

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
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SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

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

AGE 2 BE SENIOR EXPO

The Age2Be Expo was held on Saturday 5 April at the Annesbrook Church Community Centre. The aim of the expo was to have, under one roof, organisations with older persons showcasing their services focus from recreation, sport and social activities, to support and entitlements.

The event had over 60 stalls and 2000+ attended throughout the day. The feedback on the day and the evaluation forms completed by stallholders were overwhelmingly positive with a lot of calls to make this a regular event.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

The Creative Communities Funding for local community arts projects is an annual allocation of \$29,811.38 we administer on behalf of Creative New Zealand. The grants are considered twice a year with rounds closing March and September.

The Committee met on 22 April to consider the March 2008 rounds. We received 15 applications with a total value of \$22,770.76 from an available pool of \$10,511 plus \$4,000 to the three Arts Councils to administer small discretionary grants.

NELSON TASMAN REGIONAL ARTS STRATEGY

Nationally recognised arts consultant Helen Schamroth of Creationz Consultants has been appointed as the consultant for the Nelson Tasman regional arts strategy.

Helen has been awarded Officer of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the arts and has wide ranging experience including developing arts strategies and policies, as well as working with artists and the community.

The development of the strategy will involve wide consultation with the community starting 12 May. The consultant would like to have a workshop with councillors as part of the initial consultations. The aim is to have the strategy before Nelson and Tasman Councils for adoption by October.

FUNDING EXPO

Tasman District Council is supporting the Funding Expo event with administration via staff time, promotion and will have a stall on the day. The event is on Friday 16 May 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at the Hope Community Church.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

The fund is targeted at the travel costs of young people aged between 5-19 years participating in regular local sport teams' competition. The round for winter sport closed on 30 April with applications to be considered in May.

TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

Tasman District Council is again providing support to these awards which acknowledge the work of the regions community organisations. The awards are divided into five a category and nominations close 16 May 2008.

WAY 2 GO ACTIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

The Community Programmes application for funding to SPARC's Active Communities Funding has been accepted through to the final round. We are waiting for the outcome of this funding.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Tasman Youth Council Training Hui

Kimi Ora Resort and Spa hosted the 2008 Tasman Youth Council Training Hui, which accommodated 24 friendly energetic young people from the Murchison, Motueka, Golden Bay and Waimea clusters. The overnight camp offered an array of workshops, including seminars on Youth and Local Council, Youth Involvement, Event Planning, and an interactive Team Building session. Free time was also offered for youth councillors to mix and mingle, and enjoy the serene surroundings and luxurious facilities.

Murchison Ball

The Murchison Youth Council recently hosted a fancy dress ball for around 150 students whom were competing in the annual Area Schools Sports Tournament. The Youth Council crew did a great job converting the old RSA hall into a pumping night club, complete with toe tapping dancing beats and special effects.

Public Transport Survey

The Waimea cluster are to revisit the public transport service from Richmond to rural areas, and are in the process of conducting a student survey.

Youth Week

National Youth Week this year is 26-31 May. The Tasman Youth Council are working on activities across the district during the week. Nominations are open for the Youth Volunteer Awards, acknowledging young people who have given their time and energy back to the community.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Big Day OUT – event summary

A whopping 420 kids from 16 Nelson/Tasman Holiday Programmes converged on the Trafalgar Centre for a Big Day Out jam packed with a feast of activities including Carnival Rides, Sport Tasman Games, Roller Blading, Face Painting, Karaoke Singstar, and a Wearable Arts fancy garment Workshop utilising recycled materials.

Queen Street Mile

Around 90 runners competed in the return of the Queen Street Mile road race, and favourable feedback has suggested that the race be instated as a regular fixture on the events calendar. The event was made possible with the support of Richmond Unlimited, Waimea Harriers, Safe Traffic Management Services, St Johns, El Taverna, Smiths Shoes, Taylors Footwear, and the people of Nelson and Tasman.

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