

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community and Recreation Advisor  
**REFERENCE:** C752  
**DATE:** 12 June 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

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

### **NELSON TASMAN ARTS STRATEGY**

Community and focus group consultations have now been completed, written submissions are open until 29 June. From these a draft strategy will be formed. This will be brought to a future Community Services Committee meeting for consideration.

### **SPARC ACTIVE COMMUNITIES**

The Way 2 Go project was successful with a recent application to SPARC's Active Communities Funding for the development of a Community Pathway Project. The pathway is to enable people not currently active to be supported to change their behaviour. This will involve setting up affordable and achievable non-competitive sport and recreation opportunities. This will build on the work being done via Way 2 Go Hubs in Moutere, Motueka, Murchison, Takaka, Richmond and Nelson.

The funding from SPARC is \$210,000 over a three year period. This funding will be to support workers in these communities and to develop opportunities for participants to become volunteer leaders in the future.

### **FUNDING EXPO**

Tasman District Council is both a participant and supporter of this event. The event was well attended and a positive experience for both stallholders and attendees.

## **SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND**

The Subcommittee meet on 11 June to consider the applications for grants from the SPARC Rural Travel Fund for the round closing 30 April. Total funds available to allocate amounted to \$13,089.09.

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS – GRANTS FROM RATES**

Changes to the application form were endorsed at the 11 June Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee meeting and will be printed and distributed by 20 June via libraries and service centres. Applications close on 29 August.

Discretionary grants were considered at the meeting from:

Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce  
Top of the South Biking Group  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Motueka Festival of Lights  
Wakefield Community Council Inc  
Skydive Abel Tasman

## **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.

## **TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Tasman was again well represented with nominations for the TrustPower Community awards. The TrustPower Awards will be presented on 16 June. I will update the Community Services Committee on the results at the meeting today.

## **RECREATION COORDINATORS**

Memorandums with the existing regional recreation coordinators are in process of being signed for the 2008/2009 year in Golden Bay, Motueka, Murchison and Richmond.

## **TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

### **Youth Week Activities**

The Tasman Youth Council celebrated youth week in a range of activities across the district from providing lunch, to skate competitions performances and to judging the Youth Volunteer Award nominations.

### **Jam Magazine**

The latest magazine will be out before the end of the term with another training workshop run in late May by Drycrust - Youth Councillors are supplying articles. Articles upcoming include Murchison Ball Review, Area Schools Sports Tournament Review and Results, Cinderella School Production Preview, interviewing of local youth, Rockquest Review and Winter Snow Sports.

### **Boredom Busters Activities**

#### *Boredom Busters Magazine*

We are printing 11,000 copies of the Boredom Busters magazine with support from Nelson City Council and Nelson Marlborough District Health Board.

#### *Big Day Out*

The Big Day Out these holidays is going to be held at the Motueka Recreation Centre and the Motueka Memorial Hall. Up to 300 children will attend for the day which will be split in to two alternating options; one comprising sport activities using the Recreation Centre's facilities and the other a theatre performance of Cinderella put on by the Golden Bay High School students.

## **NELSON TASMAN POSITIVE AGEING FORUM**

Point of note from Minutes of 11 June meeting.

**Positive Ageing Seminar report.** The recent seminar was the start of early analysis of national and international thinking regarding aging issues to inform the review of the Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Policy.

Nelson Tasman's population average age was the second highest in New Zealand with Marlborough in first place. Therefore this region must act to position ourselves for this shift.

- Need to look at living standards to identify needs of currently 65+ and the big increase projected as baby boomers reach 65.
- Housing options currently limited to home or supported environments. Need to explore other models – planning developments to integrate ages.

- Attitudes of community and older persons often limits options.
- Media has role to pay to portray options in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age.
- Need to test ideas in a local context with a role for community as well as local and central government.
- Positive Aging is not about staying alive but being alive.
- Nelson has a low 7% participation by the 65+ in the work force, Tasman is quite high on 13%. Need to look at 50 year olds to discover intentions for future planning.
- Need to look at ways of using the skills of older people who may not want to work full time.

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