

# **REPORT**

**TO:** Councillors  
**FROM:** Mayor R Kempthorne  
**DATE:** 1 August 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Mayor's Report for August 2008

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## **SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR**

I attended the Sportsperson of the Year Awards dinner on 13 June. Council continues its support for this event with two tables of attendees.

## **TRUSTPOWER AWARDS**

On 16 June I attended the Trustpower Awards for community groups. I would like to acknowledge the many fine groups who were nominated and the marvellous work they do. Well done to the Murchison Sport and Recreation Centre for winning the overall prize and going through to the National Trustpower Awards next March.

## **TOP OF THE SOUTH HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS**

I met with Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough, various parties in order to progress access to Top of the South high speed internet access, facilitated by EDA.

## **NELSON TASMAN YOUTH AWARDS**

I attended the Nelson Tasman Youth Awards on 19 June. Another inspiring look at the great contribution many of our young people make in our community.

## **WAIMEA WATER AUGMENTATION COMMITTEE**

On 23 June I attended the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC) meeting and workshop on various items. It was decided to investigate a site further upstream of the original site.

## **HEADINGLY CENTRE**

On 24 June I attended a meeting with Cr Higgins and leaders of Grace Church to discuss the Council contribution to Headingly Centre; the night before they withdrew their request for funding.

## **2011 RUGBY WORLD CUP**

I have had various meetings of the Top of the South group to investigate Tasman District Council involvement in the 2011 Rugby World Cup and being a host region for a team(s). Details yet to come to our Council for consideration of involvement. Myself and Mike Tasman-Jones (Community and Recreation Advisor) have been involved in Lloyd Kennedy's absence.

## **LEE VALLEY DAM**

On 27 June I had a discussion with Nelson City Council regarding their contribution to the WWAC and whether Nelson City Council wish to continue involvement in the investigation for the Lee Valley Dam.

## **WAKATU INCORPORATION DISCUSSIONS**

We have had various meetings with Wakatu Incorporation to consider issues that may assist the withdrawal of High Court action regarding Central Plains water. The discussions were successful and action was withdrawn.

## **AQUACULTURE ISSUES**

On 2 July the Chief Executive, Dennis Bush-King and I met with parties discussing various aquaculture issues.

## **NELSON AND TASMAN ANECDOTES**

On 3 July I met with Keith Hawke regarding the archiving of Nelson and Tasman anecdotes. This involves digitally recording anecdote comments from people in the community in order to record for posterity.

## **CEO REVIEW COMMITTEE**

On 4 July there was a CEO Review Committee. A report to Council will be produced in the near future.

## **SMALL BORE RIFLE SHOOTING**

On 4 July I attended small bore rifle shooting in Richmond. I will show the results at today's meeting.

## **ITO GRADUATION CEREMONY**

I attended an ITO training Graduation Ceremony for Nelson and Tasman students at Annesbrook Church and Community Centre. Approximately 100 certificates were awarded.

## **MILLENNIUM CENTRE**

I met with some Nelson City Councillors who briefed me on Nelson City Council's plans for the Millennium Centre.

## **RESIDENTS OF McSHANES ROAD**

I met with residents of McShanes Road to discuss property delegation, Richmond West planning issues and an indication of timing.

## **WATER PLANNING IN TASMAN**

Joseph Thomas and I met with a group from Central Otago District Council to discuss how we do our water planning in Tasman.

## **WORKER ACCOMMODATION PROVISIONS**

On 11 July I discussed worker accommodation provisions with apple growers from the Waimea Plains.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENTATION**

I attended an affordable housing presentation by Clive Geddes from Queenstown. For the first time I could see how this could be practically achieved.

## **TALKING HEADS MEETING**

I attended a Talking Heads meeting in Nelson on 14 July.

## **MAPUA RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS MEETING**

I also attended a Mapua Residents and Ratepayers meeting. Discussion on Mapua planning to be followed by another meeting for just that item.

## **ACCREDITATION CELEBRATION**

I attended an Accreditation Celebration in the Council Chambers for Council, building staff, managers and builders. Very positive feedback.

## **UNVEILING OF ART AND TAONGA**

On 14 July there was an unveiling of Art and Taonga at Wakatu House. It was very impressive.

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH**

I attended a Chamber of Commerce lunch where we were addressed by Bill English.

## **KEEP MOTUEKA BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE**

I attended a Keep Motueka Beautiful meeting at the Motueka Service Centre – very good work done by this group.

## **NELSON ENVIRONMENT CENTRE**

I attended the opening of the Nelson Environment Centre which was opened by the Prime Minister.

## **VARIOUS OTHER MEETINGS**

On 27 June I attended a meeting of the Combined Shareholders Group.

Jock Sutherland from Nelson Cricket and I met on 7 July and discussed possibilities at Saxton Field.

On 7 July Dennis Bush-King and I met with Redge Cooper and his supporter. I will proceed to discuss options with Redge regarding his Golden Bay property and attempt to gain Code Compliance Certification.

On 10 July I met with John Hambleton of Air Nelson to discuss regional issues.

I met with Nick Smith and the Chief Executive for an update on 18 July. This covered a number of issues.

## **LGNZ CONFERENCE**

On 24 July I attempted unsuccessfully to fly to Rotorua for the start of the LGNZ Conference.

I was equally unsuccessful in flying home but now I'm back!

The Conference was from 25 July to 30 July and I will give you a verbal update at today's meeting.

Richard Kempthorne

Mayor

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