

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Community Recreation Advisor, Mike Tasman-Jones

REFERENCE: R878

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SUBJECT: Community Recreation Advisor's Report

COMMUNITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

District Museums

Tasman District Council supports the Golden Bay and Motueka museums as agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding. As part of the memorandum the museums hold several themed exhibitions as well as displaying their collections. The upcoming summer exhibitions are:

Golden Bay Museum

Golden Bay Artists IMPACT on the World of Wearable Arts.

Motueka District Museum

"Taming the Hill" - Takaka Hills geology; Maori legends, including the taniwha; the ROAD, the marble quarries, farms, caving, the roadmen.
The other museums are invited to apply for Community Grants.

Bay Art

I was part of the judging panel for the annual exhibition of arts that gives local Golden Bay artists an opportunity to raise their profile, or artistic beginners a venue to exhibit for the first time. There were 114 entries with a broad range of media and skills. It is great to see established Golden Bay artists exhibiting alongside the talent of the future.

Art in Public buildings

The Tasman District Council offices foyer in Richmond now has a space for exhibiting local artists work on a bi-monthly rotation. We aim to develop spaces in other offices and libraries for both 2D and 3D work.

Abel Tasman commemorations

The following activities are being held in November December to commemorate 350 years since the death of Abel Tasman.

1. 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 launched in Dec 2009.
2. Thursday 26 November, 8.00 pm: The monthly "Live Poets" at the Mussel Inn, Onekaka, will have a special focus on Abel Tasman, discovery, and first meetings between strangers.
3. 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.
4. Displays of Abel Tasman's charts in Takaka and Motueka Libraries December 2009.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SPARC Rural Travel Fund

The fund is targeted at the travel costs of young people aged between 5-19 years participating in regular local sport teams' competition. SPARC allocates a total of \$20,081 per annum which we deliver via two rounds closing April 30 and October 31 each year. The applications to the October round will be considered at the next Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee meeting.

Grants and Community Facilities Rates Subcommittee

Recommendation

THAT the decisions regarding the two discretionary applications being The Nelson School of Music of \$10,000 and the Nelson Drag Racing Association

of \$1,120, from the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee, be confirmed.

Creative Communities Scheme

The following organisations were allocated funds in the Creative Communities Scheme funding round which closed 30 September 2009.

Tasman Visual Arts Group	\$800.00
Grant Knowles	800.00
Tasman Regional Sports Trust	1,000.00
Brooklyn School	900.00
Golden Bay Community Workers Inc	1,500.00
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	1,400.00
Motueka SeniorNet Digital Interest Group	250.00
The Roaming White Room	800.00
Mapua Community Library	500.00
Moutere Hills Community Centre	500.00
Golden Bay Motueka Choirs	300.00
Motueka Arts Council	500.00
Celtic Flute School of NZ	500.00
Visual Arts Society of Tapawera	600.00
Visual Arts Society of Tapawera	600.00
Nelson Camera Club	1,000.00
Motueka Arts Council	500.00
Motueka Scottish Country Dance Club	700.00

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The TYC have been focussing their energy's on a series of re-branding exercises.

They began with critiquing the TYC constitution, pulling it apart and analysing what components are relevant and what needs modifications to enable the TYC to continue to develop and best meet the needs of Tasman young people.

They have also given Jam Mag an image overhaul, as a result of in-school consultation exercises. A barrage of constructive feedback was generated which was then able to put into practical use during the Editorial and Design Workshop delivered by DryCrust.

Other on-line multi-media platforms are being explored as a means to effectively communicate the Tasman Youth

Graffiti Vandalism

The 'Pride of Place - Tasman Graffiti Vandalism Prevention Project' has been busy forming the foundations to launch a creative 'youth led' campaign to address graffiti in Tasman.

Since officially forming in July, the steering group has partaken in a series of exercises to educate themselves on 'what works' and 'best practices' in reducing community GV. This has included guest presentations from the Ministry of Justice's Crime Prevention Unit, whom as well as contributing \$52,000 towards the project, have provided a useful insight of other successful GV prevention projects operating around the country.

The next phase of the project is consulate with local young people – those most likely to carry out these acts of community vandalism, to determine what they foresee as solutions to addressing GV and what the best way is to communicate and develop these key messages.

Summer Passport

The Tasman District is well represented in the soon to be released 2009-10 Summer Passport. As well as promoting TDC youth summer events and Youth Council recruitment, there are discount vouchers included for ASB Aquatics Centre and Action Indoor Sports Centre.

OSCAR

Teapot Valley Christian Camp hosted the Spring Big Day Out and provided a varied and action pack day for the 400+ Nelson-Tasman OSCAR Kids.

A traveling music and singing workshop also toured the region, and was well received by those programmes partaking.

RECREATION PUBLICATIONS

Hummin in Tasman is the annual visitors and residents guide to the Tasman District. The gathering of information is complete with the magazine to be released in mid July.

RECREATION PROGRAMMES

Masters Games

The result of the submission to host the 2011 South Island Masters Games is expected late November.

Nelson Tasman cycle route

The process for the New Zealand Cycleway funding has been released. The date for applicants to submit concept proposals is 18 December 2009 with notification as to whether proposals will proceed to be announced 1 February at which point a feasibility study on the proposal will be undertaken. The Nelson Cycle Trails Trust has identified three areas of focus:

1. Nelson Mountain Bike Park
2. Nelson Tasman Rail Trail
3. Nelson to Abel Tasman coastal route.

Routes 2 and 3 maybe be developed as a circuit down the Motueka Valley in the medium to long term

Top Team

The first Top Team heat went ahead in Motueka despite the inclement weather. Heat 2 on 1 November has 14 teams registered at the time of writing this report.

Drop in Recreation

Casual 'pick up' games of sport are on offer during a new summer programme for young people in Richmond. Based at the Jubilee Park Badminton Hall, the sports programme utilises skilled instructors from the Tasman Regional Sports Trust and HYPE-GS to co-facilitate the pilot programme.

The initiative is in response to a recommendation in the 2004 Nelson-Tasman Physical Activity Plan, which identified the need for an indoor facility for informal recreation based in Richmond.

DIR is open to all, costs nothing to attend, and is guaranteed to be good clean wholesome sporting fun.

Tasman Street Ambassadors

Also lined up for the busy summer months, is implementation of Tasman Street Ambassadors, based on the successful model that has been operating in Nelson CBD for the past four years. A mobile service will assign qualified youth workers to engage with local young people on Friday and Saturday evenings advocating for safer partying, promote youth engagement opportunities and disseminate key messages. This service will rotate between a Richmond-Wakefield loop and Motueka-Mapua circuit and run from early December through to the end of February.

Tasman Karaoke Superstars

The action is heating up as pop star wannabe's across the Tasman District strut their stuff and bellow out toe tapping melodies on the quest to become the next Tasman Karaoke Superstar.

Heats have been completed in Motueka, Richmond and Murchison, with judges blown away by the quality of competitors performing this year.

Two final heats are scheduled for Golden Bay and Moutere on the 14th and 20th of November respectively. Winner and runner ups will be invited to represent their region at the Grand Final, set for the Motueka A&P Show on 6 December.

SUMMER EVENTS

A large range of community events are coordinated and or supported by the Community Recreation department and Regional Community Recreation Coordinator Contractors. The events are funded via Summer Festival budget, the Canterbury Community Trust Grant and community input and often a lot of voluntary time. A huge thanks to all involved who assist to make these events happen.

Events will be promoted on radio, in the Tasman District Council Hummin in Tasman and Newsline publications.

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