE

Spring Strut Stride is a Way 2 Go and Heart Foundation team based regional walking promotion event that runs through October, which is national push-play nation month. Information brochures, team and individual recording charts are being launched at ECOFEST.

ECOFEST

An active transport stall is being held again this year to promote Walk Tasman, the Urban Links maps and the upcoming WAY 2 GO events.

WAY2GO ACTION EXPO

The Action Expos showcase the diverse sport, recreation and leisure activities available in our region

The Richmond Action Expo is on 6 October in conjunction with the ASB Aquatic Centres 3rd birthday.

Motueka Action Expo is on 13 October in conjunction with the Motueka Recreation Centres 20th Birthday

The Way 2 Go activities trailer will be launched at the expos.

REGIONAL ARTS STRATEGY

The recent Annual Plan consultations received a significant number of submissions calling for a regional arts strategy. The Nelson Bays Arts Advocacy & Marketing Trust (Arts Marketing) made a presentation to Council referring to the “fragile state of the local arts sector, the lack of leadership and the unsustainable economic situation”. A number of other members of the community wrote in support of the Arts Marketing submission.

Whilst Tasman District Council did not allocate extra funds from the Annual Plan to the development of the strategy, as reported at the time, an allocation of \$5,000 for an arts strategy had been in both the 2006/2007 and the 2007/2008 budgets. It is felt that working in partnership will result in the development of a better strategy. Discussion and initial scoping is under way with this in mind.

TOP OF THE SOUTH ARTS EXPO 2007

The Top of the South Arts Expo was held over two days at the Rutherford Hotel on 29 and 30 May 2007. The expo was designed to introduce artists working across the Top of the South Island to gallery managers and others that may be interested in having a commercial relationship with artists. 40 artists from the West Coast, Blenheim, Picton, Nelson and Tasman presented their work. The feedback from the local artists was very positive with comments including:

- 3 galleries, exactly what I wanted! Met so many new and exciting artists and contacts. It was cool. Thank you so much!”
- “Experience in dealing with galleries, possible exhibition and possible painting sales, clarified my goals with choosing and dealing with galleries”
- “Sales of wholesale stock, many contacts with galleries, exposure. Thanks!”
- “Enjoyed the feedback from galleries, got good info!”

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Jam Mag

Our fourth issue of Jam Mag is now out. We had some good articles submitted for this issue and the content is varied so as to be of interest to a wide range of young people.

Each cluster also did an article on what went on over Youth Week in their ward area.

Cluster Projects

The following projects are currently underway by each cluster:

Waimea Cluster

Nelson to Brightwater Road Study Submission
Live Music Event

Golden Bay Cluster

Golden Bay Proposed Youth Centre Project

Motueka Cluster

Straightball Basketball Competition

Murchison Cluster

Talent Quest Event

BOREDOM BUSTERS ACTIVITIES

Winter Council Sponsored OSCAR Activities

During the July winter holidays in conjunction with Nelson City Council we sponsored and organised the following activities for holiday programmes in the Nelson Tasman region:

OSCAR Workshop

Jane Pascoe ran an Introduction to Dance and Movement Workshop at 11 holiday programmes across the region. The feedback from programme providers who had the workshop take place at their venues was 100% positive and lots of fun was had by the 295 children that had the opportunity to take part in the workshop.

Big Day Out

320 children attended the Moutere Madness Big Day Out which was held at the Moutere Hills Community Centre. The activities on the day included a treasure hunt, winter collages, a drumming workshop, storytelling, outside games and bouncy castle kaos in the morning and then the Star Dance

Academy Youth Dance Group put on a show for everyone in the afternoon with the day ending with a disco!!

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

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http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/community_services_committee/reports/2007/rcs070808_report_community_recreation_advisor.doc