

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
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WAY TO GO

The SPARC supported Way to Go project is underway with the initial focus being planning promotion and programmes.

Promotion will focus on the creation and distribution of databases of activity provider contacts, maps of urban walking/cycling links and a regular calendar of events. The aim is to have timely easily accessed information on active choices available.

Programmes will be based around community 'hubs' using and expanding the existing Recreation Coordinators roles. Programmes will create achievable challenges and incentives for individuals and groups to take up activities. This could range from walking groups, events or setting up regular active pursuits.

CONIFER PARK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK

Two kilometres of Mountain bike tracks suitable for beginner and junior mountain bike riders have been created at Conifer Park on Rabbit Island. Construction was completed recently with the facility to be officially opened in spring when the signage is up. The tracks are already getting a lot of use both by events and casual users.

BOREDOM BUSTERS

The Boredom Busters Magazine was again packed full of activities, games, competitions and holiday programmes for the 5-13 years olds across the district. The magazine is distributed via the schools to every primary and intermediate student in the Tasman District.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

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

- Barbara Heaton
- Patricia Perry
- Sheryl Nalder
- Judy Simpson
- Maureen Smith
- Jennie Askew
- Colin Wilson
- Laurance Barnett
- Joan Fishley

Each recipient will receive a framed certificate which will be presented at an official ceremony held on 12 August 2005.

TASMAN \$200-SHIPS

The "Sailing Away" Scholarship scheme has been revised and renamed as the Tasman \$200-ships. This is in response to the growing variety of youth development opportunities.

The Sailing Away Scholarships were only available to young people wanting to go on the Spirit of New Zealand. Now the criteria have been expanded to include other youth development or personal skill enhancement projects, such as Whenua-iti and Outward Bound.

The Tasman \$200-ships are available to young people between the ages of 15-20 living in Tasman District. Individuals can only apply once per year but applications can be made at any time during that year. The scholarships are for individuals only, not groups or teams.

The Tasman \$200-ships are aimed at helping young people in Tasman District reach their potential with a focus on leadership, skill and personal development. Application forms containing all the information are out now and available from all Council offices.

NON STOP TRIALS ACADEMY REQUEST TO SUPPORT

Tasman District Council was approached by Steve Oliver of the Non Stop Trials Academy on the 30 June with a request to support the development of their facilities, promotion and events. Sponsorship is being sort in four levels - Gold \$5,000, Silver \$2,000, Bronze \$500 and Donation. The request for support has

been referred to the August Community Grants round and the academy has been invited to attend the August meeting of interested parties involved with Motor Sports.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Motueka Youth Councillors took on the organisation of the Motueka High School Afterball this year resulting in a well organised event with 159 students attending.

The After Ball Event was held at the Motueka Recreation Centre and followed the Motueka High School Ball. The Youth Councillors worked closely with the Police, Recreation Centre Staff, local Youth Workers, HYPE (Help for Young People at Events) and parents in the planning of the event. Police, HYPE, Motueka Regional Ambulance, Motueka Youth Workers and the Motueka Recreation Centre staff were in attendance on the night. An "Alcohol Free" stance was taken with free food available. Minimal alcohol was present on the night and many danced through until 3.00 am. There were no reports of any trouble or problems with this event, no noise complaints and no issues raised by police.

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