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If there is anything you would like covered in future updates, please email your suggestions to [sportandrecreation@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:sportandrecreation@wcc.govt.nz)

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## *Wellington City Council grants*

Applications are now open for the Council's general grants, closing 5pm on **31 March**.

- There are four grant pools: **Social, Cultural, Economic and Environmental**
- Only legally-constituted groups can apply for these grants (or groups under the umbrella of a legally-constituted group)
- We have three grant rounds each year - closing in July, October and March
- This round is for projects starting after **11 May**.

Also closing on 31 March are applications for **sports development grants**. The grants are intended for sports and recreation organisations in Wellington so they can receive professional advice and support to enhance their strategic management.

An application form, project description template and application guide are available at [www.Wellington.govt.nz/services/grants](http://www.Wellington.govt.nz/services/grants).

Also closing on 31 March are applications for the following pools:

- Betty Campbell accommodation assistance grants are for not-for-profit community groups seeking to promote social wellbeing in Wellington City. Grants are allocated twice a year, subject to available funds. The maximum rental subsidy is limited to 30% rental, up to \$10,000.
- The Joe Aspell Trust distributes funds to community organisations serving socially-disadvantaged young people living in Wellington. Grants from the Trust can cover things like care, maintenance, upbringing, education and general welfare.

Grants advice seminars will be held at Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday 12 March, 1.30-3:30pm and 6-8pm.

To book a place in any of the seminars use the form on the website or contact Barbara Franklin, the Council's Grants Coordinator, on 801 3595. If you can't make it to a seminar but would like to discuss a possible application please let us know.

If you have any further queries please contact Phil Railton-Jacks, the Council's Grants Advisor, on 803 8562 or email [phil.railton-jacks@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:phil.railton-jacks@wcc.govt.nz)

## ***Sports and Recreation Forum***

The Council will host the next Sport and Recreation Forum on Thursday 16 April. The forum aims to strengthen relationships and improve communication between the Council and sport and recreation organisations in the city. The forum is a good opportunity to share ideas, experiences and information. It is also a chance for the Council to communicate its plans and vision for the city.

By attending the forum you can:

- Network with other organisations
- Learn about the draft Long Term Council Community Plan
- Learn about progress on sports and recreation projects and initiatives
- Discuss ideas, trends, challenges and opportunities.

We encourage representatives from Wellington-based sport and recreation organisations including clubs, regional and national organisations, to attend.

Sport and Recreation Forum details:

**When: Thursday 16 April, 6-8pm**

**Where: Renouf Foyer, Michael Fowler Centre, Wakefield Street, Wellington**

Formal invitations will be out in the next couple of weeks - so please hold the date in your diary. If you have any questions please email [sportandrecreation@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:sportandrecreation@wcc.govt.nz)

## ***Indoor Community Sports Centre***

This information is intended to keep you informed on the current status of the Indoor Community Sports Centre project.

In summary, Cobham Park was chosen as the best site for the centre after a lengthy process involving Council staff and independent experts. It was chosen due to factors such as cost, the ability to expand to 15 courts in future, car parking availability and its fit with a community sports focus. Resource consent was granted by independent commissioners in January.

City Councillor Andy Foster has appealed to the Environment Court against this decision. He believes the best site for the centre is the Westpac Stadium concourse.

Since then, Mayor Kerry Prendergast and Cr Foster have agreed to a review of the site proposals and costs, and Cr Foster has agreed to withdraw his appeal.

The review will look at the costs of putting the centre on the concourse and examine relevant aspects of Cobham Park to ensure there is a 'like with like' comparison. It will also consider the transport and parking implications of both sites. Sir John Anderson, a highly respected business and community leader, will undertake the review which is expected to take two months.

Karen Wallace, the Council's Chief Operating Officer, will support the review together with officers from the Council's project management office. A wide range of Council staff and stakeholders will be asked to provide advice and information.

For more information visit the projects page on the Council's website [www.wellington.govt.nz/projects/new/indoorsports](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/projects/new/indoorsports)

## ***New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA)***

As part of our advocacy plan, NZRA has produced an article that has been featured in the LG Mag and will be in the April Australasian Parks and Leisure publication. The article is about recreation in a recession and is based on an interview with Derek Fry and Michael Oates from Wellington City Council.

It is also available for download from the NZRA website for anyone to use to advocate for Parks and Recreation at a local and central government level click here

<http://nzra.engage.co.nz/Organizations/NZRA/NZRAAssets/PDFs/Recreationinarecession-Thebigpicture.pdf>

*Brendon Ward, Chief Executive*

## ***Young Community Leaders Awards 2009***

The Community Trust of Wellington is calling for nominations for the Young Community Leaders Awards 2009.

The awards recognise the achievements of outstanding young people working - either paid or unpaid - in the not-for-profit sector. Nominees must be under 25, live in the Wellington region and be active in a leadership role with a voluntary or community organisation.

Five cash awards of \$1000 each will be presented at a special ceremony hosted by the Governor-General, Anand Satyanand.

Nominations close 31 March. Nomination forms can be downloaded from our website [www.comtrustwn.co.nz](http://www.comtrustwn.co.nz). We ask that you promote the awards and encourage others to nominate suitable young people.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about the awards. You can call on 499 7966 or email [rita@comtrustwn.co.nz](mailto:rita@comtrustwn.co.nz).

For more information go to [www.Wellington.govt.nz](http://www.Wellington.govt.nz)

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