

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: September 2009
SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

PURPOSE

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

ABEL TASMAN COMMEMORATIONS

October 2009 is the 350th anniversary of the death of Commander Abel Tasman, the first recorded European discoverer of New Zealand.

The following local commemorations are being planned.

Golden Bay Museum - installing an improved Abel Tasman exhibit including:

- the diorama depicting Tasman ships and men in conflict with Maori built by local artist Robert Jenkin.
- The model of the Heemskerck built by mast modeller Ron Aaron.
- Supporting ships charts, interpretative text and an interactive display installed on a laptop to be launched in Dec 2009.
- a group of teachers working on an education kit linked to the New Zealand Curriculum.

The monthly "Live Poets" at the Mussel Inn, Onekaka on Thursday 26 November will have a special focus on Abel Tasman, discovery, and first meetings between strangers. An event is also being planned for Whariwharangi Bay, the closest point Abel Tasman got to landing in the region. The event is to include a walk or boat trip to Whariwharangi Bay for the unveiling of a permanent display that will be housed at the historic Department of Conservation hut. The display will include a summary of Abel Tasman's voyage and copies of charts.

MASTERS GAMES

A small group of staff from Nelson Tasman Tourism, EDA, Tasman Regional Sports Trust, Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council have been advancing the possibility of bringing the South Island Masters Games to Nelson in 2011.

The group have submitted to the Games governing body an expression of interest in hosting the 2011 event in Nelson/Tasman.

This expression of interest has been accepted by the board of trustees for the South Island Masters Games and we have been asked to submit a full proposal to host the event due on Wednesday 30 September.

This event, which has been running successfully between Timaru and Christchurch for many years, is a major attraction for masters' athletes on the national calendar. It is estimated that the Games brings in excess of \$1 million to Timaru each time it is held there.

Tasman District Council facilities and shared regional facilities that may be required include Saxton Stadium and Saxton Field facilities, ASB Pool, Jubilee Park, Rabbit Island, Motueka Recreation Centre and Tasman Recreational Resource Centre.

There are many details yet to be finalised around holding the event but an indication of support from Council will strengthen the bid for the Games.

(see end of this report for proposed sports list)

Recommendation

THAT Tasman District Council support the submitting of a bid to host the South Island Masters Games in 2011 and will work alongside Nelson City Council to facilitate access to the key joint infrastructure at Saxton Stadium and Saxton Field facilities for hosting games.

TOP TEAM

This is a event of fun team challenges and games . Teams must be mixed gender of six to eight players. There are 12 games with the top six teams going into the deciding three games. The top four teams from each heat will then go into the finals at the Moutere Hills Community Centre to be held on 13 December 2009.

There are three Heats to choose from:

Motueka Recreation Centre on 17 October

Saxton Field on 1 November

Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre on 14 November.

CPU FUNDING

The Ministry of Justice's Crime Prevention Unit has allocated \$51,000.00 over two years to support initiatives in Tasman to address Graffiti Vandalism. A steering group has been established comprising of representatives from different sectors of the community, and

they are being educated on 'best practice' and 'what works'. The project will focus around 'youth led solutions' in developing key campaign messages, and will use participatory media mediums to communicate these messages to those most likely to commit acts of community vandalism.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMME

A couple of new initiatives are to be introduced this summer in response to addressing anti-social behaviours in Richmond last summer.

STREET AMBASSADOR SERVICE

Qualified youth workers will have a presence in Tasman over the busy summer holiday season, promoting safer partying messages to young people and diffusing anti-social situations they may encounter on our streets late at night.

Based on the successful model that has been operating in the Nelson CBD for the past few summers, the service will rotate between a Richmond – Brightwater – Wakefield – Wai West circuit, and a Mapua – Motueka – Kaiteriteri circuit on a 'as required' basis. The 12 week pilot programme runs between 9.00 pm to 3.00 am on Friday and Saturday evenings, commencing the first week of December.

DROP-IN RECREATION

A new recreation programme will be offered to young people in Richmond, based on an action point identified in the Nelson-Tasman Physical Activity Plan for an 'informal recreation centre'. The YMCA badminton hall on Gladstone Road will host a series of Friday early evening drop in recreation sessions, delivered by the Tasman Regional Sports Trust. An outreach component will also be offered, which takes sport and recreation out to young people in their local parks/gathering spaces.

GRANTS FROM RATES

Community Grant applications closed with 111 applications received. The applications totalled \$244,501.00 from an available pool of \$162,000.00. The Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee meet on 16 September to consider the applications.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Applications for Creative Community Grants close on 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.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Application forms are out now for travel for sport teams in the 5-19 age group. The next round closes 30 October 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Boredom Busters Magazine: Springs issue out 15 September - copies available to the Committee today.

Jam Magazine: Spring issue out 11 September – copies available to the Committee today

Mudcakes and Roses next issue 1 October.

Newsline: I have added a regular monthly Community Recreation column.

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 firsthand 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 26 September at the Richmond Town Hall and the Motueka Expo is on 17 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 26 September to 6 November.

TASMAN KARAOKE SUPERSTAR COMP

This Tasman Youth Council event begins with the first heats which will be held in Motueka at the Motueka Recreation Centre on 19 September and in the Richmond Mall on Tuesday 6 October. As well as being a great community event for youth and children, it is an excellent opportunity to promote the Tasman Youth Council.

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY TRUST APPLICATIONS

The Community Recreation Department makes applications to The Community Trust to support projects including Way 2 Go, Summer Festival Events, Found Community Organisation database, Boredom Busters Magazine and the Holiday Programme Assistance Scheme. The Trust requires as part of the funding criteria that the organisation includes a recent copy of minutes with a carried recommendation to apply for funding.

Recommendation

THAT the Community Services Committee supports the Tasman District Council submitting applications for funding to Canterbury Community Trust to top up the funding, already received from Council, to go towards community recreation projects.

KAKA BEAK

The Bruce Mitchell sculpture Kaka Beak has been purchased using the new funding for purchase of public art works. The funding is from the Richmond Ward allocation with the sculpture due for completion in 2010, work is now underway to finalise the site.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.

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Community Recreation Advisor

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Masters Games

Possible events for games held in Nelson.

No	Sport	Venue			Sport	Venue
1	Archery	Saxton Field		31	Swimming [harbour]	Harbour
2	Athletics	Saxton Field		32	Swimming [pool]	Nelson [riverside pool]
3	Badminton	Richmond		33	Table Tennis	Saxton Field
4	Basketball	Saxton Field		34	Ten Pin Bowling	Richmond
5	Bench Press			35	Tennis	Nelson / Richmond
6	Cricket	Stoke		36	Touch	Tahunanui Fields
7	Croquet [association]	Richmond / Nelson		37	Twilight Social Events	
8	Cross Country [walk run]	Saxton Field		38	Volleyball	Saxton Field
9	Crouquet [golf]	Richmond / Nelson		39		
10	Darts	Nelson		40		
11	Football	Saxton Field		41		
12	Games Village	Trafalgar Centre [Rutherford park]		42		
13	Go Karts	Appleby		43		
14	Golf	Nelson / Greenacres				
15	Golf [9 hole social]	Maitai				
16	Hockey	Saxton Field				
17	Indoor Bowls [evening]	Stoke				
18	Mountain Biking	Maitai Valley				
19	Netball	Saxton Field				
20	Orienteering	Rabbit Island				
21	Outdoor Bowls	Stoke / Richmond				
22	Pool	Nelson [Maitai complex]				
23	Road Cycling	Appleby				
24	Road Relay [run/walk]	Saxton Field				
25	Road Run [10k]	Saxton Field				
26	Road Run/Walk [5k]	Saxton Field				
27	Rowing [indoor]					
28	Smallbore Shooting	Nelson [Rutherford park]				
29	Softball	Saxton Field				
30	Squash	Nelson [Rutherford park]				