

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
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SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisors Report

SWIMMING POOL SUBSIDIES

The subsidies to enable the regions school pools to open for public swimming as per Tasman District Council's Swimming Policy are in process for the 2006/2007 summer with contracts and applications being sent out.

GRANTS FROM RATES

Grants from Rates closed on the 31 August 2006 with 144 applications requesting \$317,434.64 from a fund of \$198,000.00 (\$162,000.00 plus \$36,000.00 for Museums) to be considered by the Grants from Rates Subcommittee when they met on 19 September 2006.

Grants totalling \$188,780.00 were granted for the August round.

TASMAN \$200 SHIPS

Scholarships of \$200.00 have been awarded to the following individuals towards costs of the following Youth Development opportunities in the last four months:

Rosie Finn, Olivia Borlase, Jane Middleton, Helen Hendrickson, Harry Bourke, Anthony Hawkes, Cody Coppins and Travis Fisher.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING

The Creative Communities Funding for local community arts projects we administer on behalf of Creative New Zealand closed on 29 September. The Subcommittee meets on 24 October to consider the 19 applications received with an allocation of \$14,367.07.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Funding to assist with travel costs of rural sports teams for 5-19 year olds. The current round closes 31 October, letters have been sent out to schools and past recipients notifying them of closing dates. Media releases have also been sent.

WAY 2 GO ACTIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Spring Strut Stride

This region wide walking promotion has had good response with over 70 teams entered, equating to approx 700 participants.

Action Expo

On Saturday 7 October more than 2000 attended the ASB Aquatic Centre to take part in the Way2Go Action Expo and celebrate the Pools second birthday.

The Way2Go Action Expo showcased a variety of sports and activities available in the region including dance, martial arts, ball sports, and rollerblading. More than 35 groups took part, all with an emphasis on "have a go" opportunities. Combining with the pool celebrations worked well with the two events able to share promotions. Swimming sessions were free for the day which was a big draw card and the public took advantage by packing in.

Motueka Way 2 Go Urban Links Map

This brochure has now been completed and shows the network of Motueka walkways and cycle ways, profiles the Parks and Reserves, suggests a few short walks and key destinations. These links allow pleasant, easy and often off-road access to lots of different community facilities. The aim is to encourage the further use of the pathways and the parks and reserves in Motueka both recreationally as well as a means of encouraging getting to destinations by active transport. The publication will be distributed via Motueka Library and Service Centre as well as at community events and the Motueka Recreation Centre. The publication is jointly funded by the Way 2 Go project and Tasman District Council.

NELSON TASMAN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN

Implementation of the plan is well underway with the Way 2 Go project a result of the plan. This project is directly providing activities to communities via events, promotions and access from regional hubs in Takaka, Motueka, Moutere and Richmond. Next focus is on development of communication

guidelines. This is to develop consistent descriptions of facilities. This is particularly important for descriptions of walking and cycling facilities so users know what sort of experience and fitness is required.

Discussion is underway on development of the existing Total Mobility Group to be an advisory group for inclusion and accessibility.

The Physical Activity and Nutrition (PANT) meetings are being held bi-monthly co-hosted by TDC and NCC. These meetings enable planning of physical activity provision across the district.

FOUND

An Application was made to the Canterbury Community Trust to further develop the Found website to increase search tool and to create its own web presence (currently hosted in NCC site).

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Tasman Karaoke Superstar Comp

The first heats of the TKS have been completed. There were 50 entrants aged between 4 years and 18 years singing their hearts out in the Richmond Mall over the second week of the October school holidays. The competition was tough but the judges managed to get it down to the final three. The top nine performers will be competing against the Golden Bay and Motueka winners at the Motueka A&P Show on 3 December. As well as being a great community event for youth and children it was an excellent opportunity to promote the Tasman Youth Council and we got a lot of good press and publicity from the event.

Jam Mag

You will have all seen the first edition of Jam Mag by now and hope that you all found something of interest to read in it. The youth councillors put a lot of effort into producing the articles and we have had lots of positive feedback from young readers around the region. The next edition is due out mid December.

Way 2 Go Expo

Tasman Youth Council had a stand at the expo and it was a good opportunity to get some young people to fill in the transport survey and to promote the youth council to the wider community.

Youth in Local Govt Conference 2006

Four youth councillors and Cindus Colonna attended the conference. Verbal feedback reports from three of the youth councillors who attended to be presented at the 18 October meeting by Emma Higgins, Eliana Glover and Cameron Leslie and Community Recreation Officer Cindus Colonna.

BOREDOM BUSTERS

Big Day Out

These holidays to coincide with national OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) week Big Day out was an OSCAR Party in the Park which took place at the Trafalgar Centre. 350 children from around the Nelson/Tasman region attended and took part in a range of activities including a fun fair with a variety of rides like the chair-o-plane, merry go round, mini jeep rides etc. They also learnt a dance and completed an art activity which comprised of painting sections in a mural which represents childhood. Great fun had by all!

OSCAR Workshop

The travelling OSCAR workshop coordinator these holidays presented a workshop on African Storytelling. The workshop covered some background on African culture, with some traditional African rhythms being played by Judah Semong (the workshop coordinator) on different drums and percussion instruments. The children then took part in a traditional African story by playing the percussion instruments inline with the story as told by Judah. Have had great feedback from the holiday programme providers and some of the children that Judah presented his workshop to. Judah visited 13 programmes in the Nelson/Tasman region including Golden Bay and Motueka.

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