

STAFF REPORT

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NELSON TASMAN TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

These awards acknowledge the work of the community organisations across the region. Nominations for the 2009 awards opened on 23 March and close Friday 5 June

Tasman District Council provides support to administer these awards. I encourage you to help spread the word to community organisations and nominate groups who are making a positive difference in your community.

Judging is scheduled for Friday 26 June Wangapeka Room Tasman District Council, with the Awards held on Monday 13 July.

A new initiative is being launched in the Nelson/Tasman region to recognise the contribution made to the community by young volunteers. The TrustPower Youth Community Spirit Award aims to recognise secondary school students' service to the school and the community. Each secondary school in the district is being asked to recommend one year 13 student who has contributed widely as a student to their college/school; developed good relationships, treating others with respect and care; given service to school or community projects; and been a good ambassador for the college/school and the region. The recommended students will then speak to a judging panel consisting of representatives from the Nelson City and Tasman District Councils, the community and TrustPower. That panel will then decide on the Award recipient.

Tasman District Council is represented on the judging panel by Community Services Chairperson Cr Stuart Bryant and by the Community Recreation Advisor

WAY 2 GO

Way2Go is a Nelson Tasman Active Communities project to increase the physical activity levels of the community. Way2Go is currently in 10 sites across the Tasman Nelson region from Golden Bay to Murchison. Way 2 Go has been successful with its application to the Nelson Marlborough Health Board NPA with funding of \$360,000 over three years for increased delivery at existing sites to establish three new sites and overall coordination. Each Way2Go site has a part time coordinator working with communities to ensure programmes are adapted to suit their specific requirements.

WAY 2 GO EVALUATION

The Way 2 Go Community Hubs were independently evaluated by the Auckland based School of Population Health late 2008 with the report released in March. The specific objectives of this evaluation were as follows:

- Describe and evaluate the current implementation of the Way2Go hubs;
- Identify and evaluate barriers and enablers to these different approaches from the perceptions of key stakeholders;
- Identify key strategies and systems likely to support the implementation and sustainability of the Way2Go approach; and
- Collaborate with stakeholders to develop evaluation templates or tools that can be used by the programme to inform its development and progress towards its goals.

The overwhelming achievement was identified as being the increased levels of participation in physical activity within the community, particularly among those persons that had previously been inactive. The interagency collaboration that had developed out of the programme was also highlighted by many stakeholders as a key success.

The evaluation highlights not only the achievements but also provides a series of recommendations to strengthen the project going forward.

WAYFINDING

Discussion with NCC, MDC, DoC, Sport Tasman and NZRA is taking place to develop consistency in mapping and signing walk and cycleways. The focus is urban areas through to connections to the hills and tramping tracks.

The aims are;

1. Agreeing a simple and common grading system and descriptions.
2. Developing rules of the track – who has right of way?
3. Developing track signs without being obtrusive?
4. Considering how can we market the tracks (themed walks, heritage walks, accessible walks, short walks, secret walks etc).
5. Branding the region as THE walking and cycling region in NZ. Impact on tourism, national events, builds on SPARC data that Nelson Tasman is biggest walking/cycling region.

ABEL TASMAN 350TH

Planning for the commemoration of the death of Abel Tasman 350 years this October is underway. The key focus being a guided walk to Whariwharangi Bay and the unveiling of a plaque at the Department of Conservation hut.

BIKEWISE MOTUEKA

The Motueka BikeWise Mayoral Challenge ride that was cancelled due to rain has been rescheduled to Saturday 23 May starting at 10am at the Skatepark on Old Wharf Road.

THE ACTIVE NEW ZEALAND SURVEY

The Active New Zealand Survey has just been released by SPARC. This is a national survey that measures participation in sport and recreation, and the physical activity levels of New Zealand adults aged 16 years and over.

Based on information collected through the 2007/08 Active NZ Survey, 17 regional profiles have been developed – one for each of the 17 Regional Sports Trust (RST) catchment areas.

The regional profiles provide a snapshot of sport and recreation participation levels among adults, both as participants and volunteers, as well as how many adults are physically active per region. The findings for each region are also compared with the national profile for sport, recreation and physical activity.

The sport, recreation and physical activity profile for the Tasman region was similar to the national profile. Compared with New Zealand adults, a similar percentage of adults in the Tasman region:

- participated in at least one sport or recreation activity per week (New Zealand: 79%; Tasman: 85%) and per year (New Zealand: 96%; Tasman: 98%);
- participated in at least one organised competition or event per year (New Zealand: 37%; Tasman: 32%);
- were members of clubs or centres in order to take part in sport and recreation activities (New Zealand: 35%; Tasman: 30%);
- received instruction from a coach, instructor, teacher or trainer to help improve their performance (New Zealand: 40%; Tasman: 36%);
- were volunteers for a sport or recreation activity (New Zealand: 25%; Tasman: 33%); and achieved the national physical activity guideline by undertaking 30 minutes or more of moderate
- intensity physical activity on at least five days out of seven (New Zealand: 48%; Tasman: 50%).
- In the Tasman region: walking and gardening were, in that order, the two most popular sport and recreation activities;
- tramping, table tennis and dance were on the 10 most popular activities list for men in the Tasman region, but not on the list for New Zealand men; and fishing was on the 10 most popular activities list for women in the Tasman region, but not on the list for New Zealand women.

The full report is available on www.sparc.org.nz.

ARTS STRATEGY

The Nelson Tasman regional Arts Strategy is being presented to community Services Committee for consideration. (See attached report)

TAKAKA MEMORIAL LIBRARY SCULPTURE

The sculpture selected for the entrance to the Takaka Memorial Library has now been installed. Titled, Nga Hau E Wha – The Four Winds, comprises a quartet of kites representing the diverse cultures of Golden Bay. The work is by the Te Awhi

Rito collective of artists associated with Onetahua Marae in Pohara. All the kites were made from steel that was then powder-coated in different colours to give the appearance of various metals. The kites are mounted in polished stones sourced from Golden Bay.

ARTS COUNCIL NELSON REPRESENTATIVE

Arts Council Nelson have invited representation from Tasman District Council. Arts Council Nelson provides support for arts organisations from Nelson, Richmond through to Lakes Murchison. This includes administration of the Creative Communities small grants.

Recommendation

THAT Cr Judene Edgar is selected as Tasman District Council representative on Arts Council Nelson's Executive Board.

PUBLIC ART PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting to discuss the value of public sculpture is being supported by the Tasman and Nelson City councils. The purpose of the meeting is to provide people with an opportunity to discuss the value of public sculpture.

Sculptor Neil Dawson has been invited to give a presentation on the public sculpture commissions he has created, including the *Chalice* in Christchurch square, *Ferns* suspended above the Wellington City Art Gallery and *Bomber Command*, the war memorial in Canberra, Australia. Elizabeth Thomson, member of the panel advising the Wellington Sculpture Trust will also provide input to the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Tasman Council Chambers Thursday 7 May at 7.00 pm.

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY TRUST

Canterbury Community Trust has allocated \$10,000 towards funding a range of community events across the Tasman District. This funding is a significant help to enable a range of events to proceed across the district.

Tasman District Council has also applied to the March round of Canterbury Community Trust for the 2009/2010 youth council activities.

MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Tasman District Council is in the process of applying to the Canterbury Community Trusts Community for support of the Motueka Recreation Centre Redevelopment.

With confirmation of \$750,000 from NZ Lottery Grants Community Facilities Funds, \$40,000 from Lion Foundation and the Tasman District Council contribution of \$1,200,000 the funding for the redevelopment is on track. The specification documents to call for tenders are being finalised by Abel Properties.

As part of the process of applying for these I require a resolution to apply specifically for this funding to each of the following:

Recommendation

THAT Tasman District Council forward an application seeking support for the Motueka Recreation Centre Redevelopment to the New Zealand Community Trust; and

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SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Application forms are out now for travel for sport teams in the 5-19 age group. The next round closes 30 April 2009.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

This funding round closes on 31 March and the Creative Communities Subcommittee are meeting on 15 April. As at the date of this report, we have received 14 applications to be considered at the meeting.

OLDER PERSONS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

A public meeting is being held to discuss how to assist older people to remain active and independent (*Tuesday 12 May from 10am until at the new AML Soccer Pavilion, Saxton Field, Stoke*).

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 Expo is an opportunity for community groups to hear from and talk to funding advisors and providers. The event is on Friday 22 May 10am – 4 pm.

YOUTH CONSULTATION

In light of recent reports of late night anti-social behaviour of Tasman youth in Richmond and surrounding communities, an investigation is currently in place to address these issues. As well as talking to community stakeholders (Community Groups, Businesses, Police, Night Patrol) young people on the streets are being engaged via youth consultation service provided through HYPE-GS.

The projects attempts to:

- Identify why young people are congregating in public places late at night.
- Identify why young people are demonstrating anti-social behaviour and offer solutions to address these behaviours.

- Identify if gaps in the provision of services for young people in Richmond exist and offer possible solutions to address young people services.

A solution based proposal is intended to be submitted into LTCCP and ideally rolled out for next summer.

MURCHISON BMX TRACK

The Murchison youth have been busy designing sample track plans and determining park rules and operations for their newly approved BMX track facility, which is to be presented to the MSRCC Committee for their approval shortly.

Extensive lobbying by the MSBAG's (Murchison Skate & Bike Advisory Group) has successfully enabled the allocation of an area for the development of a BMX track within the recreation reserve to be agreed upon. The new track is intended to be completed in time for an official opening launch to kick off Youth Week Celebrations in Tasman the last week of May, with Mayor Kempthorne making himself available to perform various high flying BMX stunts to mark this fantastic achievement.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The crew to represent the Tasman Youth Council for 2009 have been recruited, comprising of 23 high school students from Murchison, Golden Bay, Motueka and Waimea regions.

They recently participated in an overnight Training Hui at Kimi Ora Resort and Spa which consisted of a series of interactive workshops to develop leadership and communication skills to fore fill their roles.

A busy year of youth events, activities and projects has been brainstormed by the four regional clusters, focusing towards 'getting the youth voice heard' in their respective communities.

IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD RECREATION

A grass roots recreation programme has been visiting local parks and reserves through term 1 in the Tasman District. The programme utilizes the 'Way 2 Go' activities trailer, and provides games of fun and sport for local kids and their extended families, whilst promoting the regions fine reserves and park playgrounds.

OSCAR

Consultation has continued with the regions Holiday Programme Providers to determine how the council can best support their operation. The sector has continued to expand rapidly (now 16 Tasman HP's) at an un-proportionate rate to the level of central government funding.

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