

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor Richard Kempthorne

DATE: 13 August 2009

REPORT REF: RCN090820 MAYORS REPORT

SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for June/July 2009

22 June

- Meeting to discuss terms of reference (TOR) for Combined Shareholders Committee. Following the discussion it was agreed by the TDC Combined Shareholders representatives that the TOR are appropriate for this group to work well to address the issues of the organisations with a combined focus.

24 June

- Liaison meeting with CEO and Chair of Chamber of Commerce, update on current issues relevant to both organisations
- St John Ambulance observer shift, fascinating to see the stunning work done by St John Ambulance
- Met with Tourism Nelson Tasman Board members to discuss ongoing issues, giving NTT an indication of the 10 Year Plan direction and funding.

25 June

- Waikato Independent Review meeting of RAC members and a discussion regarding the relationship with various Regional Councils and iwi in the respective communities, followed by RAC Biosecurity group and a visit to Minister David Carter

26 June

- Joint community services hui discussing various issues relating to various government agencies and iwi
- Opening of fire training facilities at Richmond Campus, NMIT, followed by manning the fire hose. I admire those fighting fires on ships at sea where they have to descend below deck into a fire in order to fight it.

29 June

- Trustpower Community Spirit award for Missy Seymour at Motueka High School, the Regional winner. Well done Missy.

30 June

- Full Council meeting, formal adoption of Ten Year Plan

- Waimea Water Augmentation Committee Technical Group meeting

1 July

Met with David Mitchell and representatives of Safer Communities Council to discuss the racism report.

3 July

Met with Golden Bay Community Board to discuss issues that need resolving including:

- Communication between the Board and the Council
- Charging out staff time to the Boards
- Board responsibilities

A potential way forward has been covered in more detail in a separate report

6 July

- Met with Farmsafe and New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust in Wellington

8 July – 15 July

- Southland trip, covered in a separate report

16/17 July

New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust meeting in Wellington

20 July

- Met with the CEO of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust and the NCC and TDC Community Services Managers and staff to discuss the ongoing management of the Saxton Stadium and Field. This has now gone out for tender. Nigel Muir is to attend the Community Services meeting and will discuss among other things management of Saxton Field and the Saxon Pavilion
- Tasman Regional Sports Trust Finance Committee
- Mayors Taskforce for Job Industry Training Graduation – with a record number of graduates attending this well-organised event is a stunning occasion to reward industry trainees qualifying in their training.

21 July

- Talking Heads meeting

22 July

- Meeting with Don Nicholson, President of NZ Federated Farmers and Chris O'Connell of the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency regarding on-farm high speed fibre options for rural land owners and businesses

24 July

- Meeting with Donna Hiser, Chair of the Nelson Tasman Tourism Trust.
- Launch of the Motueka Recycling Initiative in Motueka. Cr Norriss' minder status was appreciated.

25 July – 29 July

- Local Government New Zealand National Conference, Christchurch, incorporating the Regional Affairs Committee Annual General Meeting. CEO Paul, Deputy Mayor Tim and Cr Ensor may also elaborate on their time at conference. This is a great time for networking with the many people we work with at Mayoral or governance level.

In addition there were two Regional Affairs Committee (RAC) sub-committee meetings where we discussed membership on the Land and Water Forum, part of the MfE initiative on addressing water planning issues. As a result of a meeting with Alistair Bisley, Chair of the Land and Water Forum, I have become a member of this Forum where I will be able to contribute the “Tasman” experience of collaborative water planning to inform the national context.

I attended a meeting hosted by Bob Parker, Mayor of Christchurch, who explored the concept of a tourism initiative to brand the whole of the South Island as a destination for tourists. I found one conference workshop regarding co-management of water issues particularly informative, highlighting the difference between management and governance when it comes to RMA planning and consent processes.

31 July

- Received, from the Environment Ministry, the site audit report on the former Fruitgrowers Chemical Company in Mapua. Attended also by Dennis Bush-King, other Council staff, Cr Norriss and maybe others. This event was marked by a press conference and public meeting in Mapua. A further public meeting was attended by Dennis Bush-King, Jenny Easton and Cr Norriss to further address some of the detailed issues of this site’s remediation. While some neighbours have had a difficult time, it is pleasing to see that the site has now been released to the Council so that we can work with the local community for its development.

2 August

- Opening of Motueka Cadets shed

3 August

- Opening Multicultural Resource Centre in Nelson, a great resource to support the increasing number of new migrants from diverse ethnic groups in our community
- Regular meeting with Maryan Street
- Attended the release of the Racism Report, a mechanism for those who are recipients of racial abuse to be able to report it. This has been developed by Debbie Kohner on a voluntary basis over a six month period, a marvellous contribution to our community.

4 August

- Met with SAVE, attendees of Community Services meeting last week
- Met with Cathy Knight, Honorary Naval Officer, Nelson and Commander Frank Rands, Navy's Protocol Officer, regarding the welcome to the region of the vessel Pukaki later this year

5 August

- Met with various staff and property owners regarding gateway landscaping for Richmond

6 August

- Met with Tourism Nelson Tasman Directors and Chief Executive regarding tourism issues
- Met at Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency regarding broadband backhaul for the South Island

7 August

- Meeting of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust

During the Month/s..

- Communication with ratepayers and with Council staff in regard to a number of disputes between property owners at Tukurua, and access to the beach at Tukurua
- Richmond West Hearing deliberation meetings and Notices of Requirement meetings

MAYORAL DONATION FUND

The following is a summary of the Mayor's discretionary fund for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

Description	Number of items	Total spend
Local Government NZ contribution	1	2231
Fundraisers – charity	10	3392.23
Sponsorship/Education	11	3685
Koha	1	100.00
Other/miscellaneous	2	84.44
Total		\$9492.67

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

Note: The amount of \$2500 was budgeted, and allocated to, the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Industry Training Graduation under a separate budget code.