

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 6 July 2010
SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report – RCS10 07-03

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Grants from Rates

Applications for Community Grants close 31 August with forms available at service centres, libraries and via the website.

Thank you cards received from the Richmond Riding for the Disabled students will be circulated at the meeting today. The Tasman District Council allocated \$2,000 towards purchasing three new saddles for the RDA from the August 2009 Community Grants. It's great to get this positive feedback from the students and see the difference this funding has made.

Creative Communities

Applications for Creative Community Grants close 30 September with forms available as above.

Mature Persons Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$1,000 for tertiary study for first time entrants to tertiary education over 25 years old. Applications close on 31 July each year for study in the following year.

Found Community Directory Turns 30

The Found Community Directory celebrated its 30th birthday at the AGM on 4 June. The directory has over 1500 community organisations listed and had over 1.3 million visits to its website in the last 12 months. Resources on governance and training opportunities for organisations are in the process of being compiled and loaded on the

www.found.org.nz site. Hardcopies are able to be printed from the site and can be requested at Tasman District Council offices.

RECREATION PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Spring Strut Ride

The annual October team based regional promotion has broadened its focus to include cycling hence the name change to Spring Strut Ride. The promotion is run in partnership with Way 2 Go and the Heart Foundation. Information brochures, team and individual recording charts are being launched soon.

Age to Be – Positive Ageing Expo

The Bi-Annual Positive Ageing Expo is timed to coincide with the International Day of Older Persons. Age to Be will provide a showcase of the Nelson Tasman recreational opportunities and social services that make ageing a positive experience. Age to Be Positive Aging Expo is being held on Friday 1 October 10.30 am–4.00 pm at Hope Community Church, Ranzau Road Hope.

ARTS/CULTURE

Motueka Museum Senior Net Digital Photograph Competition/Exhibition

Take this opportunity to see the photographic talents of Motueka. This is always a popular event which is run in conjunction with the Festival of Lights. It is both a competition and an exhibition, with photographs showcased under a number of categories, such as portraits, light and nature.

The photographs will be on display in the museum and Muses Cafe until Friday 30 July. The museum at 140 High Street, Motueka is open Monday to Friday 10.00 am-3.00 pm and Saturdays 10.00 am-1.00 pm for the duration of this exhibition.

Arts Council Nelson Impressions Art Awards 2010

These regional awards are now into their fifth year. The awards include two painting sections plus the Peoples Choice Award, offering artists awards to the value of \$4,812.00.

Further information and registration forms available from:

Arts Council Nelson, 3 Halifax Street, Nelson; and
Impressions Arts Supplies and Picture Framers, 11A Sundial Square, Richmond.
www.impressionsnelson.co.nz.
Closing date is 9 August 2010.

TASMAN PRIDE OF PLACE GRAFFITI VANDALISM PREVENTION PROJECT

A collection of creative, colourful murals are to make their way into the Richmond and Motueka communities to be displayed in graffiti 'hotspot' areas. With the guidance and support of a specialist art tutor, students will explore creative design concepts used to represent themselves, their Whanau, and their community they live in. The concepts will be used to develop common themes from which a combined group mural will be produced.

Complementing the mural creation workshops, will be a participatory video component which will document the process and communicate in a creative, realistic and relevant way, the effects Graffiti Vandalism has on the community and explore effective methods of addressing it.

AUDIO PRODUCTION WORKSHOPS

A series of APW are scheduled to run over the school holiday period providing young aspiring musicians an opportunity to write and record their own music with guidance of an experienced tutor. The newly renovated Richmond Library will host the workshops in the fully equipped 'Imaginerium' recording studio.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The Murchison Cluster of the TYC recently hosted a formal dance, attracting over 80 local young people, thanks to funding via the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs. With wet winter weather lashing the region on the outside, inside the venue party goers were kept warm and content with bass pumping beats and a lighting and visual effects display.

Tasman Youth Council member Emma Duigan was ecstatic with the how the evening turned out, rating it a solid '9 out of 10'. *"There aren't many opportunities for young people to party here in our small rural farming town, so we are grateful to the support the MTFJ have provided us to deliver a safe, enjoyable youth event."*

The Golden Bay Cluster of the TYC is to attend the Ministry of Youth Development's 'Top of the South Youth Council Forum', which brings together Nelson, Tasman, Marlborough and Kaikoura Youth Councils to share ideas and learn off each other.

OSCAR

The Top of the South region is still without an OSCAR Advisor, after the outgoing coordinator resigned in March and has yet to be replaced. Lobbying via the Nelson-Tasman OSCAR Network to Central OSCAR office has enabled a collective response as to what is required from this position to be voice. Holiday OSCAR workshops, Big Day Outs and Boredom Busters Publication are still being delivered and overseen by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council, however training and support for the OSCAR Network is currently not provided.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community and Recreation Advisor's Report (RCS10-07-03) be received by the Community Services Committee, Tasman District Council.

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