

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne

DATE: 8 July 2010

SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for July 2010 - RCN10-07-01

27th May

- SPARC Community Investment Presentation to the Tasman Regional Sports Trust
- Youth Volunteer Awards at the Hub

28th May

- Land and Water Forum Good Management Practice session
- Met with representatives from the Golden Bay Medical Centre Community Trust
- Met with Chairs of the two Community Boards and the various Community Associations around the region. Another meeting is planned for August, with the idea of improving the relationships between the Council and the Community Board and Associations, and also between the Community Associations and Boards themselves.

29th May

- Attended a function to celebrate the Motueka Volunteer Firefighters Employers
- Attended the opening of Stuart Drummond Transport new yard in Queen Street.
- Dinner with Commanding Officer (CO) of the HMNZS Pukaki, Lt McQueen and one of his second-in-commands. Lt McQueen has now stepped down as CO of the Pukaki and I am looking forward to meeting the new CO soon, and continuing the relationship between Pukaki and the region.

31st May

- Met with Murray Kerr and Louise O'Donnell regarding the shift of the Hope Hall. Those present clarified the decision-making process that led to the shifting of the historic school building in Hope and discussed a Hope community meeting, that we subsequently held on the 8th July.
- Discussed the plans for Waitangi Day 2011 celebrations at Te Awhina Marae

1st June

- Spoke at a luncheon for the Education Enterprise Alliance Trust
- Discussed Tasman ongoing contribution to the Prow website

8th June

- Site visit to Mapua

9th June

- Attended the opening of the Nelson Housing Trust Bramley Estate affordable housing development

- Council met to discuss changes to the draft Annual Plan 2010/2011 after reading and hearing submissions from the community.

10th /11th June

- Attended Land and Water Forum in Wellington

14th June

- Met with Police Superintendent Gary Knowles
- Attended Marahau and Sandy Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association

16th June

- Met with members of the Land and Water Forum to help establish improvements to water quality using Good Management Practice
- Met with Motueka Community Board to discuss their appeal against water allocation from Motueka aquifers to other nearby communities

17th June

- Attended Tasman Regional Sports Trust Board Meeting in Blenheim

18th June

- Attended Cawthron Institute Trust Board meeting
- I was present when the millionth customer, 8-year-old Angelique Thorn, entered the ASB Aquatic Centre. The Centre is now closed to build the toddlers pool area.

21st June

- Attended New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust Strategic Planning Day

22nd June

- Attended the opening of the bird hide on the Jimmy Lee walkway with several Councillors and Council staff members, a stunning work.
- Part of 'Exercise Sand' – a Civil Defence exercise which worked through a scenario involving a simulated civil defence event in Richmond
- Met with Cathy Knight, Naval liaison officer, to discuss plans to host a Charter parade in Richmond in 2011.
- I was pleasantly surprised to receive a gift and greeting from the Mayor of Trebur in Germany. A Tasman resident who has visited Trebur on several occasions met with the Mayor of Trebur on a recent visit. The Mayor asked that his greetings be passed back to Tasman and sent a gift of local schnapps.

23rd June

- Attended a Parliamentary Reception for the New Zealand Airports Association.

24th / 25th June

- Land and Water Forum, Wellington

28th June

- Attended, and opened, the Beekeepers conference, hosted this year in Nelson
- Met with Rene Bester regarding a history of the region's mayors and her endeavour of funding herself to Cambridge University for nine months

- Met with the Tasman Nelson Tasman Board in the Council Chambers and provided brief feedback on the annual plan process

30th June

- Council met to approve the final Annual Plan 2010/2011, and to set rates and charges

1st July

- Attended blessing of the renovated Richmond library

2nd July

- Attended Young Orchardist of the Year competition

3rd July

- Officiated at the Opening of the renovated Richmond Library. I was very impressed by the large number of people that attended, and what a fantastic light, bright and spacious area has been created. Ably assisted by my helpers Izzy and Eva.

During the month/s...

Discussed solutions to Swiftsure Road, Golden Bay, drainage issues with Golden Bay Councillors, the Chair of the Golden Bay Community Board and Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Mayors Report RCN10-07-01 be received by the Tasman District Council.

Richard Kempthorne
Mayor