

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community and Recreation Advisor  
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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Community Services Committee on the activities of the Community Recreation department.

## BIKEWISE WEEK

The annual cycling promotion was extended this year with family fun rides held in Motueka, Richmond and Takaka as well as mid week Go By Bike breakfasts held in Motueka, Murchison, Richmond and Takaka. The districts communities supported the events with large enthusiastic turnouts. Family Fun Rides registration figures were Motueka 175, Richmond 600 and Takaka 135.

Another aspect of BikeWise week was the Business Battle where Tasman District Council again performed well with both Murchison and Takaka achieving 100% participation and Takaka Service Centre taking out a national prize. Bikewise week is coordinated in conjunction with Road Safety Coordinators, the Regional Recreation Coordinators and help of a number of volunteers.

## TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Trustpower Community Award nominations for 2007 opened on 12 March with 23 received at time of writing. The 2006 national awards were held on the weekend of 24/25 March with the region well represented by last year's overall winner the Taste Tasman Event.

## RECREATION COORDINATORS

The Regional Recreation Coordinators quarterly meeting was held on 26 February with their quarterly reports on activities presented and discussed. The meeting has been extended to include the Way 2 Go Hub coordinator from Moutere Hills and Victory Square (*minutes available on request*)

## **COMMUNICATION KAWATIRI**

The Arts Industry Regional Strength project is focusing on the Top of the South Arts Expo to be held in the Trafalgar Centre 29/30 May. The Expo is to introduce art practitioners to national gallery owners.

Artloop Website. The website of Top of the South Artists has had a major upgrade of function and appearance. The new site will be going live in April. Address is [www.artloop.co.nz](http://www.artloop.co.nz)

## **NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT**

The Nelson Marlborough District Health Board project announced last year is underway with the five year plan currently being developed. This is a collaborative project which aim is to strengthen local initiatives and identify gaps. There is strong relationship back to the Regional and Nelson Tasman Physical Activity plans and the national Healthy Eating Healthy Action Plan (HEHA) with the focus of improving health outcomes. I represent Tasman District Council on the steering group

## **NELSON TASMAN SETTLEMENT SUPPORT PROJECT LAUNCH**

Settlement Support is a Department of Labour funded national project. It provides local support for migrant and refugee families that have come to live permanently in New Zealand. The launch is on Friday 13 April at 5.30 pm Whakatu Marae, please let me know if you would like to attend.

## **BIG DAY OUT**

These holidays the theme for Big Day Out is 'Challenge Yourself'. We will be having a fun day at Tahunanui Beach on 11 April with lots of exciting and challenging activities organised including rides on the Hydroslide and Mega slide. Currently 10 programmes from around the Nelson/Tasman Region have enrolled for the day with a total of 290 children.

## **BOREDOM BUSTERS MAGAZINE**

Still proving to be a very popular and utilised magazine each holiday period. This issue I have encouraged programmers to send in photos of their children doing holiday activities to go on the front cover and throughout the magazine and have had lots of good responses so check it out you may see some kids you know!!

## **TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

The annual weekend training hui took place on the 23/24 March. The Hui allows the representatives for the year to get an overview of how the Tasman Youth Council functions and to consider areas of focus for their own youth communities.

We had 22 youth attending from around the region and four leaders. This year we had our first representatives from Murchison attend and they are looking forward to implementing some Youth Council initiatives in the Murchison District this year. Thank you to Councillor Pat O'Shea for coming along and taking the Local Government Workshop.

## **OSCAR (OUT OF SCHOOL CARE AND RECREATION) NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2007**

Cindus attended the National Conference on 16-18 March. She presented a workshop on 'Keeping Your Programme Fresh' which incorporated ways to ensure holiday and after school programmes provide new and stimulating activities so that staff and children remain enthused about attending and taking part in programmes. It was positive to note that feedback from participants at the conference noted that Tasman District Council (jointly with Nelson City Council) are the only Council who sponsor a magazine like Boredom Busters, provide educational workshops, and Big Day Out activities in New Zealand (something we should be proud of).

## **WAY 2 GO – ACTIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT**

WAY 2 GO was successful in applying for an additional \$1,000 funding from the NMDHB Nutrition and Physical Activity project to extend the 'Steps to Health' pedometer programme. Funding will allow purchase of extra pedometers to allow the libraries to be a loan point. This will initially be trialled out of the Richmond library before extending region wide.

Activities Trailer; Way 2 Go was also successful in applying to the Canterbury Community Trust Applications for \$10,000 to purchase an activities trailer. The trailer will be fitted with a public address sound system and will take physical activity equipment to communities - the aim being to demonstrate fun and affordable play activities targeting existing events and rural communities. The details of design, storage, equipment and ownership are being finalised with the WAY 2 GO steering group.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING ROUNDS**

### **Creative Communities**

Application forms are out now for projects that increase participation in the arts. The closing date is 30 March, with the committee meeting 30 April to allocate funds. Creative New Zealand allocate \$29,811 (+ GST) per annum which is split into two rounds. There is \$14,572.76 available for the March 2007 round and we have received six applications as at 27 March.

### **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 2007.

## **Canterbury Community Trust Applications**

The application to support the community events coordinated by the community recreation department was successful in receiving \$10,000 for 2007/08.

The application to support the Tasman Youth Council was forwarded for the March "Youth" round with notification expected in April.

## **EVENTS**

The final events of the summer period have been successfully completed since last report. They were the Brighwater Wine and Food Festival, Last of the Summer Fare, BikeWise Week, Children's Day, Tasman Skate Park Tour and the Summer Shakespeare. The settled weather and good promotions ensured a good turnout to all events. Unfortunately we did have some incorrect information published regarding Summer Shakespeare which had to be corrected. This has been discussed with Drycrust.

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