

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne

DATE: 8 September 2008

SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for September 2008

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

I attended the Blessing of the Fleet on 2 August along Rocks Road with Jane and a great crowd of onlookers.

TORRENT BAY

There have been various discussions involving land owners in Torrent Bay, Councillors Norriss, Borlase, Inglis, CEO and staff in order to find a solution to coastal erosion that can be presented to Council for approval.

NZ TRANSPORT STRATEGY

I attended the launch of the NZ Transport Strategy at the Beehive on 5 August.

PIPFruit NZ (PNZ) CONFERENCE

On 6 August I attended the PNZ Conference including the conference dinner which was held at the Rutherford Hotel this year. This was a very worthwhile event. The horticultural industry is the most significant income earner for the whole district and the pipfruit sector is the outstanding leader. There is significant innovation occurring and I have invited representatives to make a presentation to Council in the near future.

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Deputy Mayor King and I have tried to alternate, along with Lloyd Kennedy or Mike Tasman-Jones, at a series of weekly meetings exploring opportunities that may be available to the region during the Rugby World Cup 2011. Meetings include representatives from NCC, TDC, Tasman Rugby, EDA and Nelson Tasman Tourism. We are at a point where a basic cost benefit analysis may be completed in order for us as a Council to decide what we wish to support.

STEVE OLIVER WITH IHATOVE MOTOR SPORT

I have assisted Steve in the establishment of this new motor sport operation in helping with promotional material.

ONETAHUA MARAE

On 8 August I attended a meeting at the Onetahua Marae with Jeff Cuthbertson and Councillors Borlase and Riley exploring ways of working together.

MURCHISON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Along with Councillor Bryant I attended a meeting of the Murchison Community Council on 11 August. This is one of the nine proactive and effective community groups representing their part of the district, in addition to the two Community Boards.

TRANSPORT ROAD SHOW

On 12 August I attended the Transport Road Show with several Councillors and staff from both TDC and NCC. This was the first presentation on the Agencies series of road shows. This appeared a very satisfactory presentation and I am sure the end product of a good working relationship with Council will involve us all working together in a constructive manner.

EDA WORKSHOP

Councillor Norriss and I attended the first joint Council EDA workshop on 12 August. I felt that the ensuing discussion bodes well for constructively working on relevant issues.

NELSON TASMAN HOUSING TRUST

I met with representatives of the Nelson Tasman Housing Trust on 19 August. They want to work with Council on affordable housing initiatives which we will need to flesh out in more detail.

WWAC PUBLIC MEETING

Members of the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC) held a public meeting on 20 August at the Hope Community Church. This was a well attended meeting. Several issues were discussed including what happens in the event of a

dam breach and the cost of the project. Both issues will have more detail worked through in the coming months.

REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

I attended the Regional Affairs Committee meeting in Wellington on 21 and 22 August. This is a meeting of the Chairs of regional Councils and Mayors of Unitary Councils. Various matters were discussed.

RICHMOND COMMUNITY FORUM

I attended the Richmond Community Forum meeting on the evening of 26 August as well as the Richmond Councillors and Trevor Norriss. This was perhaps the most enjoyable RCF meeting I have attended as the Chair ran a well managed meeting.

CEO CATCH UP

I continue to meet with Paul at least weekly. We have a regular 8.30 am time slot each week but often meet in addition to this. We discuss any items that seem relevant at the time so that we keep each other apprised of what we are doing.

PERFORMING ARTS & CONFERENCE CENTRE UPDATE

I attended this meeting on 29 August with Cr Stuart Borlase and Lloyd Kennedy. This is an opportunity for us representing TDC to be updated on progress that Nelson City are making on the Performing Arts Centre. This was clarified a City project. Any decision making for TDC will be made by the whole Council at some stage in the future.

COMBINED SHAREHOLDERS

CEO, Murray Staite and I attended the Combined Shareholders meeting on the afternoon of 29 August. There was some discussion about making this a Joint Council Committee however our combined consideration (CEO, Tim, Murray Staite and I) consider that we prefer bringing all recommendations from Combined Shareholders back to Council for final decision.

NELSON TASMAN TOURISM

CEO, Murray Staite and I then discussed funding and operation of Nelson Tasman Tourism. This was a constructive discussion which did not reach a conclusion but started a real focus on the issues that we jointly have to face. Clearly our diverse rural community involves benefits, funding and rating issues a little different to Nelson

City and these issues need to be clarified in order to move forward. We will be reporting back on this when we have something concrete to report.

CDEM

A meeting of the Joint Emergency Management group which will result in a report and funding recommendations coming to Council as part of the LTCCP process.

TINA'S FAREWELL

Was held on 2 September with a morning tea in the Community Services department. We will all miss Tina but wish her all the best for her next chapter in her life. About a fortnight prior I invited her to assess my lack of a filing system in my office. Within about 20 minutes she had suggested a neat filing system that I am starting to use and made a huge difference to my desk and office.

WWAC MEETING

I attended the most recent WWAC Meeting on 2 September. There is an upcoming update report to Councillors with the progress of the details of this project.

AQUACULTURE

Cr Riley, CEO, Environment & Planning Manager and planning staff met with MfE representatives to explore ways that marine farming planning can be progressed. This appeared to be a constructive discussion and contained options to assist our planning issues being progressed. I'm sure Council will hear from Dennis in due course.

MAYORS AND DEPUTIES AND CEOS TDC/NCC

CEO and I met with Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Nelson and CEO. We had constructive discussions regarding various issues. We agreed that working together on various matters is a good idea and it was suggested staff report back to Council when there are matters worthy of consideration. We discussed joint waste management as I reported recently at Engineering Services.

REMUNERATION AUTHORITY

I met with Peter Cornish from the Hay Group who was reporting back to the Remuneration Authority regarding mayoral salaries and workload. I reinforced the significantly greater workload undertaken by unitary authorities and Peter seemed to take this on board. Thank you to those who gave diaries. I was able to explain that Councillors remuneration is often light for the work being done.

REOPENING OF SEIFRIED'S RESTAURANT

I attended the reopening of the Seifried's Restaurant in Appleby. It is very pleasing to have this facility again open to the public for functions.

CONNECTIONS

I attended the monthly meeting of the Connections Steering Group. Minutes are available if requested. This has representatives of many of the key agencies working on youth issues. There are about 160 groups working on youth issues in the region, and connections aim is to facilitate good dialogue between these groups and work constructively for young people.

THANK YOU TO WORKSHOP STAFF

On 5 September I attended an afternoon tea organised by Susan Edwards and Sandra Hartley to thank the staff who have been involved with giving presentations to Council during the LTCCP workshops. A great group of people who I thanked on behalf of Council for their work and input to the issues we have addressed.

RURAL FIRE NETWORK'S 10 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

I attended with Deputy Mayor King and Community Services Manager the 10 year celebrations for the Rural Fire Network. This is an inspiring group of people working to keep out rural landscape and forests fire free. They do a marvellous job and are a model for the country. This saw the retirement of Tom Broderick from the position of Manager of Rural Fire Network and handing this position to Neil Eder.

Richard Kempthorne

Mayor

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