

Community Assistance



2008- The Year in Review

2008 saw many changes, within the Leisure Unit, nationally with the election of John Key and the National Party and even globally with the growing economic crisis.

The Leisure unit underwent a number of changes, with some new faces coming into the team, while also changing from the City Services directorate to a newly established Community Wellbeing directorate. The back page introduces the members of the Leisure unit and provides some details on their roles and how they are able to assist you.

The growing economic crisis hangs over us like a dark cloud with most organisations preparing to tighten their belts as the impact of this starts to be felt in New Zealand.

Funding agencies are being forced to make changes to the funding rounds and level of funding they are able to offer. Normally in this newsletter details on the opening and closing dates for funding agencies would be provided but because on this uncertainty we are unable to provide that information at this time.

It is suggested that organisations contact funding agencies directly to find out details. We will endeavour to have a list of what is available in the next Community Assistance Newsletter.

At this stage Waitakere City Council is not proposing any changes to the level of funding or the number of funds on offer for the 2009/2010 financial year however exact details will not be known until the Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan is officially adopted in June of this year.



Community Training Group Update

In the last newsletter we said we would update you on the courses coming up for the year. Inserted with this newsletter is a flyer for Introduction to Financial Management. On the flyer the email address for Mandy Spencer is incorrect if you would like to email Mandy her email address is mandy@communitywaitakere.org.nz.

Waitakere City Council Funding Now Open

Due to the overwhelming number of applications that we received in round one it has meant that not all the grants will be open for the second round of the Community Assistance Fund. Below is a list of those funds available.

Community Accommodation Assistance Fund- is designed to provide a more equitable, fair and more transparent form of funding than the previous rates remissions. Not for profit organisations and community groups who either own their own properties and those leasing or renting are eligible to apply. The fund is not intended to cover the full cost of an organisations rates or rental costs. The scale of each grant would be at the discretion of council.

Grants will not pay for the Uniform Annual General Charge or organisations already receiving automatic rates assistance. Sports clubs properties and properties used principally as a place of religious worship receive rates assistance automatically under the Local Government Act (if your organisation does not receive this assistance and you think they fit this criteria, **please send a letter to the Waitakere City Council Rates Manager or call Council on (09) 839-0400.**

Fee Waivers Fund

The Fee Waivers Fund is a regulatory fee waiver reimbursement for some fees and charges relating to facilities, projects or activities that are for local community use and provide local community benefits. These charges include resource and building consent fees.

All fees must be paid before an application is made. Applications must also be for no more than one third of all eligible fees paid.

Applications are due by 5:00pm, 27 February 2009. Information and Applications can be now be found on the Waitakere City Website: <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/CnlSer/fn/index.asp>



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Meet the Leisure Team

Janna Gilligan- Leisure Facilities Manager

Janna manages and oversees the running and operations of the 6 Community Centres and manages the contract for some of our Community facilities such as Hoani Waititi Marae and the Community Houses.

Rob McGee- Leisure Planner

Rob's role is to assess and plan for the current and future recreation needs in Waitakere. Key projects currently include investigating future aquatics needs, development of a hockey turf, and investigating the recreation opportunities and how they can be developed at some of the cities parks and reserves. Rob is able to offer some advice and assistance with organisations looking to develop recreational facilities and activities in the city.

Paul Edwards- Recreation Partnership Projects Leader

Paul is responsible for administrating the Leisure Facilities Partnership Fund and is the Council representative to assist successful applicants. This position also represents Council on the Active Waitakere collaboration project. The purpose of this project is to get Waitakere residents more active.

Cissy Rock- Community Development Broker

Cissy's role is working to establish community leaders and engage with local communities, and encourages multi agency collaboration to support local communities.

Jan Brown- Senior Community Liaison Officer

Jan's provides advice on governance, management, fundraising, project start up and lifecycle and strategic planning, as well as mediation for groups in conflict.