

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
DATE: 17 August 2010
SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor's Report – RCS10-08-07

PURPOSE

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

RECREATION PUBLICATIONS

- Mudcakes and Roses magazine August/September issue is out.
- Jam Magazine is out 3 September. A series of youth focussed group interviews and surveys are being conducted to assist in developing Jam magazine content into an interactive online resource.
- Boredom Busters Spring issue is out 7 September.

RECREATION PROGRAMS/EVENTS

AGE TO BE POSITIVE AGING EXPO

1 October 2010 Friday 10:30 – 4:00pm, Hope Community Church, Ranzau Road.

The aim of the Expo is to showcase as many community groups and local and central government agencies as possible so that people can find out what is on offer – from recreation, sport and social activities, to services and entitlements. The organisation for the event is led by the Tasman District Council in partnership with Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Work and Income, Nelson City Council, Grey Power and has been boosted with donations from many of the stallholders.

OSCAR

The National OSCAR Foundation has listened to the needs and concerns of Nelson-Tasman Program providers, and has temporarily appointed a part time Top of the South OSCAR Advisor. The foundation looked favourably on the support and strong

relationships Nelson City and Tasman District Council have with the local OSCAR sector.

The Nelson-Tasman OSCAR network has also completed a submission to the Ministry of Social Development about the proposed changes to funding and support towards this sector.

AUDIO PRODUCTION WORKSHOP.

The new 'imagerium' recording studio is proving popular, with our local young people being offered during term three a series of weekly Audio Production Workshops. The interactive, hands on workshops enable participation to develop and explore their own creative musical ideas and learn the process of recording, editing and sharing their music. Funding received through the Ministry of Youth Development has enabled these workshops to be offered for free.

GRAFFITI VANDALISM

Students from Waimea College's Job Track have begun work on a vibrant community mural to be displayed on the run down school bus shelter on Salisbury Road. A video documentary will track the project as it develops, and in doing so will provide the Ministry of Justice (and rest of the country) with a valuable resource on this local response to the problem of Graffiti Vandalism.

TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The Golden Bay representatives of the TYC have a 'youth training scheme' planned where local young people can try out different occupations and ask the professionals about their particular industries. They are also working on an end of year dance party, and a 'fear factor' challenge youth event.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY GRANTS

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

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

The Creative Communities Scheme received six applications to the funding round which closed 10 August 2010. This is the first round since the changes instigated by Creative NZ. The Creative Communities Committee meets on 24 August to consider the applications. This is preceded by a one hour workshop lead by Alan Cathro from Creative NZ to discuss the new process for considering grants and to answer questions.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Application forms are out now for travel for sport teams in the 5-19 age groups. The next round closes 30 October 2010.

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY TRUST

An application to support the printing costs of the Boredom Busters Magazine, providing funding to holiday running the school holiday workshops and Big Day Out events

POSITIVE AGING FORUM

Next meeting Monday 13 September 2010, Tasman District Council, Heaphy and Wangapeka rooms.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMUNITY RECREATION 2007 - 2010

WAY2GO

From the original funding application from Tasman District Council to SPARC in 2005 there has been huge growth in the reach and number of Way2Go Hubs and programmes across the region. This is clearly demonstrated with over 5000 participating in Way2Go community activities during June 2010.

PUBLICATIONS – BOREDOM BUSTERS, JAM AWARD, MUDCAKES AND ROSES

The publications have evolved and are very well read. We have increased the level of partnership support for the publications from Canterbury Community Trust, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Nelson City Council and central government.

RICHMOND AND MOTUEKA WALKING/CYCLING MAPS

The maps have been updated and reprinted three times with over 20,000 printed since the original map in 2007.

SUNDIAL SQUARE OPENING

The first step in the redevelopment of the central business district was a focus for us particularly around creating an event friendly space incorporating art, power supply and accessibility. Along with coordinating the opening we have run events including Summer Sounds, Drop in Recreation and the annual Summer Fare and Market Day in partnership with Richmond Unlimited.

TASMAN SKATEPARK TOUR

The shift from the Richmond Sunny Side Up event to the region wide Skatepark Tour has been a big success with more entries to the competition and showcasing of the skate and BMX facilities and participants across the Tasman District.

TAKAKA LIBRARY SCULPTURE

The first of the public art works funded via councils public arts support was the well received Nga Hau e Wha; Four Winds sculpture.

NATIONAL CYCLEWAY FUNDING

The background work around the development of the Kawatiri Rail Trail meant that we were well placed when the Prime Minister announced the National Cycleway Funding. To be one of 13 successful bids is a great outcome for the community and the local economy.

BIKEWISE

As well as great attendance at the family fun rides across the district council staff demonstrated their own commitment with Tasman District Council winning the Top of the South BikeWise Business Challenge 2010.

MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

The exciting redevelopment creates a far more multi use and flexible space for the community. The financial support from Lotteries, Canterbury Community Trust and local businesses along with Tasman District Councils investment enabled us to deliver on the potential.

REGIONAL ARTS STRATEGY ADOPTED

This document enabled us to stock take the support council currently invest in and guidance for the future.

FOUND

The Found Community directory celebrated 30 years existence. The Website received 1.3m hits in 2009 and has 1700 community groups listed.

COMMUNICATION KAWATIRI

This Top of the south Arts Project has held events like the Artists Retreat held at St Arnaud, the Arts Expo at the Rutherford Hotel and developed the region wide ArtLoop Website.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Community and Recreation Advisor's Report – RCS10-08-07 be received by the Community Services Committee

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