

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
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TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

I recently met with Pip Tschudin, Trust Power's Community Relations Coordinator, regarding extending the Nelson Trust Power Community Awards to include Tasman District. The Trust Power Community Awards would be open to all voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations - from health support groups to school PTA's to sports and service clubs. The Awards are about celebrating volunteers and the tremendous amount of work they do in our communities.

The two Councils would share the administration and hosting of the awards celebrations. Trust Power would meet costs of the awards event and provide the prizes of \$500.00 for regional category winners and \$250.00 for regional runners up in each category. There is also one overall supreme winner who goes on to the National Awards.

The Awards cover five categories:

- Heritage and Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Arts and Culture
- Sport and Leisure
- Education and Child/Youth Development

These awards offer another opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work of volunteers groups across the district. The awards complement the Outstanding Community Awards which is for individuals. The partnership offered by Trust Power would require Tasman District Council in conjunction with Nelson City Council to provide administration assistance and to promote and coordinate the awards. No direct new funding would be required. I will work towards finalising this arrangement for the mid 2006 awards.

CONFIER PARK

The Mountain Bike Tracks are getting a huge amount of use and I am pleased to confirm that the National Bikewise Mountain Bike Jam event organisers have approached us to hold this event at Conifer Park in May 2006. The event is a fun competition event aimed at 6-13 year olds divided into four age groups.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Planning is underway for an end of year overnight camp to bring together the 2006 Youth Council representatives from across the district. Possible venues are Whenua-iti, Teapot Valley and Bethney Park.

Youth Guide to Growing Up – this is a guide to inform young people of the fun, challenges, issues and some coping strategies while growing up. This national publication is being planned as a collaborative project currently with five Youth Councils from around the country involved – Ashburton, Auckland, Hastings, Kapiti, Nelson and now Tasman – we have just come on board with this, will update as we progress.

Summer Passport – Waimea College Reps will submit a page to this publication with a Best Place in the Tasman District theme.

Holiday Programs – the lack of Holiday programs for 14-18 years was noted and identified as a project to work on in 2006. Possible activities could include getting a drivers license, leadership, arts and sports.

NELSON TASMAN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN

There have been further delays in completion of the plan with the steering group requesting a revised draft at the 8 August meeting. It is hoped a version ready for community consultation will be ready before the end of September.

WAY TO GO

Way to Go ran an Active Transport Stall at Ecofest supplying information on walking and cycling options and rewarding attendees who had taken an active option to get to the event. This included a couple who rode in from Brightwater and a man who walked in from Richmond. Way to Go is currently advertising for a part-time coordinator who will be based at the Richmond Town Hall.

COMMUNITY TRUST APPLICATIONS

The Community Recreation Department has made an application to The Community Trust for the Boredom Busters Magazine and the Holiday Programme Assistance Scheme.

GRANTS FROM RATES

Grants from Rates closed on the 31 August 2005 with 115 applications requesting \$417,474.59 from a fund of \$225,000.00 (including Museums) to be considered by the Grants from Rates Subcommittee when they meet on 27 September 2005.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Funding for local community arts projects closes 30 September 2005 with an allocation of \$14,905.69 from Creative New Zealand.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

The allocation from SPARC for the 2005/2006 has been increased to \$11,027.34 from \$8,270.40. I am currently waiting for the updated criteria and funds to be forwarded. I don't think the major target of the fund will change, namely young people aged between 5–19 years to help subsidise travel for junior sports teams to participate in local competition. The closing dates will be the same as previous – the last working days of October and April.

BOREDOM BUSTERS/HOLIDAY PROGRAM ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The final term holiday is approaching with the spring break. This will be the last Boredom Busters magazine for the year with 6000 recently distributed to all primary and intermediate school children. The assistance scheme supports programmes financially to put on safe, well organised programmes by meeting health and safety criteria, training as well as listing their programmes in Boredom Busters Magazine.

MATURE PERSONS SCHOLARSHIPS

There are six recipients this year who are invited to receive their Mature Persons Scholarship cheques as part of the Community Services Committee meeting on 8 September 2005.

MUDCAKES AND ROSES DANCE PARTY

The Spring themed Mudcakes and Roses dance party was held at the Waimea Town and Country Club on 24 August with 160 people attending.

SENIOR EXPO

The Motueka Senior Expo was held on Tuesday 23 August with 53 stalls representing recreation, health, social Services, central and local government. The event was well supported with a steady flow of attendees through out the day.

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