

Project Details

Project name:* Autism Angels Walkathon (Sportsday)

What activity or project are you applying for?* To host An Autism Angels Walkathon to raise awareness of Autism in the Community. This event helps the community understand the awareness and celebration of this disability.

Commencement date:* 01/09/2010

Completion Date:* 01/05/2011

Is this a new project or activity for your group?* Yes

Where will your project or activity be held?* Brimbank Park

Postcode:* 3023

Will you charge a fee or ask for a contribution for this activity?* No

If yes, how much will you charge: \$na

Council Priorities

1. Community Wellbeing: 1. Making Brimbank's diverse community feel welcome and to participate and become involved in their neighbourhoods
2. Sustainable Environments:
3. Urban Design and Infrastructure:
4. Council and the Community Working Together:

Describe your project or activity:* There has been an increase in Autism in the community with 1 in every 100 children with Autism. To help raise much needed awareness of Autism in the Community. To build and strengthen the relationships of the community. To support people with disabilities, to feel included in the community. Celebrating participation and support for the families and carers. Include in the day some sports activities, for the children. So help families that feel isolated and not connected to the community. To work around Brimbank Park and have Leaping Lizard Cafe, as the finish line.

How will your project or activity achieve the strategic direction that you identified in the Strategic Direction on page number 5?*

This project will encourage people with disabilities to get out into the community and feel that they are much supported. To show them that they do not have to feel isolated, that the community does want them to get out and be a part of the community. To show the Carers and the parents that being active in a Community project can have many benefits. Increasing the childrens' awareness of the community. Giving them a chance to get out and have fun.

How do you know that there is a need for your project or activity?*

There is still poor coverage of Autism within the community. As it is an invisible disability, at first glance, most of these children and adults look fairly normal. There are a lot of people that still don't even understand the word, Autism. That nowadays you have a small 3-year old with a formal diagnosis and has a disability of Autism. That last year, for the month of April, there wasn't an Awareness of Autism in

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Describe how other groups or organisations will be contributing to this project or activity?*

We will be networking with local schools, childcare, support groups and any organisations, that would like to support our event to help raise the profile of Autism in the Community. To give local community organisations to make this social contact with the families. We will encourage other organisations to have a stall at the event to help them make contact. We especially want to show migrants that this disability is trying to raise its profile in the community. That there are other families and Carers going through the same situation.

Please describe the major benefits of your project or activity for the Brimbank community?*

This will show families and the community that Brimbank's support of disabilities is on a fun level. We are working to make this event an Annual event. As with the new diagnosis of Autism everyday, we are putting more supports in place. For the future of the childrens' children to also be included. That local families can come out and participate in this event. That our local Council will be supporting the Awareness. That through this type of event it will be accessible to families and the community. It gives the participants a chance to help in the community and to also find out what is happening locally.

Please explain how your project or activity will be inclusive of people of all abilities and backgrounds? e.g. disadvantaged groups*

Our event will definitely be supporting anyone with a disability to come and join in. We will be especially asking all kinds of abilities to participate. That they can come out and have a fun day and to not feel any social barriers. As we understand people with disabilities, we would like them to feel as though they can participate. As we have a lot Migrants in Brimbank, we will be contacting organisations to come and participate in our event. We will have a lot of visuals and simple signs in order to help families with limited language and to use photos as signs. To support them getting around. This is the same communication concept to communicate with children with Autism.

How will you know that your project or activity has been a success?*

From the number of participants, especially the children and the Carers attending this event to show they are supporting this, word of mouth helps us to gain feedback from participants. We will generate this interest and make it into an ongoing event in the community. We will have surveys and we will be contacting families / individuals / participants so that they can possibly fill out feedback forms, after the event.

Project Plan

What are the important stages for each step?*

Planning with Committee Members
Planning a location and flyer distribution
Contacting Council to make sure we have the correct paperwork
Contacting organisations to participate in our event
Organising tasks and volunteers needed on the day
Processing participants and allocating them a number
Trying to find local businesses that wish to support this event
Ensuring there is insurance
Advertise in Local newspapers and through networks
Have a running sheet for the day

Who is the responsible person for each step?*

All committee members
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All committee members / members
members / volunteers
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What are the start and completion dates for each step?*

Oct 2010
 Oct 2010
 Nov 2010
 Nov 2011
 Feb 2011
 March 2011
 Oct 2010
 Oct 2010
 March 2011
 March 2011

Budget

Your Project Budget (includes GST):*

Income		Expenditure	
Description	\$	Description	\$
Woolworths Community Grants	350	Advertising eg. newspapers	1200
Entry fee \$5 per participant	500	Promotional eg. t-shirts, caps, balloons, medals for children	3800
	0.00	Sausage sizzle	620
	0.00	Printing	820
	0.00	Training volunteers	500
	0.00	Telephone / Petrol / vouchers	400
	0.00	Water for participants	200
	0.00	Equipment eg. trestle tables	500
	0.00	Jumping castle, childrens' entertainers	500
Total Income	\$850.00	Total Expenditure	\$8,540.00

What is your organisation's contribution to this project?*

20 volunteers @ \$20 per hour for 8 day each = \$3,200
 Planning committee of 6 members @ 20 for 3 hours per week for 10 weeks = \$3,600
 Total of volunteer hours = \$6,800

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