

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 4 March 2011
SUBJECT: Community and Recreation Advisor Report – RCS11-03-02

PURPOSE

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

Get Moving Application

The Tasman District Council was invited to submit an application for investment to the SPARC Active Communities Fund on behalf of the Get Moving project. This is the next step after the submission of the expression of interest was favourably received.

‘Get Moving’ is targeted at getting the community more active by getting more people walking, running and cycling for recreation and sport. The focus is on skill development and social participation but with the aim to create a pathway for those that want to go on to competitive participation.

The full application was sent to SPARC at the end of February with a response expected at the end of March.

Community Development Fund

This fund is to enable the Tasman district’s smaller communities to apply to make plans, provide activities, run events or services to enhance their town or to attract visitors. The fund has an allocation of \$20,000 for the 2010/2011 year.

The closing date is 30 April 2011 with applications to be considered by the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee.

The guide and application form for the Tasman District Council Community Development Fund are available from Council offices and www.tasman.govt.nz

Creative Communities Scheme

The following organisations were allocated funds in the Creative Communities Scheme funding round which closed 10 February 2011.

Tapawera Area School	\$500.00
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	775.00
Takaka Spinning Group	150.00
Combined Choirs – Golden Bay and Motueka	Nil
Brightwater Community Association Inc	2,000.00
Golden Bay Community Workers Inc	1,000.00
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	Nil

The next funding round closes 10 May 2011.

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.

Canterbury Community Trust

Tasman District Council applies for and receives support for a range of activities from the Canterbury Community Trust. The most recent applications were for Summer Events, Way2Go project and the Motueka Recreation Centre redevelopment. The Motueka Recreation Centre redevelopment received \$50,000 towards the completion of stage one of the redevelopment. Unfortunately the Summer Events and Way2Go projects were declined due to insufficient funds. I have followed up these declines with the Canterbury Community Trust Manager and was informed that a new category for events would be introduced and that we should apply to that. I have yet to be notified when this is happening. Way2Go was declined as it was seen as the responsibility of central and local government.

In more general terms it needs to be noted that the local community sector is likely to face a reduction in available funds from central government and contestable grant rounds post the Canterbury Earthquake. This could well result in a reduction of grants received for Tasman District Council activities and an increase in demand on our own contestable funding rounds. This will be monitored over the coming months.

RECREATION PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS

Thinking Recreation

The New Zealand Recreation Association's Annual Recreation Planners and Policy Conference is being held in the Tasman / Nelson region with Saxton Stadium being the likely venue. Proposed dates are 13-15 July. Thinking Recreation is designed for anyone working in recreation/leisure/parks/reserves planning and policy.

Bike Wise

Go By Bike Day on 16 February was again well supported. We had the busiest ever in Richmond with 250+ cyclists stopping in.

The Family Fun ride in Takaka was a great family event. The new route down to East Takaka Domain worked well as did the Way2Go bike skills course. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Motueka event as I was in Christchurch assisting earthquake victims.

Tasman District Council was second equal in the Bike Wise Business Battle for businesses with 100–499. Tasman District Council had 39% of staff participating during the month of February. The total distance staff cycled was 11,108 kilometres.

Sundial Square Summer Sounds Series

Sundial Square hosted a variety show of performers and entertainers during the two days of the Sundial Square Summer Sounds. The Friday evening and Saturday daytime concert drew a diverse crowd of enthusiastic music lovers whom were able to enjoy the entertainment with a picnic or a snack from local businesses on the Sundial Square lawn.

In Your Neighbourhood

IYN the open sport and recreation programme tour around the districts neighbourhood parks and reserves. IYN works in partnership with the regional Way2Go Hub coordinators to ensure the programme needs are specific to and well promoted to local communities.

OSCAR & Boredom Busters

A Skateboarding and Scooter Skills workshop is being offered to Tasman Holiday Programmes during the upcoming Easter school holidays. The Easter Edition of Boredom Busters is due out on 29 March, which is featuring a fantastic 'family return trip to the Gold Coast, complete with accommodation and theme park tickets' competition thanks to Mondo travel.

Upcoming events include:

18–20 March Nelson Classic & Vintage Motorcycle Club
30th Rally (Golden Bay)

19 March	Kaiteriteri Gold Half Marathon & 10km (Motueka)
20 March	Music Day (Mapua/Moutere)
23 March	In Your Neighbourhood – Murchison
25 March	Last of the Summer Fare (Richmond)
30 March	In Your Neighbourhood – Takaka (Golden Bay)
23 April	Drag Racing (Motueka)
24 April	Mapua Easter Fair 2011 (Mapua/Moutere)

Tasman Youth Council

The TYC for 2011 has officially been formed, with 25 young people representing four regional clusters elected on to represent their peers on making Tasman communities better for young people. Members from the TYC recently took part in an overnight training hui. The hui was an induction to their role through interactive workshops covering Youth Development and Leadership, Event/Programme Planning, and Social Marketing and Communication.

Rotary-Apprentice Mentorship Project

An innovative new leadership project, which matches experienced Richmond Rotarian members with young trade apprentices is about to commence, after many months of careful planning and programme development. Eight Rotarians have successfully completed a comprehensive training and induction session provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters and Smart Careers, and the first 'match' with a young trade apprentice in need of guidance, direction and support is about to take place.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community and Recreation Advisor's Report – RCS11-03-02 be received by the Community Services Committee

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