

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 activities of the Community and Recreation Department.

OLDER PERSONS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COMMUNITY MEETING

The meeting was held on Tuesday 12 May at AMI Soccer Pavilion, Saxton Field. The aim was to hear from the community where they feel there are gaps and what the local barriers are to more older adults participating in physical activity. This information will inform future projects and the job description of the new Older Persons Physical Activity Coordinator position at Tasman Regional Sport Trust.

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 22 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 14 applications to be considered. The meeting is on 19 May 2009.

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 5 June 2009. We have 70 nominations at the time of writing.

PUBLIC SCULPTURE FORUM

Tasman District Council hosted the forum held in the evening on the Thursday 7 June. The forum went very well with very positive feedback from people 80+ who attended.

Neil Dawson, who created both the 'Chalice' in Christchurch Cathedral Square and the 'Ferns' in Wellingtons Civic Square, spoke of his considerable experience in being commissioned for and creating public sculpture supported with photo examples. Elizabeth Thompson of the Wellington Sculpture Trust talked about the process in developing the trust and how it now operates.

REPORTING RACISIM

A study has been underway since late March to look at incidents of racial harassment and whether or not the victims are reporting these and how this process could be made easier. The study has been in the form of focus groups. There have been 23 focus groups held with over 160 participants, representing over 30 ethnicities. The final focus groups are to be held this week. The information gained will then be collated into a report before the launch early August. Council has not put any funding to the project but have been asked to consider if on completion if they can support with layout and printing costs of the final document.

ANNUAL REPORTS TO FUNDERS

The end of the financial year project reports to funders are due in the May/June period for the following projects

- NELSON ARC – Ministry of YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- WAY 2 GO Active Communities Project SPARC active communities
- Rural Travel fund SPARC
- Creative Communities – creative New Zealand
- Motueka Newcomers – Ministry of Social Development

BIKEWISE MOTUEKA

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

SOUTH ISLAND MASTER GAMES

Nelson/Tasman has put forward an expression of interest to host the South Island Master Games in 2011 and 2013 at Saxton fields. The facilities at Saxton put us in a strong position with several codes catered for at the same venue. This combined with the regions climate, environment and infrastructure (both physical and skill base) will ensure that we will deliver a memorable event for all participants. If the expression of interest is viewed favourably a full bid will need to be completed later in the year.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Richmond Youth Report

A summary report has been completed surrounding the recent consultation with young people in Richmond and surrounding regions, and has been distributed to Nelson-Tasman youth service providers. An action plan is currently under development, with two funding applications submitted to support initiatives to reduce late night anti-social behaviours.

Youth Week (May 23-30th)

Youth Week is about encouraging young people's participation and connections to their communities, with all four Tasman Youth Council Clusters contributing to this year's celebrations:

Murchison: BMX track opening/construction (TBC)
Motueka: Lunchtime interactive team challenges
Waimea: Pizza by the Slice fundraiser and awareness campaign
Golden Bay: Skate and BMX competition

OSCAR

Big Day Out

Bridge Valley lived up to all and exceeded all expectations when they delivered an action packed day of awesome activities for 300+ Nelson – Tasman holiday programme kids in attendance.

The mood was set from the on set, when Cliff and his crew of young leaders had the crowd in a frenzy of sing-a-long songs, courtesy of the in house band and McGilla the Gorilla.

From there junior and seniors split up into their respective rotations. Tug of war, barrel roll and chariot races were among the top town activities on offer, with archery, flying fox and abseiling part of the programme rotation. Add to this giant puzzle, clay crafts and damper camp cooking, and the day out just got bigger.

BOREDOM BUSTERS

Boredom Busters magazine is under review, with a new format to be introduced to breathe life back into the publication.

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