

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community and Recreation Advisor  
**REFERENCE:** C752  
**DATE:** 9 September 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

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### **COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER**

Paul McConachie has been appointed to the role of Community Recreation Officer. This role is now a full time position. Paul has been in the role for a fixed 12 month term covering for Cindus Colonna while she was on maternity leave. With the news that Cindus is expecting another child and would not be returning, the position was advertised as vacant. We welcome Paul aboard and look forward to extending his input with a focus on youth, children and event coordination.

### **TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

The successful recipients for this year's Community Awards were:

Jess Amberger  
Murray Nicholls  
Heather Hovenden  
Nancy Ward  
Laurelee Duff  
Hughie Douglas  
John Harwood  
Faith Wells  
William Curtain  
Mary Lafrentz  
Joan Hancock  
Harry Hancock

Each recipient received a framed certificate which was presented at an official ceremony held on 15 August 2008.

## **GRANTS FROM RATES**

The Community Grants from Rates scheme received 147 applications prior to the 31 August deadline. The Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee meet on Tuesday 23 September 2008 to consider the applications.

## **CREATIVE COMMUNITIES**

Applications for Creative Community Grants close 30 September with forms available at service centres, libraries and via the website. The funding is provided by Creative New Zealand and is to support community arts projects that increase participation in the arts.

## **SUNDIAL SQUARE OPENING**

The official opening was held on Saturday 6 September. Sundial Square was opened by the Mayor and marked with cutting of the cake which was divided in to approx 600 pieces, which feed most but not all. The event was a well attended fun celebration with entertainment from the Waimea College Jazz band, the Highland Pipe Band, Waimea College Drama students, children's activities and food and drink provided. The area looked great and worked extremely well as an event venue.

## **WAY2GO ACTION EXPO'S**

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 Richmond Action Expo is being held on 27 September at the Richmond Town Hall and the Motueka Expo is on 11 October at 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. The event runs for six weeks from 27 September to 7 November.

## **TASMAN KARAOKE SUPERSTAR**

Due to popular demand and region wide community support, 'Tasman Karaoke Superstars' is set to return to the Tasman district for the third successive year. Last year's event attracted 100+ popstar wannabes whom all competed for the coveted title to be crowned karaoke king/queen of the stage.

Local heats are scheduled to take place across the Tasman Region in the next few months, including Moutere, Waimea/Richmond, Motueka and Golden Bay. The Motueka A & P Show will once again host the finals, set for Sunday 7 December.

Three age group categories are to be competed for, divided into Junior (Under 8 year), intermediate (9-12 year) and senior (13-18 year) sections.

## **YOUTH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE**

The Youth in Local Government Conference is a biennial event that provides an opportunity for those working in local government who are interested in developing stronger links with young people to meet together, build networks and discuss issues related to involving young people with their local communities. The conference provides a place to share knowledge of what works and what doesn't, listen to international speakers and focus our efforts and remind us that we all have an important part to play in growing active citizens.

One youth council rep from each of the four Tasman Clusters have been selected to attend the three day conference and they will be required to feed back to their respective clusters their learning's from their experience. The Conference is in Christchurch, 6-8 October.

## **YOUTH FEST**

The Waimea Cluster of the Tasman Youth Council, in association with the ASB Aquatics Centre and the Edge 93FM, proudly present an afternoon of youth entertainment, bands, performances, and activities. Fittingly titled 'YouthFest' the event is a celebration of being young and growing up in Tasman, initiated by youth, organised by youth, and to be enjoyed by youth. It is a forum to bring young people from all walks of life together in a supportive and safe environment.

Scheduled for Saturday 8 November, on the ASB Aquatic Centre Salisbury Road Front Field, the afternoon offers a little bit of something for everyone. Regional Rockquest winners Metaphorix will headline the main stage with mini go carts, inflatable sumo suits and oversized boxing gloves complementing the programme. Entry into the event is free, with small additional costs associated with the various attractions and food and beverage stalls on offer.

## **JAM UPDATE**

The ninth issue of Jam Mag has gone to print, with members of the Tasman Youth Council still heavily engaged with content allocation, collection and distribution. Two editorial and content design workshops were carried out through Dry Crust providing students essential skills in media communications.

## **OSCAR**

Teapot Valley will host the spring Big Day Out, with 300+ kids from 14 Nelson-Tasman holiday programmes booked in for a full on day of sports, crafts and activities. A fabric art workshop is also scheduled to visit 16 Nelson-Tasman holiday programmes during the school holidays.

## **SUMMER EVENTS**

Planning and preparation is well underway for the busy summer schedule of events. Washbourne Gardens will host a Tiny Tots Toys & Teddies Party on the 14 December and the Carols by Candlelight on 21 December. The Tasman Skatepark tour is set to drop in to the six regional skateparks throughout the month of January.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be received

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