

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 22 July 2008
SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

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

GRANTS FROM RATES

Applications for Community Grants close Friday 29 August with forms available at service centres, libraries and via the website.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Applications for Creative Community Grants close 30 September with forms available as above.

NMDHB, NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT

The operational plan for this project in 2008/2009 includes the following action areas: Healthy Childhood, Healthy Food Healthy Choices, Active Neighbourhoods Active Lives, Supporting vulnerable families and people, and reducing chronic conditions. The NMDHB is allocating more than \$2.5 million in the next financial year in supporting existing services, implementing new services and means of getting the message out to the community. The funding is strengthening and adding value to projects. Tasman District Council is directly involved in including Way 2 Go and the Found directory as well as supporting projects and organisations we work with.

SPRING STRUT AND STRIDE

Spring Strut Stride is run by Way 2 Go in conjunction with the Heart Foundation and is a team based regional walking promotion. The event celebrates the national Push Play Nation promotion which is an annual event in October. Information brochures, team and individual recording charts are being launched soon.

ECOFEST

An active transport stall is being held again this year to promote Walk Tasman, the Urban Links maps and the upcoming Way 2 Go events.

WAY2GO ACTION EXPOS

The Action Expos showcase the diverse sport, recreation and leisure activities available in our region. These are being held in Motueka and Richmond with planning for Golden Bay currently underway.

MUSEUMS

Motueka Museum

The Shifting Sands Exhibition has now finished and was very successful. The winter exhibition currently being prepared is the Streets Exhibition with the stories of another 11 local streets. Toilet upgrade work is currently underway with the museum closed for two weeks.

Golden Bay Museum

The very successful 'Moo', dairy exhibition is now over and the new 'Portraits of Golden Bay' has recently opened. Visitor numbers reached nearly 12,500 in the last 12 months, the bulk of these between Labour Day and Easter.

SUNDIAL SQUARE

An opening celebration for the community and those involved in the design and construction of the new Richmond Town Centre. There will be a mix of formalities and entertainment to launch this significant centre for the community of Richmond on 6 September from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm.

RICHMOND URBAN LINKS

I am currently updating the map for release in for spring promotions. We have distributed 8,000 of these since the first print run in 2006.

LOTTERIES APPLICATION

An application to Lotteries Community Facilities Fund has been sent for transformation of the current roller rink area into a multi purpose facility, extension of the toilet facilities to cater for Goodman Park users, provision of community meeting space and entrance area upgrades. The funding round closes 1 August.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Young People volunteering their services in the community were officially recognised during the 2008 Youth Volunteer Awards. Special award recipients were treated to a humbling evening hosted by Deville Café, and featuring guest speakers Richard Kempthorne and Felicity Gibson from Volunteering Service Abroad. 41 Tasman Youth were nominated for their voluntary community input.

OSCAR BIG DAY OUT

A revised format saw the winter 08 Big Day Out split between two venues, with the Motueka Recreation Centre and Motueka Memorial hall co-hosting the event. A variety of interactive sports, music, and drama ensured those participating were kept busy and warm in the Motueka Refrigeration Centre. Complementing the lineup was a DHB supported healthy eating workshop where kids were taught how to prepare tasty fruit kebabs and vege wraps after being educated on sugar content in common food and beverages. Across town at the Motueka Memorial Hall, the other half of the programme were being treated to a Pantomime screening of Cinderella as performed by Kidztheatre Production Crew from Golden Bay.

TOP OF THE SOUTH YOUTH COUNCIL FORUM

Representatives from the Motueka and Waimea Clusters of the Tasman Youth Council attended a 'Top of the South Youth Council Forum' in Blenheim. The workshop included youth and council representatives from the Nelson, Marlborough and Kaikoura wards, whom shared valuable information about how their respective Youth Councils operate.

JAM MAG

The Tasman Youth Council have successfully published the 8th edition of Jam Magazine. This marks the end of funding through the Ministry of Youth Development Partnership Project to train young people in media and magazine production processes.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

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