

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community and Recreation Advisor  
**DATE:** 29 January 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Community and Recreation Advisor's Report – RCS10-02-06

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## COMMUNITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

## GRANTS AND FUNDING ROUNDS

### Community Development Fund

The Council's new fund to enable the Tasman district's smaller communities to apply for funding to make plans, provide activities, run events or services to enhance their town or to attract visitors. The fund has an allocation of \$20,694 for the 2009/2010 year.

The first closing date is 12 March 2010 with applications to be considered by the Grants and Community Facilities Rates Subcommittee.

The guide and application form for the Tasman District Council Community Development Fund are available from Council offices and [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

### Arts Funding Available

Tasman District Council is inviting artists and groups to apply for funding under the Creative Communities scheme. The scheme is funded through Creative New Zealand and administered by Tasman District Council.

Activities that are eligible for funding include: festivals and events; staff costs for one-off projects; costs associated with artist in residence schemes; school based projects that are outside the school's normal activities; promotional activities; materials for an event or activity; seminars or workshops and equipment purchase.

Council has a funding pool of \$15,000 and can award up to \$1,200 to any individual or group for art activities and events.

The next funding round closes at the end of March for projects that start after 1 May. Projects must:

- take place within Tasman District and/or produce benefits that are largely experienced within Tasman District;
- increase participation in the arts;
- increase community interest in the arts or enhance and strengthen local arts organisations.

### **SPARC Rural Travel Fund**

The Rural Travel Fund is aimed at reducing the barriers to participation in sport by young people living in rural communities.

The fund is designed to help subsidise rural travel for junior teams, and is targeted at young people aged between 5-19 years to assist school and club sports teams to participate in local sporting competitions.

Who is eligible? The Rural Travel Fund is open to support rural sports clubs and rural school teams.

The next funding round closes at the end of April.

### **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 2010 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 22 March
Nominations close:	Friday 28 May
Judging:	Monday 14 June
Awards:	Monday 5 July

## **RECREATION PUBLICATIONS**

### **Hummin in Tasman**

Hummin in Tasman is the comprehensive residents and visitors guide to what's on and the attractions of the Tasman District. The print run of 25,000 was fully distributed by 10 January which is a record for this publication.

### **Mudcakes & Roses**

The February/March issue is out.

### **Jam Magazine**

Next issue out mid March.

## **Boredom Busters**

Next issue out mid March.

## **RECREATION PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS**

### **Bike Wise**

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 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 – Sunday 28 February 10.00 am, the Skate Park, Old Wharf Road.
- The Richmond Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge – Saturday 6 March 10.00 am, ASB Aquatic Centre, Richmond.
- The Takaka Family Fun Ride & Mayoral Challenge - Sunday 21 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.

### **In Your neighbourhood**

The Way2Go and Active Movements Trailers, packed full of sporting equipment and games is about to tour Tasman's reserves as part of the IYN programme. Now into its third season, IYN provides an opportunity for communities to enjoy informally structured recreation sessions in their neighbourhood parks. IYN runs on Wednesday afternoons, 3.30 pm-5.00 pm throughout term 1, visiting Richmond to Murchison to Takaka and everywhere else in between.

### **Drop In Recreation**

The DIR programme has been trialled Friday and Saturday evenings over January in Richmond and surrounding reserves, providing an informal recreation session for young people. DIR finds young people in the community and brings the fun and games to them, in an attempt to engage otherwise unengaged young people, build relationships with them, and hopefully deter otherwise anti-social behaviours. A full

report on the success/challenges of this project will be brought to the committee at the completion of the project.

### **Sundial Square Summer Sounds**

Daily lunchtime entertainment ran from 6 January 22 January, with many positive comments yielded from spectators and performers alike. The three week variety programme gives up and coming entertainers an opportunity to perform live, whilst adding a vibrant lunchtime buzz to downtown Richmond.

### **Skate Park Tour**

The Tasman Skatepark Tour continues to build momentum as it sweeps through the regions six premiere skateparks. Good and vocal attendance has provided more than enough motivation for the young skaters and bikers to push themselves to the limit in this competitive tour.

### **Queen Street Mile**

Feet will rule the street in a series of running races scheduled for Queen Street, Richmond on Saturday 20 February. The Tasman District is once again on the search for the quickest downhill dasher as the 'Queen Street Mile' makes its return for a third successive year. The Street Races also includes the ever popular and outrageously colourful Right Royal Dash, formally known as the Undie 500 fun run. Registrations taken on the day, with loads of spot prizes up for grabs.

### **Upcoming events include:**

17-Feb	In Your Neighbourhood - Brightwater
20-Feb	Murchison A&P Show
20-Feb	Queen Street Mile - Richmond
21-Feb	Brightwater Wine & Food Festival
24-Feb	In Your Neighbourhood - Tapawera
26-Feb	Tasman Brewing Company Last of the Summer Fare -
27-Feb	Jazz Under the Trees - Richmond
28-Feb	Tussock Spirit of the Moutere Cycle Ride
3-Mar	In Your Neighbourhood - Mapua
7-Mar	Taste Tasman
10-Mar	In Your Neighbourhood - Moutere
17-Mar	In Your Neighbourhood - Motueka
21-Mar	Murchison Triathlon
24-Mar	In Your Neighbourhood - Murchison
26-28 Mar	Mapua Library Literary Festival
28-Mar	Music Day - Upper Moutere
31-Mar	In Your Neighbourhood - Golden Bay

### **Tasman Street Ambassadors**

TSA have had a busy summer on our streets, building relationships and deterring anti-social behaviour of our late night loitering young people. They have had a

presence in the Wakefield, Richmond, Mapua, Motueka and Kaiterteri communities. This service continues throughout February on Friday and Saturday evenings.

### **Tasman Youth Council**

Recruitment has begun for this year's TYC. Regional cluster coordinators are about to attend a brainstorming/planning day, with the annual Hui to be hosted by Bridge Valley Camp on over the last weekend in February.

### **SWIMMING POOLS**

Pool Subsidy Policy allowed funding for secondary, area and primary schools pools to be available to the community for public swimming. Seventeen 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.

### **POSITIVE AGEING FORUM**

Next Positive Ageing Forum meeting is on Monday 8 March, Richmond Town Hall 1.00 pm-3.00 pm.

### **FOUND COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

Website had 1.71 million hits in the 2009 showing a high degree of interest in this site.

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