

# 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**

The final events of the summer period have been successfully completed since the last report. They were the Last of the Summer Fare, BikeWise Week events, Children's Day, and the Takaka Mardi Gras. The settled weather and good promotions ensured a good turnout to events. The only exception was the BikeWise family fun rides all being effected; Motueka and Takaka were both postponed due to rain, the Richmond ride went ahead although with reduced numbers.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING ROUNDS**

### **Creative Communities**

This funding is for projects that increase participation in the arts. The round closes 31 March, with the committee meeting 22 April to allocate funds. Creative New Zealand allocate \$29,811 (+ GST) per annum which is split into two rounds.

### **SPARC Rural Travel Fund**

This funding is to support travel costs for sport teams in the 5-19 age group. The next round closes 30 April 2008.

### **Trustpower Community Awards**

The Trustpower Community Award nominations for 2008 opened on 10 March. The awards are to celebrate and give profile to the volunteer groups across the region. Teresa Partridge visited the Tasman District Council libraries and offices to talk to customer service staff about the scheme and the process of nominating groups.

## **Ministry of Social Services Refugee and Migrant Projects Fund**

An application to setup a Newcomers Network for Migrants in Motueka has been forwarded to the above fund.

## **Ministry of Youth Development Youth Partnership Fund**

This funding is available to local authorities to apply on behalf of youth focused projects consistent with the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa. Three projects were forwarded to the Tasman District Council to be considered; the Nelson ARC project was selected via a weighed attributes method. The application was sent prior to the 20 March deadline.

## **SPARC Active Communities**

The Way 2 Go project focused on initiatives to get the community more physically active is applying to SPARC for funding to develop community based programmes. The application has been received favourably with the initial hurdles of the Expression of Interest and full application both being accepted. SPARC representatives are coming to meet with the Way 2 Go steering group and to discuss the project in April.

## **Canterbury Community Trust Applications**

The application to support the community events coordinated by the community recreation department was successful in receiving \$10,000 for 2008/09.

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

## **AGE TO BE – POSITIVE AGEING EXPO**

The Expo has over 50 stalls confirmed with a broad range of groups taking part, these include the social, recreation and education services.

The event takes place on Saturday 5 April at Annesbrook Church Community Centre 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. The focus is now on promoting the event to the community via community papers, radio, posters, press releases and the Bishopdale signs.

## **RECREATION COORDINATORS**

The Regional Recreation Coordinators quarterly meeting was held on 17 March. The coordinators presented their quarterly reports on activities and discussed any issues. All have been busy with summer events and summer holiday programs. These quarterly meetings are a valuable way for the

coordinators to keep Tasman District Council informed and for shared training opportunities. Presentations at the meeting were from Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and from Drycrust Communications.

## **NELSON TASMAN ARTS STRATEGY**

The requests for proposals from consultants have been advertised and closed on 18 March. The working party will consider respondents and negotiate start time for the consultant to begin background work and consultations April/May.

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