

## REPORT

**TO:** Councillors

**FROM:** Mayor R Kempthorne

**DATE:** 4 March 2010

**SUBJECT:** Mayor's Report for February 2010 - RCN10-03-01

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### **6<sup>th</sup> February**

Waitangi Day celebrations and Kai Festival at Whakatu Marae. Attended the powhiri with Jane, and stayed on to sample the excellent food on offer.

### **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February**

New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust meeting, Wellington

### **10<sup>th</sup> February**

Presentation at Richmond Police Station for Nicholas Parlane, an officer who has left the station. On an ongoing basis, I will be acknowledging officers who leave the Tasman area police stations for their service to the region.

### **11<sup>th</sup> February**

Met with Patrick Steer and Keith Preston from the Housing Trust.  
Joined IDEA Services at Broadgreen to acknowledge the support workers who work with people in the community

### **12<sup>th</sup> February**

Attended the opening of new tennis, basketball, netball and hockey courts at Tapawera Area School – these courts will be an asset to the whole community as well as the school

Nelson Tasman Connections (under Mayors Taskforce for Jobs) Steering Group meeting at Nelson City Council

### **13<sup>th</sup> February**

Attended Opera in the Park and was once again impressed with the quality of the performers and the organisation that goes into this event.

### **15<sup>th</sup> February**

Met with Room 4 at Tasman School. The students from Room 4 are starting a penpal projects with students from Grootegast in the Netherlands, with whom we have a Friendly Town agreement. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the students from both schools to learn about another country and the similarities and differences between their lives.

Attended the Lee Valley Dam break scenario open day in Brightwater, which I believe was well received by the residents who will be affected by the dam.

### **18<sup>th</sup> February**

Met with Ihatove Trial (motorcycle) riders, visiting from Japan. This was the inaugural Ihatove Trial ride in the Tasman area in 88 Valley, and it is hoped this will become an annual event which will attract international riders to the region. I was most impressed that the world champion Japanese rider could do with his motorbike what most of us cant do on our legs.

### **20<sup>th</sup> February**

Murchison A & P Show

Attended the Ruby Bay Bypass Open Day

### **21<sup>st</sup> February**

Takaka Family Fun Ride from Takaka to Bencarri Farm return

### **23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Attended Motueka River Flood Control workshop in Motueka

### **24<sup>th</sup> February**

Met up with Rose and Alison with CYAD Health Action Group. They discussed various drug and alcohol interventions occurring.

### **25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February**

Land and Water Forum meeting Wellington – included a casual meeting with Hon. Dr Nick Smith at his Parliamentary Office to brief the Minister on the progress of the Land and Water Forum, and Minister Smith brief the Forum on his expectations.

### ***During the month...***

Council is working collaboratively with Waimea College and the Ministry of Education on the access to Waimea College on Salisbury Road – the College is planning significant growth, and good access to the college at peak times, with minimal disturbance to the flow of traffic on this busy road is vital. We are also seeking to address existing safety issues on Salisbury Road, the road with the biggest safety issues in Tasman.

Working closely with the Tasman Regional Sports Trust Chief Executive on both strategic planning for the Trust, and also the planned move from the current location in central Nelson to Saxton Stadium offices.

Working with regional council representatives and the Land and Water forum on issues that effect both groups. Several meetings and teleconferences during the month.

Richard Kempthorne  
Mayor

