

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community and Recreation Advisor  
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## SUMMER FESTIVAL EVENTS

Across the region the Community Recreation Department supported and organised a wide range of events. These included Christmas Parades, Carols in the Park, Outdoor Movies across the region markets, Jazz in the Park Richmond, Motueka and Golden Bay, Tata Beach Day, Takaka Mardis Gras, Murchison Family fun day and the Teddy Bear Picnic. These events are all gaining recognition and are becoming events that the community enjoy as part of their summer activities.

Upcoming events include:

**Brightwater Food and Wine Fair**, Bryant Road 11.00 am-6.00 pm (20 February 2006)

**Nouveau Design Awards** (23-26 February 2006), performance and exhibition of entrants to the awards. Categories include costume, graphics, painting, photography, jewellery, sculpture, paper-mache and printmaking.

**Outdoor Movies** in Tasman at Jester House, 25 February 2006 and Takaka Village Green 11 March 2006.

**Last of the Summer Fare** (2 March 2006), wine food and entertainment, Croucher Street, Richmond.

**Motueka Market** in conjunction with Our Town Motueka, Sunday 23 April 2006. A harvest festival themed market being held in High Street Motueka.

## SWIMMING POOLS

Pool Subsidy Policy allocates funding to secondary, area and primary school to allow their pools to be available to the community for public swimming. Twenty two school pools were assisted to be available to the communities via this fund – access is by key

purchase. Motueka High School, Golden Bay High School and Collingwood Area School are contracted under individual agreements to provide supervised swimming.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING ROUNDS**

**SPARC Rural Travel Fund** - application forms are out now for travel for sport teams in the 5-19 age group. The next round closes 28 April 2006.

**Creative Communities** - application forms are out now for projects that increase participation in the arts. The closing date is 31 March, with the committee meeting 18 April to allocate funds.

## **TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS**

I can confirm that the Trust Power Community Awards will include community groups in the Tasman District this year. The awards have run for several years in Nelson City only. The Trust Power Community Awards are 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.

This year the two Councils will share the administration and hosting of the awards celebrations. Trust Power will meet the catering 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 will also be a Tasman and a Nelson overall winner who will receive \$750.00 as well as this an 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 and celebrate the work of volunteers groups across the district. The awards complement the existing Tasman Outstanding Community Awards which is for individuals.

Nominations Open: Monday 3 April 2006 (10 week nomination period)

Nominations Close: Friday 9 June 2006

Judging: Tuesday 4 July 2006

Awards Function: Tuesday 11 July 2006, Saxton Fields (tbc)

**Judging panel includes:** Trustpower representatives, Arts Community representatives, TDC/NCC elected representatives, TDC/NCC staff support,

community representatives. I suggest Tasman District Council be represented by the Chair of Community Services Committee and Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

## **NELSON TASMAN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN**

The Draft plan was released prior to Christmas with submissions being called for closing Friday 24 February 2006.

The plan aims to identify what needs to be done to enable our communities to be more physically active.

Focus will be on what can be done to achieve better access to physical activity opportunities, to make better use of limited resources and support more efficient provision of facilities. The plan has specified actions for communities across the region.

## **TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

### **Sounds of Summer – Tasman Youth Council ASB Aquatic Centre Gig**

Waimea Youth Councillors did an excellent job in organising this music event to help launch the 'Summer Passport', which was a publication with information for young people on leisure activities, health and safety reminders, and contact details for various youth organisations in the Nelson/Tasman region. The Summer Passport was put together by a collaboration of local organisations and both NCC and TDC Youth Councillors. The afternoon's entertainment comprised of three live bands, a beach volleyball competition, and discounts offered for swimming in the ASB Aquatic Centre pool. Although the event was well organised and advertised, sadly the attendance numbers were not as high as anticipated, however the 60 or so youth that did attend had a fun afternoon.

### **Sunnyside Up**

The sun was beaming and the shade of the trees was a welcome relief this year for the 1200 or so spectators who came along and took part in our annual end of summer youth event. Goodnight Nurse, King Kapisi, and Master Pilot Sound System entertained the crowds and Cheapskates had a record number of registrations for their BMX and Skateboard Competition. The volleyball courts were full and the bouncing boxing ring got utilised also. This year we had a temporary liquor ban put on the park which did have to be enforced a couple of times by security, but overall the event was enjoyed by all that attended.

### **Youth Council Recruitment and Training for 2006**

It's time to start recruiting for Youth Council again with the start of the new school year about to begin. We will be having an overnight training weekend at the end of March with the new recruits, and remaining Youth Councillors from around the district (Murchison, Golden Bay, Tapawera, Motueka and Waimea). We will have various speakers from local organisations come along and run workshops on the following topics: What is local government and what are the functions of Council, how does Youth Council fit into local government, the role and responsibilities of a youth

councillor, group work and communication skills, reports on past activities Youth Council has undertaken, forum on issues affecting young people in our local community (looking at each ward as a separate entity also), future plans for activities for the year to come having these in mind.

## **WALK/BIKE TASMAN**

Both the new Walk and Bike publications have sold out the first print run with new print run ordered. A lot of good feedback on the convenient pocket size of the new format has been received.

## **RICHMOND WAY TO GO MAP OF WALKING AND CYCLING LINKS**

Richmond's Urban Links brochure will be available from the end of February. This new free brochure shows how to find your way around Richmond's extensive network of walkways and cycle ways. These links allow pleasant, easy and often off-road access to lots of different community facilities. The publication is funded by the Way to Go project under SPARC Active Communities funding. The publication will also be used as a basis of signage - the first of which is to be erected at the ASB Aquatic Centre in the next few months.

A Motueka map is now underway with aim to have this launched by mid-year.

## **BIKE WISE WEEK**

Bike Wise Week is on again from 25 February–5 March. This annual promotion of cycling is a great time to get on your bike. Three major events are part of Bike Wise Week are:

*The Business Battle* – The Bike Wise Business Battle aim is to promote the joy of getting to work by bike. Tasman District Council will again enter the fray with a team in the national competition. The national competition is a simple percentage of staff that cycle more than 2 kilometres in the nine days. We are also this year introducing our own inter department/service centre challenge. The competition is a numbers game, the more riders participating and the greater the total distance covered by all riders the better. Participating requires only a ride of 2 kilometres or more over the nine days. The department or service centre with the greatest distance per rider covered is up for a great prize package as is the department or service centre that gets the greatest percentage of staff cycling (recording sheets will be distributed).

*Go by Bike Day, Wednesday 1 March 2006:* This is a day with a focus to encourage participation – in TDC Richmond a healthy breakfast will be on offer for staff and in Motueka and Takaka stations will set up between 7.45 am and 9.00 am in the town centre offering snacks drinks and giveaways to cyclists.

*Family Fun Bike Ride, 26 February 2006, 10.00 am–12.30 pm, ASB Aquatic Centre:* The opening of the new Salisbury Road underpass by Mayor John Hurley starts

proceedings. Then a circuit down to the Honest Lawyer and back will complete this 9 kilometre loop. The event includes entertainment, prizes, giveaways, demonstrations and helmet checks.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Tasman District Council staff and councillors are again entering a team in the fundraiser for the Nelson Cancer Society. The event runs 4 and 5 March 2006.

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