

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne

DATE: 26 January 2010

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SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for December 2009 & January 2010

4 December

Attended the opening of the National Underwater Hockey Interzone competition.
Motueka Christmas Parade

5 December

Christmas in the Park at Motueka Recreation Centre

6 December

Opening of Kaiteriteri Mountainbike Park.

7 December

Tasman Regional Sports Trust Board meeting and AGM

8 December

Golden Bay and Motueka Community Board meetings, public appointments in Golden Bay

9 December

Combined government and local government agencies Hui

10 December

Briefing to senior managers on progress with the Lea Valley Dam. A series of public meetings are planned for February to inform and consult with any potentially affected residents on the plans for the Dam.

11 December

Visited the Nelson ARK in Richmond
Regular 'catch-up' meeting with MP Nick Smith
Attended Sealord end of year function

12 December

Motueka Senior Citizens social

13 December

Top Team prize giving at Upper Moutere Sports and Recreation Centre

14 December

Regular Nelson City Council/Tasman District Council Mayors and Deputy Mayors meeting

15 December

Social function with Nelson and Tasman Councils, TDC Councillors lounge

18 December

Judging Nelson Mail 'Nelsonian of the Year', congratulations Cr Jack Inglis

20 December

Master of Ceremonies for Carols in Washbourne Gardens

21 December

Opening of memorial wall at Richmond Cemetery

22 December

Attended regional branding workshop run by Nelson City Council

During January..**17 January**

Attended Tata Beach cardboard boat race

23 January

Attended the Tapawera A & P show

Liaised with Captain Healey in the UK – we have contributed text for a brochure he is involved in producing for 'Admiral Lord Collingwood Celebrations' to mark the 200th year since Admiral Collingwood's death.

27 January

Met with Local Government New Zealand and a North Island council representative to discuss working with Government to deliver better broadband services particularly in rural New Zealand where the service levels are often very inferior to those available in urban areas.

28 & 29 January

Attended Land and Water Forum (LWF)

I helped organise a meeting at the conclusion of the LWF on the 29th. This meeting was between a representation of stakeholders of the LWF and representatives of Regional Councils to discuss suggestions for improved governance of local water management in New Zealand. There have been suggestions that there could be improvements on the current New Zealand system, often without detail or reason and this meeting was to discuss current practice and possible improvements. I

appreciate the assistance I have had from other Regional Councils as this is a very important activity.

MAYORAL DONATION FUND

The following is a summary of the Mayor's discretionary fund for the half year 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009.

Description	Number of items	Total spend
Contribution to Mayors Christmas Dinner	1	1700.00
Fundraisers – charity	6	3352.08
Sponsorship/Education	6	1057.33
Total excluding GST		6109.41

The budgeted amount for this fund for the 2009/2010 year is \$13,000.

Attached for information are the Talking Head Board report for December 2009, and also a December report from Jan Francis, Executive Officer, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs.

Report: Meeting of Talking Heads - 2 December 2009

Talking Heads is a cross sector group led by the Mayors of Nelson City ,Tasman District and Marlborough Councils, and including the local heads of government agencies active in the Nelson Tasman Region as well as representatives from the health and education sectors. Talking Heads is committed to a community centered model of health and wellbeing.

The following reports were presented and actions undertaken:

World Health Organisation Safe Communities Project: Let's work together to make Nelson Tasman a Safer Community

- International Safe Communities is a World Health Organisation (WHO) concept. In New Zealand; the Safer Communities Foundation (SCFNZ) supports regions, towns and cities to gain accreditation which provides an indication of a level of achievement within the field of community safety.

- In February this year a large number of agencies met together and discussed the major issues currently facing Nelson Tasman. 53 Agencies and interested parties now make up the interest group. Seven priority areas were identified, for the initial phase of the process. These are:
 - Family violence
 - Safe homes
 - Reduction in alcohol related harm
 - Road Safety
 - Safety in the outdoors
 - Safer Work Places
 - Racism and emerging communities

People currently working in these fields have begun to map existing activity, identify issues and opportunities and to work towards enhancing good work and developing new initiatives as required.

The current operational structure is represented in the diagram below:



The structure reflects the collaborative process of WHO accreditation; it takes everyone to improve safety outcomes for our community.

- Over time, programmes are expected to:
 - target high-risk groups and environments;
 - promote safety for vulnerable groups; and

The current Funding Partners are:

- NMDHB – Public Health Service, Nelson City Council and ACC.

A number of other agencies have committed administration resources; however, sustainable funding for the duration of the accreditation process is of major concern

Nelson - Tasman Safe Communities Accord: November 2009:

- The members of the group agreed that Talking Heads will provide governance services to the Safe Communities enterprise.

Nelson Region Economic Performance and Outlook - October/November 2009:

- A monthly summary of economic activity in the Nelson MSD region is prepared by the Ministry's Regional Policy Advisor. The picture overall is one of recovery. As a region, we were relatively late to feel the effects of the recession and there are signs that the larger centres are being the first also to enjoy some of the recovery.

Social well being in Te Tau Ihu – November Report:

- Two new reports on social wellbeing were released in October, the Ministry of Social Development Social Report, and Statistics New Zealand's General Social Survey. They suggest a picture that, while broadly positive, includes several areas where Talking Heads members may have concerns. Talking Heads is already familiar with the persistent problems associated with family violence, racism, and alcohol related harm.

**Report from Jan Francis, Executive Officer, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs
December 2009**

Firstly a **great bouquet for all the work** you have done for your young people over the year. You have responded to the challenging times by working with government agencies and the new youth schemes to ensure youth unemployment has not sky rocketed. Of course there is still more to do and many of our young people are still not participating in our communities but with your leadership and partnerships with government you are making a difference. A few things to note:

1. The **Youth in Local Government Conference** will be held in **Porirua 7-9 April**. I hope you will be there along with a good representation of your young people.
2. Our Chair – Dale Williams is now representing you on the **Skills Forum** so if you have any information, requests you want to put to government about skills in your area let Dale know.
3. The **Core Group** will be having a **planning session on 9 February** so let us know what you would like to see in our next strategy and action plan.
4. We recently had a piece in the TEC newsletter asking ITO's to contact you when they hear about the likely laying off of apprentices, so you can use your networks to assist them find new positions. Please support the ITO's when this happens.
5. We have put the **School Trustees Association presentation** to the Core Group up on the **website**. This is an excellent organisation which can help if there are any problems with your local schools.
6. **Community Links**. Over the past two years, Work and Income have established eight Community Links in Linwood, Naenae, Kamo, Flaxmere, Huntly, Ashburton, Rotorua and Glen Innes. An additional 15 Community Links are planned to be established within nice Work and Income regions by December 2009 in Kaitaia, Whangarei, Westgate (Auckland), Onehunga, Thames, Te Kuiti, Whakatane, Tokoroa, Taupo, Turangi, Napier, Masterton, Blenheim, Greymouth, and Timaru. The Ministry is currently engaging with local communities regarding the establishment of these Community Links. This engagement includes consultation with local authorities, Iwi, government agencies and non-government organisations. Make the most of these centres in your area to ensure greater collaboration among agencies and better service delivery for your people.
7. Check out the link below for a **case study done by the ILO on the Mayors Taskforce** – pretty good international publicity. Original research was done in 2007, but still interesting. http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/documents/publication/wcms_114186.pdf

8. **Redundancy support.** While the economy is picking up don't forget there is still support available for those being made redundant. Redundancy Support is a support and information service provided by Work and Income when a business is making people redundant. It works alongside an employer to help affected employees to transition into alternative jobs or re-training to enter other work. The service is voluntary and is dependent on employers informing and agreeing to work with Work and Income to support their affected employees. Redundancy Support involves Work and Income working with an employer (and where appropriate with employee representatives) to deliver information and services to affected employees in their work place or another mutually suitable site. This approach means that employees have ready access to Work and Income's services to help them to secure a new job.

9. **Youth Guarantee contacts.** Attached is a list of contacts for institutions offering youth guarantee places in your communities. If you hear of young people needing this help or can offer support to the participants during their courses next year please make contact with these people.

Youth Guarantee Providers				
Private Training Establishment	Contact name	Email	Phone 1	Phone 2
Avonmore Tertiary Academy (Takapuna, Whangarei, Kaikohe) - Proposal	Karl Yates	karly@avonmore.ac.nz	03 977 2711	027 641 8110
NZ Management Academies	Tim Cullinane	tim.cullinane@nzma.co.nz	09 306 1950	
NZ Institute of Sport	Shelley Addison	shelley.addison@nzis.co.nz	04 495 8390	021 844 005
G&H Training	Geoff Goodchild	geoff@ghtraining.co.nz	06 843 8664	027 440 6591
Community Colleges New Zealand	Doug Reid	doug@comcol.ac.nz	03 313 2881	021 508 044
Academy Group (NZ)	Lee Page	Lee.page@academy.ac.nz	03 366 3785	
Apostolic Training Centres	Trevor Wilson	tw@atc.org.nz	07 853 0222	021 828 291
Training for You	Denise Scoot-Lister	Denise@trainingforyou.co.nz	06 349 0047	
Best Pacific Institute of Education	Diane James	dianejames@besttraining.co.nz	09 825 0139	
The Cut Above Academy	Anita Kumar	anita@cutabove.co.nz	09 302 7295	
Institute of Technology & Polytechnic	Contact Name	Email	Title	
Aoraki Polytechnic	Kay Nelson	Kay.Nelson@aoraki.ac.nz	Chief Executive Officer	
Bay of Plenty Polytechnic	Kuku Wawatai	kuku.wawatai@boppoly.ac.nz	Director Maori and Community Development	
Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology	Gay Charlotte	sharlotteg@cpit.ac.nz	Director, Planning and Projects	
Eastern Institute of Technology	Claire Hague	chague@eit.ac.nz	Deputy Chief Executive	
Manukau Institute of Technology		-		
NorthTec	Dr Heather Moore	hmoore@northtec.ac.nz	Director Prog. Delivery	
Otago Polytechnic	Mike Waddell	mikew@tekotago.ac.nz	Group Manager - Marketing Services (Corporate), T & T (Academic)	
Southern Institute of Technology		-		
Tai Poutini Polytechnic	Samuel Blight	samuelb@tpp.ac.nz	Director, Strategy	
Tairāwhiti Polytechnic	Glenis Philip-Barbara	glenis@tairawhiti.ac.nz	Business Devel. Director	
Telford Rural Polytechnic		-		
Unitec Institute of Technology		-		
Universal College of Learning		-		
Waiariki Institute of Technology	John Snook	john.snook@waiariki.ac.nz	Deputy Chief Executive	
Waikato Institute of Technology	Warwick Pitts	warwick.pitts@wintec.ac.nz	Director Marketing	
Wellington Institute of Technology		-		
Whitireia Community Polytechnic	Susan Cauchi	Susan.Cauchi@whitireia.ac.nz	Director Academic and Planning	
Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology	Liana Crowsley	Liana.Crowsley@nmit.ac.nz	Education Partnerships Project Manager	

