

REPORT

TO: Councillors
FROM: Mayor J Hurley
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SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for August 2005

POHARA SEWERAGE OPENING

Great to have another scheme running and be able to say another off the list. Locals were very satisfied with the installation work and pleased to see the project completed.

TAPAWERA AMBULANCE CENTRE

Back to Tapawera again, this time to the opening of the Ambulance Centre. Adjoined to the Fire Service building and all under the same roof, a very tidy complex and very satisfied locals who have worked and contributed to the Complex. While Tapawera may look a small place driving through, these services attend a very wide area.

J EWERS' GLASSHOUSE VISIT

A look through at the Appleby Complex, which was a treat to see operating. John mentioned that in one week a crop can be turned around and the intense planting and automated watering and nutrient supply he can produce is up to 10 more times more produce from the complex as compared to a single annual outdoor crop.

NCC INFO CENTRE

I attended the official opening of the new Nelson Information Centre which also houses the EDA and Latitude Nelson Tasman. This development is a major step forward for NCC. By comparison, however, the gap has in effect widened as the service capability of centres in our district is very limited and in Richmond's case totally inadequate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Kathryn and I, together with Michael and Jan, attended in Christchurch. In total two short of 700 registered. The guest speakers were from Australia and Canada and I have to say that local government in New Zealand does not compare directly. Much of the content I felt was not relevant to the new NZ Local Government Act. Rooding seems to constantly emerge as a major problem all over New Zealand. Many councils are struggling to cope with responsibilities.

ROAD TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Kathryn and I attended the first year of operation display on Sunday. A huge effort going in by active members. The development is now open on weekends and worth a visit. Our Council support is appreciated and good use of the grant funding provided is evident.

EYE EXAMINATION - GLAUCOMA CHECK

What I have to go through on some occasions!

AIR NEW ZEALAND LINK NEW PLACE

Immediate launch and flight taken before meeting this morning.

John Hurley
Mayor