

Subject: Community Development Unit Activity Report – February/March 2010

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Meeting Date: 10 March 2010

Report to COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Committee for noting

SUMMARY

It is with regret that we have received the resignation of Grant McDonald. Grant's work on behalf of youth has been immeasurable and has seen the establishment of Tairawhiti Youth Voice and its adoption as the Gisborne District Youth Council during his tenure. Unit personnel wish Grant and his family all the best for the adventures ahead in Broome, Western Australia.

This is the report on Community Development activities for February and March 2010.

Major work streams for Community Development staff over this period were:

- **Tairawhiti Youth Voice** – Supporting application to Youth Development Partnership Fund by assisting with completion of application, project plan and supporting documentation.
- **Funding** – Unit staff have fielded a huge number of enquiries re available funding from not only Council but philanthropic funders. Creative Communities applications have been the bulk of enquiries with each individual enquiry requiring a considerable amount of staff time to resolve queries, direct projects appropriately etc. Queries for individual funding were referred to Department of Internal Affairs for access to their Breakout database and others were referred to various funders. In some cases assistance with completion of applications has been required.

In addition the staff have received numerous phone and personal enquiries seeking advice and support across a wide range of community activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

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SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY INTERACTION AND OUTCOMES

ORGANISATION	WORK PERFORMED	COMMUNITY OUTCOME	HOW ACHIEVED
Camellia Society National Conference	Met with organiser to determine funding streams aligned to budget requirements. Have set them some challenges to acquire additional information and prepare an outcome statement prior to next meeting.	VT	Council supporting an organisation who will a short term economic benefit into the region through delivery of this Conference.
Creative New Zealand	Ongoing support to community members wishing to apply for grant funding under this scheme.	VT	Council supporting arts and culture projects across the region by administering this arts grant scheme.
Disability Advisory Group	The reconfigured DAG met for their first meeting of 2010. Excellent input was given into reviewing the Council Disability Strategy.	CT	Council consulting with sector to acquire qualified input into strategy review.
E Tu Elgin Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Chair has resigned owing to conflict of interest between work and private activities. • New Chair has been appointed with a 3 month transition period between Chairpersons. • Community have been consulted re their strategic priorities and these have been input into the Trust's strategic plan. • Easter in Elgin event being planned for Saturday 3 April – Unit member will support. 	VT / CT	Council supporting a community led entity to build their capacity and capability through knowledge and network building.
Funding	<p>Provided advises and assistance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uawa Sports and Recreation Club – review of funding application and strengthen • Te Kupenga Net Trust re funding men's outdoor weekend and filming of life stories • Gisborne Women's Refuge re funding transport of children/youth to anti-drug/alcohol drama deliverables at YMCA • 3 x enquiries re Individual Youth development outside of district and overseas 	SET	Council supporting community capacity building and access to philanthropic funding sources.
Gamagori – Sister Port Photo Competition	Gamagori entries have been publicly displayed in the foyer of the HB Williams Memorial Library so they can vote to determine the winners.	CT / VT	Council supporting its international relationships.
Gisborne Community House Charitable Trust	Progressing delivery of a public meeting to be held at Gisborne District Council Chambers on Friday 12 March at 12noon in order to update interested parties. Invite letter prepared and being despatched.	CT / ET	Council supporting the community to acquire a community owned facility that will serve third sector organisations and the wider community long term.

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Gisborne District Sister Cities Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air New Zealand Awards entry prepared for submission based on 2009 McCallum Theatre Aesthetic Arts Program. A small delegation of educators and others from Rizhao, China will be in Gisborne 11-13th March. 	ET	Supporting development of organisation.
Keep Tokomaru Bay Beautiful	Community representative sought information on how to establish a group in Tokomaru Bay, how it links into national body, funding streams etc. Information provided on Keep Gisborne Beautiful contacts, website links etc.	EST	Supporting development of organisation.
Tairawhiti Youth Voice	Council is supporting TYV in its application to the Ministry of Youth Development's Youth Development Partnership Fund. Unit member has dedicated considerable time to assist with completion of application, project plan development and other aspects of the application.	CT	Council supporting TYV to develop it's capacity and capability.
University of the Third Age (U3A)	Half hour presentation to around 100 U3A members on Community Development and the work that we do in supporting the community to take ownership of issues and how they can be addressed.	CT	Engaging with the senior sector to provide information about community support services available.

Key: VT - Vibrant Tairawhiti
SET - Skilled and Educated Tairawhiti
EST - Environmentally Sustainable Tairawhiti

CT - Connected Tairawhiti
ST - Safe Tairawhiti

PT - Prosperous Tairawhiti
HT - Healthy Tairawhiti

WORK IN PROGRESS

ORGANISATION	WORK PERFORMED	COMMUNITY OUTCOME	HOW ACHIEVED
2010 Live on the Lawn Summer Concert Series	\$4,500 grant received from NZ Community Trust to support delivery of the concert series.	VT	Council delivery of a long standing well received community event.
Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti / Bike Wise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit supported delivery of the Bike Wise breakfast on "Go By Bike Day". • Unit member supported Mayoral Challenge on 27 February. Both well attended events. 	HT	Supporting delivery of and encouraging participation in the month long schedule of events.
Tairawhiti Positive Ageing Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit member requested to complete a grant application to secure funds to bring Carole Gordon (CG Consulting) to Gisborne to discuss developing an Age-Friendly model in planning processes. • Support co-ordination of 2 x workshops (Financial Protection and Falls Prevention for Older People) on 7 May 2010. Liaising with providers, caterer, venue, publicity etc. 	ST / ET	Supporting the representative body that advocates and lobbies on issues relevant to seniors. Council illustrating positive leadership by building capacity and capability for this newly formed Trust.
Project Teams	Unit members involved in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture Club • Celebrations Group • Fairness and Equity • He Panui. 		Contributing to Corporate Plan outcomes.