

# **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community and Recreation Advisor  
**DATE:** 10 September 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee on the Community and Recreation Department.

## **GRANTS FROM RATES**

The Community Grants from Rates scheme received 153 applications prior to the 31 August deadline. The Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee meet on Wednesday 25 September 2007 to consider the applications.

## **CREATIVE COMMUNITIES**

Application forms are out now for projects that increase participation in the arts. The closing date is 28 September, with the committee meeting 8 October to allocate funds. Creative New Zealand allocate \$29,811 (+ GST) per annum which is split into two 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 31 October 2007.

## **NELSON TASMAN ARTS STRATEGY**

Nelson Bays Arts Marketing Trust have prepared the Project Brief for the development of the Regional Arts Strategy. It is proposed that the arts strategy be developed through a fully consultative process involving an initial scoping phase which assesses the current state of the local arts sector and the issues surrounding economic sustainability. This would be incorporated into the development of a draft Arts Strategy which would include an implementation plan and potential funding partners. The project would involve a Working Party

with the participation of a Tasman District Council and a Nelson City Council Councillor and staff member; a Reference Group and use of appropriate research and analysis tools.

| <b>Sign-off points</b>  | <b>Dates</b> |
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| NCC/TDC Planning Dept – process approval                          | Sept 2007    |
| Arts Sector Assessment presented to Working Party                 | Mar 2008     |
| Draft strategy to both NCC & TDC Councils                         | June 2008    |
| Final regional Arts Strategy to NCC & TDC for LTCCP incorporation | October 2008 |

## **NELSON ARTS FESTIVAL**

Tasman District Council are again sponsors of the Nelson Arts Festival. The festival runs from 11 – 22 October and the program includes performances in Mahana, Moutere, Murchison, Richmond and Takaka. Programs are out now and available at all libraries and offices across the district.

## **WAY2GO ACTION EXPO**

The Action Expo events will provide a wide range of physical activity providers with an opportunity to showcase their activities. The expos are not just about looking. People will be invited to have a go and learn first hand about the great and varied range of physical activity options available throughout the region, and hopefully find one that suits them. The event in Richmond will also feature a running and cycling duathlon for families that want to push themselves a bit harder. The Richmond Action Expo is being run in conjunction with the ASB Aquatic Centres 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on 6 October and the Motueka Expo is on 13 October and is in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of the Motueka Recreation Centre.

## **SPRING STRUT AND STRIDE**

Spring Strut Stride is a regional walking promotion event where participants have to create a team of up to 10 and walk - either collectively or individually! Spring Strut Stride is all about encouraging the community to get active and to feel good, stay healthy and have fun while doing it. Last year 87 teams with more than 700 members were out pounding the pavement. The event runs for five weeks through October which is national push-play nation month.

## **POSITIVE AGING FORUM**

The Forum met on 3 September with a presentation on 'Carers support' and the 'Gold Card' from Gavin Cook, Ministry of Social Development. Minutes are available on request.

## **TASMAN KARAOKE SUPERSTAR COMP**

This Tasman Youth Council event begins with the heats which will be held in the Richmond Mall on 25-27 September, Moutere in October, Takaka and Motueka in November. The final is held in Motueka at the A&P Show on 2 December. As well as being a great community event for youth and children it is an excellent opportunity to promote the Tasman Youth Council.

## **RECREATION COORDINATORS**

The following is a summary of Regional Programmes from the Minutes of the Recreation Coordinators meeting held on 20 August.

### **Golden Bay**

Winter School holiday programme was successful and well supported. Rock climbing, abseiling and caving can be offered again now a certificated instructor is resident in Golden Bay. Johnny Fersterer of the Youth Council helped as a volunteer in the winter holidays.

Unihockey attracts between 16 and 24 people most Monday nights and field hockey tournaments began in August.

Way2Go: Is active with a range of Community recreation programmes including "shootin' hoops" in Takaka and Collingwood, "Turn Up & Trim Up" exercise to music programme

"Price Of Milk" a variety concert at the Takaka Village theatre was sellout success.

BMX track at Takaka is about to start, parents and digger drivers can't wait to get started.

Up-coming Events: Family Cycle ride Day and Guy Fawkes night at the Pohara boat Club, Terakohe.

### **Moutere**

Table tennis, Karate, Youth volleyball and Circuit classes are all proving very popular.

The centre is hosting the Active Families programme with 5x families enrolled. The target is to get less active families motivated to be active together in a social environment.

A family fun night was held with 165 people attending. Playing old-time games eg egg and spoon races and three legged races.

The centre is heavily booked with functions on every weekend and looking to increase marketing to business for functions.

An after school programme is run every day and looking to offer School Holiday programme next year.

### **Motueka**

The Recreation centres 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday is on 13 October. The Birthday is to be combined with an action expo.

Mini ball and dodgeball are getting big numbers and roller skating is picking up.

The gym is getting a lot of use with the 50+ group is the biggest class and ACC providers using the gym for clients.

Green Prescription have started a walking group combined with a gym session.

The winter holiday programme was down in numbers which is likely to be due to seasonal work.

Youth drop in centre is growing with a few teenage issues starting up it is to be noted that Get Safe aren't replacing youth social worker.

Big Day Out at will be held at Motueka Recreation Centre in the September Holidays.

### **Murchison**

The winter holiday programme had 91enrolment with children aged between 5-16 generated.

Safe with Age are looking at doing courses in Murchison and training a local person to do this.

The project to place Historic markers in town is progressing well with photos to be used decided and discussion underway with the maker of the plaque to finalise details

A new walking group is starting up with a focus on walks near town, not the long walks done with the more active group.

Tasman Youth council is proving difficult with only have 45 students in the High School. Recreation Officer Paul McConachie is meeting Scott to see how we can assist.

Several meetings have been held with groups regarding the proposed BMX/Skate Park these include Pony Club, Domain Board and Recreation Centre representatives.

The stage play Hatch will be performed in Murchison as part of Nelson Arts Festival.

## **Richmond**

The Winter Holiday Programme reached peak capacity two weeks out from programme commencement. The programme has expanded and become a national leader for special needs inclusion.

Baby & Buggy developed and introduced for parents who want to be active where baby comes too.

Preschool Gym now has a permanent 3x weekly slot at TRRC and is extremely well received.

Easy-beat aerobics and Tai Chi Falls prevention activities are growing with 50+ participants regularly attending

Oldtime dancing is still very popular and a very social and active night for older adults.

Ease into Activity 4-weekly sessions have started which will support new exercisers to ease into an activity. Designed around walking and pedometers but leads to activity plans

The Library pedometer loan programme being trialed through Tasman Library is getting a huge response. Funding accessed through DHB to purchase 45 pedometers

## **CANTERBURY COMMUNITY TRUST APPLICATIONS**

The Community Recreation Department makes applications to The Community Trust to support projects including Way 2 Go, Summer Festival Events, Found Community Organisation database, Boredom Busters Magazine and the Holiday Program Assistance Scheme. The Trust requires as part of the funding criteria that the organisation includes a recent copy of minutes with a carried recommendation to apply for funding.

Recommendation that the committee adopt the following:

**THAT the Community Services Committee supports the application for funding to Canterbury Community Trust to top up the funding already received from Council to go towards Community Recreation Projects.**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be received

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