

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2007, AT 4:00 pm**

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# OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

JUNE 2007

## 1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Operations Bulletin containing reports from the Visitor Information Centre, District Arts and Heritage Curator, Deputy Librarian, Aquatic Services Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager, Roading Manager, Asset Manager, Utilities and the Animal Control Contractor, is enclosed with the agenda.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.**

2. PRESENTATION ON SOUTHERN ODYSSEY PROJECT

The District Arts and Heritage Curator will give a presentation on the Southern Odyssey project.

### 3. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY (DRAFT)

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 31.05.07)

At its meeting held on 9 December 2003, the Council resolved to allocate funding (via the 2005/06 budget) and to furnish an application to Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) for funding assistance for the development of a Physical Activity Strategy. The application for funding was successful and the final makeup for funding the strategy was as follows:

- from the Gore District Council \$5,000
- from SPARC \$20,000
- overall Strategy cost is \$25,000

This strategy has been developed by a group of organisations supporting the promotion of greater physical activity in the Gore District. The organisations include:

- Gore District Council
- Sport Southland
- Southland District Health Board
- Public Health South
- Gore Health
- Hokonui Health
- Hokonui Runanga
- District Schools

The Steering group, made up of representatives from the above organisations then engaged a consultant to undertake the consultation and development the strategy. The consultant chosen was Prophet iam under the leadership of Brian Milne.

The Strategy consulted widely with the community through an initial questioner that went out to every household. Then Focus group meetings were held with the community with invitations sent out to sports clubs, societies, schools, community groups and clubs. The information gleaned from this consultation formed the basis for the strategies findings.

Looking at this from my viewpoint, working with the range of professional people from a diverse range of occupations it has been a very enlightening and productive experience for us all. As we worked together for over twelve months, with a common goal in mind, throughout numerous steering group meetings, public meetings, going out to the schools to ask first hand questions of students, learning their perspective on their issues, as well as the general collaboration that took place.

I am very pleased to be able to report that the draft strategy has all the hallmarks of a document that will not be a dust collector, but a document that has the ability to become a launching pad for some future direction in the delivery of products from many sectors, not just the Council funded activities. It has some actions that will enable more of our population to have the opportunity to be, in SPARC's catch phrase "More People, More Active, More Often". Having embarked upon the journey and having now a finished document, we as a Council are well placed to now explore further funding avenues from central government where a Physical Activity Strategy is a pre-requisite.

Where to from now? This team has formed a Legacy group and these people are charged with driving the document into life and into the future.

Enclosed with the agenda is a copy of the draft Strategy which Brian Milne will give the Council a brief presentation on.

The final payment of approximately \$5,000 is payable by SPARC upon the Council adopting the strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Council adopt the draft Physical Activity strategy.**

4. VETERANS AFFAIRS NEW ZEALAND

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 21.05.07)

Annually the Veterans Affairs Supervisor inspects cemeteries and reports back to the relevant local authority.

A report has been received for the Gore Services cemetery and the Charlton Park Services cemetery. These are attached.

It is pleasing to receive a complimentary report noting the high standard of care and maintenance evident in our cemeteries. Our thanks go to our cemeteries staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**