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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Community Services Committee
Meeting Date: 28 July 2011
Subject: Community Recreation Advisor Report
Report Author: Mike Tasman-Jones, Community Recreation Advisor

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Community Recreation Advisor's Report RCS11-07-02.

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1. GRANTS AND FUNDING ROUNDS

- 1.1 Nominations for Nelson Tasman Trust Power Community Awards closed on 15 July with 112 nominations received.
- 1.2 Nominations for the annual Outstanding Community Awards closed on 30 June with 11 nominations received. A meeting to discuss successful recipients was held on 14 June.
- 1.3 The Mature Persons Scholarship closes on 31 July. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 for tertiary study are awarded for first time entrants to tertiary education over the age of 25.
- 1.4 Tasman Creative Communities Scheme closed on 10 July with 15 applications received. The Committee meets on 25 July to consider the applications. I am pleased to be able to confirm that Joy Shorrocks will be joining the committee as a Maori community representative.
- 1.5 The annual Community Grants from Rates funding round is open for applications, closing 31 August.
- 1.6 SPARC Rural Travel Fund scheme is open for applications, closing 31 October.
- 1.7 Community Development Fund is open for applications, closing 31 October.
- 1.8 Two recent applications to the Canterbury Community Trust have been successful. These are \$12,000 to support the funding and promotion of community events received and \$8,000 to support Tasman Youth Council to enable youth to participate in local government.

2. RECREATION PROJECTS

Motueka Recreation Centre redevelopment update

The final costs of the work done in the Motueka Recreation Centre redevelopment show a project under spend of \$204,000. The original project had a budget of \$2,050,000 funded from the Tasman District Council Facility Rate of \$1.2 million and grants from the Lottery Grants Board (\$750,000) and Canterbury Community Trust (\$100,000). The redevelopment upgraded and extended the roller skating rink by 12 metres with a wooden multi-use indoor floor installed, a modern fitness centre (with additional funding support received from the Lion Foundation towards equipment), new reception and office areas, new shower, toilet and change facilities as well as new carpet and a paint throughout.

Works that were held over are:

- Installation of an air conditioning unit.
- Stairway and lift access to the upstairs group fitness area.
- Sports stadium lighting upgrade.
- Western car park sealing.
- External signage.
- Covered bike rack.

These are now been progressed subject to quotes being within budget. As several of these items were included in the funding applications to Lotteries and Canterbury Community Trust there is an obligation to complete the works.

3. RECREATION PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS

3.1 Get Moving - SPARC Active Communities Project

SPARC's Active Communities funding of \$300,000 has been confirmed meaning the Nelson Tasman "Get Moving" project is go. "Get Moving" is a project to get more people walking and cycling and to connect them with local clubs and sports organisations. Get Moving is an initiative of the Tasman District Council with input and financial support from local cycling and athletic clubs and organisations, Nelson City Council, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and Sport Tasman. The financial support combines to create a total investment of \$450,000 dollars over the three years of the project.

Get Moving will develop a range of entry level activities and events to encourage people to participate. It is known that safety concerns, lack of knowledge of routes, lack of support and having no one to participate with are key barriers to getting involved. Get Moving addresses this by creating and promoting fun, local and flexible opportunities. The “have a go type” events across the region will be a first step but we will be encouraging participants to challenge themselves by getting into entry level competitive events run by local clubs, event organisers and Get Moving.

Alongside these activities, a coordinating framework will be developed so that clubs and event organisers can work better together so that the community can easily find out what’s on and how they can get involved.

The target is to get over 200 people participating in activator programmes, 1000 in Ride and Stride, 500 in guided walks and rides and 1000 in Get Moving walking and cycling events. The first Get Moving initiatives are targeted for Spring 2011.

- 3.2 The Thinking Recreation Conference was hosted 13-15 July at Saxton Stadium. Recreation planners from around the country meet to learn and discuss what is working, what to avoid, and how to be future-looking as you plan, guide decision-making and develop efficiencies around recreation and sport services and facilities. Key highlights included: The Minister of the Environment, Nick Smith, on water for recreation, freedom camping and more. The development of Saxton Field sports hub including a “Walkshop”, learning from the Christchurch earthquake and the Auckland Council amalgamation.

3.3 **Rugby World Cup 2011 Fanzone**

Tasman Fanzone brings Rugby World Cup 2011 experience to the Motueka Recreation Centre. The Fanzone will enable the community to enjoy Rugby World Cup 2011 semi-finals on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 of October and Final on Sunday 23 October for FREE. The Fanzone, as well as a large 8 x 4 metre screen to watch the matches on with digital surround sound, will also have live performances, beverages and food and even a supervised fun area for the kids. The entertainment will begin well before kick-off and the kids’ area will run up until the final whistle. The Fanzone will create a festive atmosphere for the community to get together and be part of Rugby World Cup 2011. The recent upgrade to the Motueka Recreation Centre has created a facility that is well suited to hosting community events.

3.4 **Richmond Festival (25, 26 and 27 September)**

Planning for the three day American themed festival in September is coming together well. Festival sponsors and stakeholders have successfully been brought on board and all indications point to this being Richmond's best and biggest festival ever. Highlights include:

- 7's Rugby Tournament and evening celebrations (food, music, dancing).
- Main Street Parade (hot rods/bikes, cheerleaders, dancers, marching band).
- Sundial Square Block Party (music, food and drink stalls, dancing).
- (Pre Game) Tailgate Party with Park n Ride service (Richmond–Nelson).

A funding application to the Lion Foundation to support the Richmond Festival has been successful. \$7,500 has been allocated towards sound, light and staging requirements.

3.5 **Tasman Youth Council**

Members from the TYC are set to take part in a 'Top of the South' Youth Council Forum. The forum provides an opportunity to meet neighbouring YC's, share ideas and partake in a Ministry of Youth Development training seminar on 'effective communication'.

3.6 **Graffiti Vandalism**

The Pride of Place (Graffiti Vandalism Prevention Project) has completed its second and final year of its Ministry of Justice funded contract. An external evaluation conducted and has concluded that there has been:

- An increase in regional knowledge of 'what works' in addressing graffiti vandalism (GV).
- A decrease in GV reported to the Police.
- A reduction in community dissatisfaction relating to GV.
- An increase in community involvement in addressing GV.
- An increase in spending by Tasman District Council to remove GV.
- An increase in youth workers deployed in public gathering spaces over the busy summer party period.

See appendix for the full report.

4. RECREATION PUBLICATIONS AND PROMOTION

- 4.1 The winter 2011 edition of 11,500 thousand copies of Boredom Busters was delivered to across the region in time for the school holidays.
- 4.2 Updated Grant application forms have been printed for the Tasman Creative Communities Scheme, Community Grants and Community Development funds. Promotion has been via Newslite, media releases, radio, community networks and community whanau meetings

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the report be received.

6. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Community Recreation Advisor's Report RCS11-07-02.

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