

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
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The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee on the Community and Recreation Department.

SUMMER FESTIVAL EVENTS

Across the region the Community Recreation Department supported and organised a wide range of events. These included Tiny Tots Teddies and Toys, Christmas Parades, Carols in the Park, the Tasman Skatepark Tour, Outdoor Movies across the region, markets, Jazz in the Park, Summer Shakespeare, Night with the Stars, Waitangi Day celebrations, Tata Beach Day, Takaka Mardis Gras and the Teddy Bear Picnics. These events are all gaining recognition and are becoming events that the community enjoy as part of their summer activities.

Upcoming events include:

BikeWise events 23 February–2 March
Last of the Summer Fare 29 February

Tasman Skatepark Tour Review

The Tasman Skatepark Tour was held in six of the skateparks in the Tasman District. The competition was a series of both Skateboard and BMX bike comps throughout January. Most of the comps had about 30 competitors split up amongst the six competitions. This was ideal for the smaller parks to accommodate the flow of riders. All of the events drew large crowds of 80-200+ people. The crowds were a real cross section of local communities - young and old came together to enjoy the sporting skills displayed by local and regional riders.

The tour was supported by the Tasman District Council and Tasman Youth Councillors, in conjunction with Cheapskates and Village Cycles.

In Your Neighbourhood

The first in a series of “In your Neighbourhood” events was successfully trialled in Richmond, Brightwater and Wakefield. Way 2 Go in partnership with Tasman District Council coordinated the event using the recently purchased active communities trailer. The events were for two hours from 10am–noon and are in the smaller parks within communities.

The events are aimed at attracting local residents to use these parks, have a laugh and have a go at a range of activities. Attendance was from 12–30+ participants. We will look at running these events in other communities throughout the year.

SWIMMING POOLS

Pool Subsidy Policy allowed funding for secondary, area and primary schools pools to be available to the community for public swimming. Nineteen 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.

BIKEWISE WEEK

The annual Bike Wise Week cycling promotion is on again from 23 February – 2 March.

There are many community events planned as part of Bike wise week including:

- Go By Bike Day is on Wednesday 27 February from 7.00 am-9.00 am. There are stations all over the region where cyclists will be offered breakfast snacks and other giveaways to anyone who bikes this day. Sites include:
 - Richmond - Village Cycles
 - Motueka - outside the Museum, High Street
 - Takaka - Village Green,
 - Murchison, TDC office
- The Motueka Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge - Saturday 23 February 10.00 am, the Skate Park, Old Wharf Rd.
- The Nelson/Richmond Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge - Sunday 24 February 10.00 am, ASB Aquatic Centre, Richmond.
- The Takaka Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge - Saturday 1 March 10.00 am, the Village Green.

There is also the Bike Wise Business battle which Tasman District Council is entering. This is to promote cycling as an active transport option for staff.

NELSON TASMAN ARTS POLICY

In June 2007 the Nelson City Council (NCC) and Tasman District Council (TDC) received a number of submissions lead by Nelson Tasman Arts Marketing calling for a regional arts strategy. Tasman District Council had allocated funds for the development of an Arts Policy. These funds will be allocated to the regional strategy.

A Project Team was formed to work closely with the Nelson Tasman Arts Marketing who have now handed over this role to the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency (EDA) who are acting as lead agent for the strategy development project. A Working Group with TDC (Cr Stuart Borlase) and NCC Councillors, representatives of the arts sector, Canterbury Community Trustee, and a member of the Nelson Bays Arts Marketing Trust (AM) has been established and will meet February/March. The working party will provide oversight of the strategy development and a reference group is being formed to provide arts industry expertise and support.

Proposals are now being sought from suitably qualified consultants to collect information and consult with relevant communities and stakeholders. Feedback will include the wider community in terms of what arts activities they would want to happen, as well as identifying aspirations of arts organisations and individual artists.

POSITIVE AGEING FORUM

Next Positive Ageing Forum meeting is on Monday 3 March, Richmond Town Hall 1.00-3.00 pm.

AGE TO BE – POSITIVE AGEING EXPO

The event was last held in 2005 and will again take place at the Annesbrook Community Centre on Saturday 5 April 2008.

The event aims to provide information and raise awareness of opportunities and services to make ageing a positive experience for our community. The Expo will focus on community groups, helping agencies, local and central government, as well as local interest, training, recreation and hobby groups. Groups will have stall displays and entertainment is to be included.

Feedback will also be sought on the day to an opportunity for those attending to have input into the review of the Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Policy.

GRANTS AND FUNDING ROUNDS

Sparc Rural Travel Fund

Application forms are out now for travel for sport teams in the 5-9 age group. The next round closes 30 April 2007.

Creative Communities

Application forms are out now for projects that increase participation in the arts. The next round closes 28 March 2008.

Trustpower Community Awards

Tasman District Council is again providing support to administer these awards which acknowledge the work of the regions community organisations. Nominations for the 2008 awards open on 10 March. Please help spread the word to ensure we continue to build on the 118 nominations received in 2007.

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http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/community_services_committee/reports/2008/rcs080214_report_community_and_recreation_advisor.doc