

REPORT TO TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Feb-April 2012



Bike wise event 2012

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OVERVIEW AND OPERATION

It has been another successful Summer with the team delivering a number of events over this period. These events included: Teddy Bears Picnic, Beach Fun Day, and Sports on the Park (Decks Reserve). As we head to the cooler weather indoor space is filling up for clubs and casual users.

Door count numbers Feb 26482

March 28212 April 28814

PROGRAMMES AT THE MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE

LES MILLS AEROBICS - GROUP FITNESS

Aerobic classes are back under way after the xmas break. We have seen an increase with our RPM (indoor cycling) classes with the cooler/darker weather approaching. For the month of April we had 77 participants to this class an increase from 65 in March. Aerobic numbers have had a slight drop due to the cooler weather.

GYM

Gym membership numbers February 1710

March 1749 April 1469

Personal Training sessions in the gym have increased and as a result of this we are looking to appoint an additional personal Trainer. Ria has introduced a Men's Boot Camp which has 6 business men training for 1 hour, 3 x a week for 6 weeks. These men are pushed to their limits utilising both the gym and the main stadium. Wendy has been putting plans together to start a youth training session in the Gym as the youth on Friday Nights have shown an interest in getting fit this will start in June.

ROLLERSKATING

Roller Skating continues to bring in skaters of all ages. The Centre has been a supporter of the Sirens of Smash Roller Derby women's club and have helped them with facility hire for training and ticket sales for the tournament that is to be held at the Trafalgar Centre on the 26th May.

YOUTH WORK/NIGHTS

The Centre has reopened the Youth Lounge after sourcing a range of video games through Value Vending. The youth are finding having a pool table invaluable. This area has been transformed to allow a non sporting atmosphere to our usual Friday nights. Numbers on a Friday night fluctuate between 40-50 participants.





CLUB RECREATION

Club Recreation programme numbers have been steady. Wendy continues to deliver a range of activities for older adults in the community. Sliver Sneakers would have to be the largest group session that we have with up to 20 walkers on a Monday morning. This group session is a follow on from the fall prevention programmes and works on maintaining strength in the participants legs. Wendy has started a morning Badminton session which had 8 participants to its first session.





EVENTS

February – The staff held its annual Beach Fun Day at Kaiteriteri Beach. The weather was nice the support was great and everyone had fun doing beach sprints, karaoke, sandcastles and a range of prizes were on hand to give away.

March – Decks Reserve on a Sunday is a great place to hold an event especially if it consists of finding Easter eggs. The staff hid chocolate eggs around the gardens for approx 150 children to find. Hana was on the park delivering Ki- O- Rahi to the youth.

April – Our first Bike Bonanza event held on Decks Reserve was a success. This event showed that youth need a space where they can ride over obstacles and between poles to test their skills. Partnered with the Police this event worked well as they have started a new logging system, bikes can be registered so that if found these can be returned faster to the owner.

Overall I have found that Decks Reserve is the best place in Motueka to hold events especially if these can be backed onto the Sunday Market. I have had a conversation with Mike Tasman-Jones regarding entry to this park as at this stage the staff need to be on the park before 6am as market stalls block access to the park. This however does limit the equipment that we use as we either need to have someone on the park taking care of this or everything needs to be locked in either a van or trailer. After having a look it would be easy to install a swing gate next to the public toilets for events in the future.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

April school holidays were exceptionally busy with all programmes reaching maximum numbers on most days. The Centre had 573 attendees over a 2 week period. The children enjoyed an outing to Mount Arthur, Movies and the usual craft, baking and sports sessions.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Weka house is the home of our ASPRO programme. With the seasonal work in the area Libby has seen an increase in daily numbers with 30 participants each day. This programme has come a long way since Sport Tasman took over this facility two years ago. The staff have promoted this programme and numbers have slowly increased to this maximum limit. All OSCAR programmes have now completed the Te Korowai Kounga (Cloak of quality) programme through the OSCAR Foundation. Currently there are only two programmes in the Top of the South Island that have completed this certification.





SOCIAL/PRIMARY SPORTS

Term 1 commenced with primary school Touch bringing in 45 teams over a 10 week league. This league would not be possible without the help of the many volunteers that help with refereeing over this time. Touch is the largest league that we run and has support from all schools in the area. Term 2 will see Hana planning a 10 week Miniball league which will again require volunteer help. We are fortunate enough that the Centre has fantastic support and this help is never too far away. We have 35 teams entered into the term 2 Miniball league.

Adult sports has been in decline for some time and in an effort to keep adults active the Centre has changed its focus slightly. Instead of having participants commit to a 10 week programme we have decided to trial a drop in league. Hana started term two with a new social Futsal drop-in league, this has worked well. Netball and Basketball are managing to form a league but we have been less strict with the rules on team participants meaning that anyone can join the team last minute. This trend is supported in some of the latest research and is challenging some of our traditional approaches to providing Adult Social sport opportunities.



SUMMARY

The Centre continues to attract a large number of participants on a day to day basis throughout the week. As you walk through this building you will see the fantastic community support that we have from many clubs and private users from around the region. May 19th will be the marking of 25 years since this facility changed from a communities dream, to a community's reality.

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