



COMMUNITY AWARDS

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FAR NORTH DISTRICT

Rotary Club of Kerikeri

2010 REGIONAL COMMENDATION
Sports and Leisure

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Category D Sports & Leisure

We have a commendation yet again in the next category of Sports and Leisure.

The commendation goes to **Rotary Club of Kerikeri**

The Rotary Club of Kerikeri has a diverse range of activities but this group stood out for its work of setting up and running the inaugural Northern Crossing Multi Sport Event earlier this year.

This multi sport event came about after the Rotary Club of Kerikeri looked into setting up a multi sport event that would involve the whole community and community groups in the area. The main aim was to set in place an event that could grow in national significance and become a major event on the multi sport calendar.

The club worked with many groups to put together the event, from the Far North District Council which offered facilities and staff to the Police and similar organisations which provided support, advice and assistance.

The coast to coast event took place in May with running, kayaking and cycling legs and it attracted 240 entrants. The next Northern Crossing event is scheduled for May 2011 and it's anticipated that the number of entrants will double.

Half of the profits from this year's event will go to the Northland Rescue Helicopter Trust and the rest will support youth oriented projects in the Hokianga or Bay of Islands areas.

Not only has the Rotary Club of Kerikeri established an event that will happen annually, but it's unique to Northland and does a great job of showcasing this part of the country and bringing visitors to the area.

Add to this the establishment of a carving school at the Motuti Marae, a barbeque facility at the Stone Store Basin, running the Garden Safari for its 23rd year and developing Roland's Wood (which is ten acres of young woodland)and it becomes very clear that the Rotary Club of Kerikeri is a super busy one!

Congratulations on all of your achievements!