

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne

DATE: 21 May 2009

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SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for February/March 2009

1 April

- Met with Peter Bone and Steve Waring regarding a potential cycle trail in the region that would mimic the Otago Rail Trail. Peter is now in the process of forming a Trust to gain funding and move the idea forward, and I have since supplied a letter of support on behalf of the Council.

3 April

- Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Connections meeting
- Attended the regional High School Leadership Forum with Paul McConachie encouraged the college age attendees to be involved with Youth Councils
- Met with landowners in the Lee Valley regarding land issues associated with the Lee Valley Dam
- Jane and I attended '100 Years of Council in Murchison' commemorative dinner with other councillors and staff

7 April

- Joint Councils LTCCP presentations

9 April

- Attended official opening of the new NMIT Tourism and Hospitality Building

11 April 2009

- Jane and I were hosted at the Omaka Air Show by Mayor Sowman and his wife. What a tremendous event and all credit to the Marlborough community and Council.

14 April

- Attended Golden Bay (GB) Community Board and GB public appointments
- Motueka Stopbanks consultation meeting

15 April

- Motueka water supply consultation afternoon and evening

16 April

- Attended the Saxton Field open session and briefing. I was again impressed by the tremendous opportunity that Saxton Field will give to our region and was challenged to consider how TDC and NCC will work together to manage this facility to maximise the benefit for the region.

17 April

- Meeting with MP Nick Smith. In particular we discussed the council position on the Conference Centre; Richmond Community Facility; Shared Services between the two councils with particular reference to Waste and Recycling; the Holding Company structure for Council's CCOs; the Council position on Tasman Bays Heritage Trust; a Working Party on public transport; funding for ecological flows for the Lee Valley Dam; updates on how the Top of the South is working together; and the proposed National Cycleway and cycle trails in Nelson Tasman.
- Meeting with MP Chris Auchinvole. In particular we discussed the Takaka reticulated firefighting water supply; Motueka stopbanks ; Motueka water reticulation; council position on Community Board targeted rates; council position on Tasman Bays Heritage Trust; council position on Matakita Dam; Auckland Supercity; and the proposed National Cycleway and cycle trails in Nelson Tasman.

18 April

- Richard and Jane attended the opening of the Westport Solid Energy Centre. This is a fantastic facility for the Buller District, started by Mayor Martin Sawyer and continued with the current Council. While in Westport we met with Buller Mayor Pat McManus, and introduced him to Nigel Muir, CEO, Tasman Regional Sports Trust (TRST).

20 April

- Met with Richmond Ward Councillors and representatives from the Richmond Community Forum to discuss Richmond issues.

21 April

- Welcomed the ACC workplace health and safety auditor. TDC has since received the report from the Auditor, gaining secondary accreditation. Accreditation is granted at primary (lowest) to tertiary (highest) levels, so a secondary accreditation is quite an achievement for a first audit, and will result in some financial savings to the Council in ACC fees.
- Attended the Richmond Community forum to discuss various issues relevant to Richmond.

22 April

- Met Superintendent Gary Noels, newly appointed District Commander for Tasman Police

24 April

- Introduced Nigel Muir to staff of both Councils regarding Saxton Field Management.

25 April

- Took part in Anzac Day commemorations in Richmond

27-28 April

- Attended SPARC conference in Hamilton in my role as Chair of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust.

29 April

- Attended Pipfruit Variety Evening at Waimea Nurseries in Brightwater

30 April

- Attended the second regional Economic Summit organised by the Nelson Regional EDA

1 May

- Met with MP Steven Joyce to discuss both transportation and broadband. I went on to attend a luncheon talk by Steven Joyce hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Minister Joyce is impressive to meet with to discuss issues in his portfolio of responsibilities and we discussed the method by which Nelson and Tasman are affectively and efficiently working together on transport issues, something often overlooked by those looking in from the outside.

2 May

- Met with Little Kaiteriteri residents regarding the Kaiteriteri road, rubbish disposal and Little Kaiteriteri landscaping on the sea frontage.

4 May

- Met MP Maryan Street. In particular we discussed the Council Ten Year Plan; updates on the Top of the South working together; and the proposed National Cycleway and cycle trails in Nelson Tasman.
- Meeting with the CEO, Paul Wylie, and Sara Chapman, Chair of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust (TBHT). We had a constructive discussion regarding settling the outstanding Council obligation for TBHT storage and the Trust's intentions on how to address the budgeted shortfall to fund depreciation. The CEO will bring a full report to Council on options.

5 May

- Waimea Water Augmentation Committee Technical Group meeting

7-8 May

- Zones 5 & 6 combined meeting, Christchurch. The key issue of note is the importance of LGNZ representation for all councils with Government. I have

attached the agenda for this meeting to my report, and if anyone would like to discuss any of the presentations, please let me know.

15 May

- Attended TBHT Breakfast meeting at the Nelson Provincial Museum, with NCC Mayor, and TDC/NCC Deputy Mayors, CEOs and Corporate Services Managers.

During the Month/s..

- Many LTCCP consultation meetings, district-wide
- Regular meetings with Nigel Muir, new CEO of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust
- Richmond West Hearing deliberation meetings