

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
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SUMMER FESTIVAL EVENTS

The summer season of events has gone very well with the weather certainly helping to keep attendances up. The events we are involved with across the district include Christmas Carols, Christmas parades, Jazz in the Park, Outdoor Movies, Summer Shakespeare, Takaka Mardis Gras, Tata Cardboard Boat Race, Tasman Skatepark Tour and Tiny Tots and Teddy Bear Picnics for the children.

We had two new events this year being the Sundial Square Summer Sounds and the Rabbit Island Beach Art Day and the expansion of the Skatepark Tour

Rabbit Island Beach Art Day

The first Rabbit Island Beach days was held on 8 February in conjunction with Arts Council Nelson and was funded by Tasman Districts Creative Communities Scheme. The free beach based arts event included a beach sculpture/art competition with the emphasis on participation and fun, a theatre performance and kite displays.

There were 25+ sculpture entries and good number of onlookers. Sculptures included an owl, taniwha, Egyptian pyramid and a boat.

The event was well received with a number requesting it be repeated annually.

Tasman Skatepark Tour

The Tasman Skatepark Tour was held at each of the six Tasman Districts skateparks. The tour averaged about 40 competitors per event and a supportive audience of between 150-350 people.

The standard of skateboarding and bmx'ing had advanced a lot from last years competition, a true indication of the value of these facilities.

As well as showcasing the talent of local riders and bikers, the tour was also used to promote positive messages about skatepark use and encourage physical activity and participation.

Sundial Square Summer Sounds

The Sundial Square Summer Sounds Series aim was to provide local performers an opportunity to showcase their talent and utilise the new town centre. The two and a half week lunchtime entertainment schedule offered a little bit of something for everyone, ranging from cultural kapa haka groups, to jazz bands, to solo reggae guitarists, to children's clowns, to youth theatre groups, to dance and hip hop.

The programme attracted a diverse range of local residents and visiting tourists whom enjoyed the outdoor entertainment over their lunch time. The audience ranged from 30-90.

Upcoming events include:

Last of the Summer Fare - 27 February

In Your Neighbourhood from 19 February

Queen Street Mile - 21 February

BikeWise Family fun rides – Richmond/Golden Bay on 22 February 10.00 am and 2.00 pm starts respectively and Motueka 28 February 10.00 am start.

NELSON TASMAN ARTS STRATEGY

Submissions were heard in Golden Bay and Richmond on 11 February 2009 and the steering group meet on 16 February to discuss changes as a result of the submission process. The final draft will be prepared and brought back to Community Services Committee for consideration as soon as possible.

CHANGING THREADS

The new national fibre and textile art awards is currently on at the Refinery Gallery opposite ANZAC park in Nelson. TDC supported this event via community grants with the Tasman District Council Award for Excellence in contemporary interpretation of work featuring traditional techniques with a prize to the value of \$1,500.00 which was awarded to 'Script' by Jeanette Schäring (Lower Hutt).

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL 2009

Recruitment is well underway for the 2009 Tasman Youth Council. 2008 saw big gains in involvement from the outlying Murchison and Golden Bay clusters, whom have managed to sustain their programmes through engaging local youth in community events and projects. Negotiations are underway to incorporate NZQA accreditation to the youth leadership components operating within the current TYC structure. The annual Training Hui is set for 27-28 March, and will cover interactive workshops to develop TYC skills.

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

The annual Bike Wise cycling promotion is on again through February. There are many community events planned as part of Bike wise week including:

- Go By Bike Day was on Wednesday 18 February from 7.00 am-9.00 am. There were stations all over the region where cyclists were rewarded with breakfast snacks and other giveaways. Sites included:
 - Richmond - Village Cycles
 - Motueka - outside the Museum, High Street
 - Takaka - Village Green,
 - Murchison, TDC office
- The Motueka Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge - Saturday 28 February 10.00 am, the Skate Park, Old Wharf Rd.
- The Richmond Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge - Sunday 22 February 10.00 am, ASB Aquatic Centre, Richmond.
- The Takaka Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge - Sunday 22 February 2.00 pm at 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.

POSITIVE AGEING FORUM

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

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 2009.

Creative Communities

Application forms are out now for projects that increase participation in the arts. The next round closes 31 March 2009.

Nelson Tasman TrustPower Community Awards 2009

Tasman District Council is again providing support to administer these awards which acknowledge the work of the regions community organisations. Nominations for the

2009 awards open on 23 March. Please help spread the word to ensure we continue to build on the nominations received in 2008.

Nominations open Monday 23 March

Nominations close Friday 5 June

Judging: 25 and 26 June at Tasman District Council

Awards: Monday 13 July

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