

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne

DATE: 9 December 2008

SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for November 2008

28 October

Attended a Powhiri and hui at Te Awhina Marae with Councillors, CEO and Managers. The TDC and iwi are exploring initial discussions on ways of working together. It was an excellent hui.

3 November

Nick Patterson gave a presentation of the Port Nelson quarterly report to Paul Wylie and me.

7 November

Attended NMIT Business Awards

11 November

Met with the Kyosato Committee representatives to discuss details of the upcoming February visit involving the Mayor of Kyosato. The Kyosato Mayor and Councillors would like to meet TDC Councillors during this visit please. Details will be advised.

13 November

Attended Regional Affairs Committee Meeting in Wellington. We discussed the National Policy Statements on water and biosecurity. Lindsay Vaughan will communicate on biosecurity in due course.

14 November

Jane and I attended opening of Grand Mecure Hotel, Monaco

19 November

BBQ dinner for the Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Community Patrols; a way of saying thank you to these volunteers who effectively minimise alcohol related nuisance behaviour in our CBDs.

21 November

Meeting between Mayor and Deputy Mayor and CEO of TDC and NCC. We discussed joint waste management, joint planning and the funding of Nelson Tasman Tourism.

21 November

Paul Wylie and I attended, with NCC and MDC Mayors, a meeting of Mayors, Councillors and Senior Management of Wanganui, Ruapehu and Far North Councils to explain our experience as unitary Councils. Wanganui, Ruapehu and the Far North Councils are exploring Unitary status.

25 November

Meeting of the Waimea Water Augmentation Community to discuss details of the feasibility study.

Met with Paul Sangster, Cr Borlase, & CEO. Discussed planning for new township growth in Takaka. As Councillors will recall, after feedback from the community in an excellent planning process we agreed that 'new' residential growth would be in Takaka East rather than investing many millions of dollars in an extra stop bank for protection of Takaka. We explained that we are open to reconsideration of further residential zoning in the Takaka township if Takaka property owners are prepared to pay for the stopbank upgrade.

Health Action – I have asked Cr Bryant to help represent Tasman with the Health Action Group. This group will look at the mechanisms of addressing use of illicit drugs and 'how we drink' to try and reduce antisocial behaviour affecting members of our communities. This group has just started and will communicate as progress is made.

27 November

The regional Affairs Committee meeting on the 27 & 28 November was hosted by the Tasman District Council. Included a visit to Nelson Pine Industries and Nutrizel and presentation of the Waimea West Augmentation Committee water management programme.

28 November

I went out with the Richmond Community Patrol as an observer, and was impressed with the job that they do.

1 December

Presentation of the Safe Communities initiative in collaboration with Police and other organisations. The purpose is to identify key issues to work together on to keep our communities safe.

3 December

Met with Rachael Rees, Martin Workman and Rose Biss to discuss the development of an Urban Design Panel. There was agreement the panel is a good concept to develop jointly.

Attended, during the course of November, prizegivings for Motueka High School, Golden Bay High School and Waimea College; and the Nayland College Gateway Programme graduation at Adcock and Donaldson.

MAYORAL DONATION FUND

The following is a summary of the Mayor's discretionary fund for the year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

Description	Number of items	Total spend
Floral tributes	6	404.46
Local Government NZ contribution	1	2230.22
Fundraisers - charity	10	2130
Prizegivings/leaving gifts	4	519.59
Gifts for visitors	4	445.11
Mayoral robes/chain upkeep	2	78.22
Donation for community professional development	3	1111.11
Other/miscellaneous	6	2252.22
Total		\$ 9170.93

The budgeted amount for this fund for the 2008/09 year is \$13,000.

A six monthly report for the 2008/2009 financial year will be made available to Council at the January 2009 meeting

R Kempthorne
9 December 2008