

## **Creative Communities NZ Funding Scheme**

### **Financial assistance for the support and development of the Arts in New Zealand**

Applications for financial assistance to local arts and cultural organisations under the above scheme are now being called for by the Waitomo District Council.

Funding is available for projects, which stimulate local arts activity, both established and new, and encourage greater participation.

Projects or activities may involve any art form or mixture of art forms, including dance, weaving, visual arts, sculpture, theatre, music, multi-media crafts, and literary, recreational or traditional arts.

Eligible projects will be assessed according to the following priorities:

- a) Projects that increase participation in the arts
- b) Projects that increase community wide interests in the arts
- c) Projects that enhance and strengthen the local arts sector

**Applications close at 5pm, Friday 25 May 2012.**

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## **Application for Community Funding**

### **Discretionary Grants - June Funding Round**

Applications for the June Discretionary Grants funding round are now open.

If you are a community club, group or organisation operating within the Waitomo District on a not for profit basis you may be eligible to apply.

Please take the time to read Council's [Community Development Fund Policy](#) to check your organisations eligibility.

**Applications must be received by 5pm, Friday 1 June 2012.**

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## **Rate Rebate Scheme - Reminder**

If you are a low income earner, earning less than \$23,240.00 per year and are the legal rate payer for your property you may be eligible for a rates rebate of up to \$580.00.

However, if your income exceeds this amount you could still be entitled to a rebate of a smaller amount depending on your income, the total value of your rates assessment and the number of dependants.

To apply you must have been living at the property on the 1 July 2011, provide proof of your gross income to 31 March 2011, your Waikato Regional Rates, and your Waitomo District Council Rates.

If you have made application for a rebate in the last 12 months you will receive an application for the 2012/2013 rating year in your mailbox by the end of August.

**The closing date for 2011/2012 applications is 5pm Friday 29 June 2012.**

For all enquiries and application forms please contact the Customer Services Team on 07 878 0800 or 0800 932 4357, visit our website [www.waitomo.govt.nz](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz) or alternatively visit the Waitomo District Council located on Queen Street, Te Kuiti for assistance.

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## **Key Stakeholder Meetings and Open Day - Draft LTP 2012-2022**

WDC would like to invite any interested members of the public to come along to the following Key Stakeholder Meetings planned over the month of May 2012:

- Mokau on **Saturday 12 May 2012 at 1.00pm**. Mokau Hall.
- Benneydale on **Thursday 17 May 2012 at 7.00pm**. Benneydale Hall.
- Waitomo on **Tuesday 22 May 2012, at 5.30pm**. Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre.
- Te Kuiti on **Wednesday 23 May 2012, at 5.30pm**. Waitomo Cultural and Arts Centre.

**WDC will be having an Open Day at Te Kuiti on Saturday 19th May 2012, from 10am - 3pm.**

Waitomo Cultural and Arts Centre, Te Kuiti. This is an opportunity for members of the public to come along and let us know your views on Council's proposed way forward.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Elected members of the Council and staff will be present to answer any questions that you might have. For further information contact our friendly Customer Services Team on **0800 932 4357** or visit our website.

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**Chief Executive**

