

STAFF REPORT

TO: Councillors
FROM: Mayor Kempthorne
REFERENCE: C780
DATE: 1 April 2008
SUBJECT: Mayor's Report

PRIZEGIVINGS

I attended the Golden Bay High School and Garin College prizegivings, inspiring young people.

BERRYFRUIT EXPORT NZ LTD

Met with a Japanese delegation who are buying fruit from Berryfruit Export. I was invited to visit. They are possibly going to buy other products from Tasman.

TE RITO

Met with Gayle Helm from Te Rito, an organisation promoting violence free in families. I spoke at White Ribbon Day and following discussions with the Council's Community and Recreation Advisor, prepared the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rito and Tasman District Council – a very good cause.

RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYER ASSOCIATIONS

I have so far attended the Murchison Community Council, Tapawera Community Council, Tasman Community Association and Brightwater Community Association meetings. It is very enjoyable to see the effective operation of local representative groups.

TDC REPRESENTATIVE FOR ABBEYFIELD

I have suggested that Cr Edgar would be a very appropriate representative to our local Abbeyfield Branch. Unfortunately their meeting sometimes clash with other prior commitments for Cr Edgar. I would like to suggest therefore that we nominate Cr Edgar seconded by Cr Glover.

TE AKINA TE TAIO

Met with Te Akina Te Taio and heard how the combined iwi are involved across the Top of the South. Request for TDC to further discuss the establishment of a Kaumatua for TDC. I am attending on 1 April to discuss this with them at Whakatu Marae.

NELSON TASMAN EDA

I have had several meetings with Bill Findlater and Pip Jamieson. Recommendations received as a result that have gained the support of TDC. Recognised EDA's review in taking a regional approach. We have a Council Workshop on 10 April, run by the EDA.

GROOTEGAST FRIENDLY TOWN MAYORAL DELEGATION

With the help of several staff members Jane and I hosted Mayor Kor Dijkstra and 11 visitors from the Netherlands for one week. Tina put together a great programme and I have had several emails of appreciation from those who visited.

FUJIMI MACHI FRIENDLY TOWN DELEGATION

The Friends of Fujimi machi assisted with establishing plans for the visit of a group of 15 students and five adults. They were very appreciative of the hospitality shown and all credit to the Richmond host team.

KIYOSATO FRIENDLY TOWN DELEGATION

The Friends of Kiyosato, another very well coordinated group hosted the visiting group.

Elaine Henry is involved with Fujimi and Cr Wilkins with Kiyosato.

FRIENDS OF GOLDEN BAY

I met with Friends of Golden Bay to discuss a resolution of environment court process for coastal landscape priorities. The resolution, involving western Golden Bay planning appears to have avoided the cost to all parties of an environment court hearing.

CAWTHRON TRUST

Attend the Cawthron Trust meetings with various scientific philanthropic outcomes. Cr Edgar is a very able secretary.

SUPER 14 GAME

Attended a stunning Super 14 game at Motueka. Well done Cr Dowler, staff and all others involved.

SERVICE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Met with CEOs of five ITOs with the aim of establishing a Service Centre of Excellence in the Tasman/Nelson region.

OFFICIAL OPENINGS/LAUNCHES

Turned first sods at Croucher Street upgrade, Hope Community Church and the Mapua Community Church. It's the first time I have dug a spade full of soil wearing a safety helmet!

COASTAL EROSION

Visited Torrent Bay with Cr Inglis, Borlase and Eric Verstappen to try and work on practical solutions for coastal erosion. Locals keen to pay for work but needing Council assistance with process.

LGNZ MEETINGS

Attended the Rural and Provincial Mayors meeting in Wellington. Will now receive minutes and future meeting notification.

Also attended the Regional Affairs Committee meeting in Greymouth and the Zone 5 meeting at Rolleston.

SEASONAL WORKERS

Attended the official welcome of 90 Tongan workers to Waimea Basin for seasonal work – great community and grower support for them while here for work and away from their families.

BIKEWISE CHALLENGE

I led, with Mayor Kerry Marshall, the Richmond Bikewise Mayoral Challenge. Well done to Mike Tasman-Jones and other supporters and riders.

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY WORLD CUP

Met the NZ World Cup Team for discussions regarding hosting a game(s) or team(s) in 2011.

EAST TAKAKA FAIR

Attended the Takaka Fair and competed in the Council Challenge. The Challenge was to roll a bike wheel rim with a stick the length of a tennis court. Our team was the Mayor and Mayoress, Crs Borlase and Riley. Aply started by the Mayoress the fastest length was by Cr Riley.

No prizes for the slowest length (me).

Council won the "Golden Cow Pat". A great event.

VIOLENCE FREE MOTUEKA CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Spoke in Motueka regarding becoming violence free in our families. This is a six month campaign in Motueka.

RACE UNITY DAY

Spoke at Race Unity Day to welcome foreign students to our region.

TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS

Jane and I attended the TrustPower Awards in Wanaka. 23 regions competed. A very well run event, ably supported locally by Mike Tasman-Jones.

Richard Kempthorne
Mayor

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