

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

15 OCTOBER 2014

AGENDA ITEM C6

WAIRARAPA YOUTH AWARDS

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the proposed Wairarapa-wide Annual Youth Awards to be held in February 2015 and to seek Council's support.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to work with Masterton and Carterton District Councils to offer a Wairarapa Youth Award as outlined.*
3. *Agree to delegate decision making on the Wairarapa Youth Council's recommendation regarding recipients to the South Wairarapa District Council Awards Working Party.*
4. *Approve funding of up to \$2,000 to support future Wairarapa Youth Awards events (if needed).*

1. Background

The Wairarapa Youth Council, working with Rangitahi to Rangatira (R2R) and the South Wairarapa Youth Fora, has proposed a Wairarapa wide youth civic award ceremony to recognise youth.

Young people feel that they would be better served by a single event rather than separate ones in each TA District.

Young people in the Wairarapa do not identify with any one particular Council District. Secondary school students often attend a school outside the Council District they live in. Therefore, when trying to meet the needs of our young people, it has become evident that we need to work collaboratively across Council boundaries.

This year an application was made to the Ministry of Youth Development's Youth Development Partnership Fund for funding to support youth initiatives including an expanded Wairarapa Youth Award. The application was submitted in partnership with Masterton and Carterton District Councils.

The application was approved. This is one off funding for the current year only.

2. Wairarapa Youth Awards Overview

The Wairarapa Youth Council will lead the Wairarapa Youth Award process, working with Rangitahi to Rangatira in Carterton and the South Wairarapa Youth Fora. The Wairarapa Youth Council will be supported through the process, and in the organisation of the award event, by Youth Development staff from Connecting Communities and the Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council, as well as Council officers.

The Wairarapa Youth Council proposes an award ceremony including Masterton and Carterton District Councils. See Attachment 1 for award categories. As Civic Awards, the mayors from each council will present the awards.

Recipients will receive a certificate. A monetary, or other reward, is also being considered by the Wairarapa Youth Council.

It is envisaged that the event will rotate around the Wairarapa and be held at a Council venue in a different district each year.

3. Timeline

The Wairarapa Youth Council has advised it would like to hold the event in February 2015. Given timelines and the fact that Council does not meet in January, it is proposed Council delegate the final approval decision to the South Wairarapa District Council Awards Working Party.

At its meeting on 10th September, Masterton District Council agreed to delegate responsibility to their Community Development Task Group. Carterton District Council has indicated they will employ the system used for the Charles Rooking Carter Awards and delegate the final approval decision to a representative from Council. A report will go to their Council on Wednesday 24th September 2014.

4. Funding and Resourcing

Funds have been secured via the Ministry for Youth Development to support the Wairarapa Youth Awards for the current financial year. This has been allocated as part of broader funding for youth initiatives. It is 'one off' funding with no future guarantee.

The budget for the Wairarapa Youth Awards is indicated at approximately \$6,000, including facilitation and administration costs. Funding of this includes some 'in kind' contributions from each Council (e.g. donation of venue hire and staff time to support the process/event organisation) and a portion of the Ministry for Youth Development funding, indicated at approximately \$3,000.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Youth Award Categories

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Beat Street:

For youth who demonstrate a level of significant creativity or made an outstanding contribution in the area of arts, music or culture, or have applied creative thinking to solve a problem in their community.

Rangatahi 4 Youth:

For youth who have participated in a youth activity that addresses youth issues, motivated others, taken on challenges and met them, or led a project.

Youth 4 Community:

For youth who have participated in volunteer work to support responses to community issues, motivated others, taken on challenges and met them or led a project.

Kia Kaha:

For a young person who has overcome obstacles to achieve or make a contribution in their chosen field, learning from their mistakes and overcoming adversity, or been an inspiration to others.

Dream Team:

For a youth group that has made a significant contribution to the community.

Excellence:

For a young person or group who has achieved outstanding results in any field.

Youth 4 Enviro:

For a youth group or individual who shows innovation around positive environmental practices and projects that inspire others.