

REPORT

TO: Councillors
FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne
DATE: 24 October 2008
SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for October 2008

MRS ELAINE HENRY; BISHOP SUTER TRUST BOARD

I received an email from Elaine on 8 August, an excerpt is attached.

“Just to let you know that The Bishop Suter Trust Board has now officially gone out of existence due to the Act of Parliament passing ownership to NCC. The first meeting of the new board appointed by NCC will take place late this afternoon.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your representative on the Trust Board.”

I would like to express my appreciation for the work that Elaine has done by staying on the interim Bishop Suter Trust Board following the election and until the new board appointed by Nelson City Council commenced its activities. With the agreement of the Council I will write to Mrs Henry expressing our appreciation.

REST HOME GAMES

On 10 September I attended the opening of the rest home games at the Stoke Memorial Hall.

ZONE 5 MEETING

The Zone 5 meeting was held at Seifrieds on 11 September. I was joined by Councillors Higgins and Ensor who came to observe the Zone meeting in action. We had an evening dinner the night before for those that needed to travel the day before in order to attend. Zone 5 (Timaru to the top of the south) and Zone 6 (rest of South Island) are considering joint meetings which would also have the effect of reducing the number of meetings. Joseph Thomas gave a very informative presentation on the process for investigating the Lee Valley Dam which was very well received.

QUEENSLAND TOUR

I left Nelson on 12 September and returned on 20 September for the LGNZ Queensland Tour looking at Council structure and how this part of local government in Australia is handling the growth pressures of a very fast growing region. I will give a fuller separate report.

MOTUEKA PLAYCENTRE

On 23 September I attended the Motueka Playcentre as part of Playcentre Awareness throughout New Zealand. I was reminded what a lot of work young mothers and fathers do in bringing up families.

MEETING WITH MARTIN SNEDDON

On 25 September I met Martin Sneddon with Nelson Mayor Kerry Marshall where we discussed various issues regarding Rugby World Cup 2011.

MEETING WITH NEIL SOLE

I met with Neil Sole, Executive Chairman of the Community Patrols NZ, at Nelson City. Neil explained the role of Community Patrols and we discussed the very helpful role the Community Patrols have in Nelson, Richmond and Motueka. The patrols provide an extra layer of eyes and ears in our community which help reduce the unsocial and un-thoughtful behaviour of some.

TREASURED PATHWAYS MEETING

Cr Ensor and I as well as Susan Edwards, Robyn Scherer and Glenn Thorn attended a workshop at Nelson City Council regarding the Treasured Pathways. The Council workshop we had attended was very helpful in understanding the very positive potential of this project.

I attended the Government announcement funding a major upgrade of the Nelson Courthouse

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

I have met with Alastair Munroe, Tord Shelstrom and Jack Santabarbara who are interested in working with Council to help identify opportunities for maximising sustainable development in our region and practical steps that we can take. I have suggested that they work up some daft terms of reference for a group outside of Council that can work with Council to maximise opportunities.

WAKATU HOUSE

On 26 September I attended with Dennis Bush King, Neil Jackson and Ros Squire a presentation regarding the seafood cluster development proposed by Wakatu at the Glen, north of Nelson City. This appears a very comprehensive development.

McGLASHEN PHARMACY

On 30 September I cut the ribbon at McGlashen Pharmacy in Richmond.

AGE CONCERN INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER PERSONS

I attended the Age Concern international day for older persons at Club Waimea, Richmond.

RUGBY WORLD CUP

There have been several meeting dates in the Nelson Tasman Tourism office working on the possible application for the Rugby World Cup. Meetings attended by a combination of Richard, Tim, Lloyd and Mike. All Councillors are now pretty much in the picture of the result of these meetings.

RICHMOND COMMUNITY PATROL

I joined the Richmond Community Patrol for their monthly meeting with Community Constable Glen Lloyd-Jones in the Richmond Police Station. I think that Community Patrols are a great asset to the community and are quite a disincentive to nuisance behaviour.

MOTUEKA STRUCTURE PLAN MEETING

On 2 and 17 October I met with representatives of Wakatu Incorporation and planning and infrastructure staff regarding the Motueka structure plan. This has been between Council Environment and Planning meetings. It appears that Council and Wakatu now have agreement in principal that will be reported back to Council on 20 November.

NELSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

On 6 October I spoke to Nelson Chamber of Commerce with Kerry Marshall. That evening I attended the Motueka meeting to brief the community on the

proposed draft plan change for water from the Central Plains Zone. I also attended the water presentation in Ngatimoti on 8 October.

TOP OF THE SOUTH TRANSPORT FORUM

On 10 October, with Cr Norriss, CEO and Cr King, I attended the first meeting of the Top of the South Transport Forum. This involves the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Engineering Chairman plus CEO and Roading Engineer from each of the Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough councils. This will be a key group to align priorities for transport projects across the Top of South.

BROADBAND MEETING

I attended a Broadband Meeting, seeking to establish a governance group to address improved access to high speed internet access across the Top of South.

OPENING DAY FOR NELSON YACHT CLUB

On 12 October I attended the opening day for the Nelson Yacht Club.

GOLDEN BAY AND MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD

On 14 October I attended both Golden Bay and Motueka Community Board meetings. Progress has been made to establish a better working relationship with the Motueka Community Board and the Golden Bay Community Board appears very sound.

WESTPAC HALBERG CELEBRITY SPORT BREAKFAST

I attended the Westpac Halberg Celebrity Sport Breakfast.

RICHMOND UNLIMITED

I met with CEO and members of Richmond Unlimited to discuss further suggestions for development and LTCCP possibilities.

I also attended **ASB Bank function** with Murray Staite.

WWAC MEETING

On 16 and 20 October I attended WWAC meetings regarding feasibility of the Lee Valley Dam.

I also opened **refurbished House of Travel**, Richmond.

CONNECTIONS STEERING GROUP

I attended the Connections Steering Group in Nelson on 17 October.

PERFORMING ARTS WORKING GROUP

Cr King and I attended the Performing Arts working group in Nelson.

TAKAKA FIRE SERVICE EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARDS

On 18 October I attended the Takaka Fire Service Employer Recognition Awards. This is a very valuable opportunity to thank the firefighters who assist the community in many ways, and acknowledge their employers who support them to do so.

COMBINED SHAREHOLDERS GROUP

I met with the Combined Shareholders Group to discuss and make recommendations to respective Councils on Director appointments and Port Nelson Directors fees.

SPARC

I attended a briefing of SPARC in Wellington with CEO Neville Male, outlining the makeup and operation of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust.

RETIREMENT DINNER FOR IAN KEARNEY

I attended a retirement dinner for Ian Kearney, retiring Chairman of Directors of the Nelson Airport Company. Ian has played many key governance roles, the Chairman of the Airport Company being one of them. With Councils approval I would like to write a letter of appreciation to Ian.

Richard Kempthorne
Mayor

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