

## REPORT

**TO:** Councillors

**FROM:** Mayor R Kempthorne

**DATE:** 19 October 2010

**SUBJECT:** Mayor's Report for September/October 2010 - RCN10-10-12

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30 August

Cr Ensor, CEO Paul Wylie, Susan Edwards and I met with Nelson City Council representatives to discuss the ongoing progress of the Treasured Pathways project.

8 September

Jane and I had dinner with the Nelson Mayor and Mayoress and Hon Nick Smith to host Andrey Tatarinov - Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Donato Scioscioli - Italian Embassy's First Secretary, and Peter Tinsley - Political Counsel - US Embassy

9 September

Attended the Situation and Outlook for New Zealand Agriculture and Forestry (SONZAF) conference

10 September

Received a cheque from Chris Bowater from Treefund, a fund generated by a donation for each new Honda car sold, for \$2000, another great donation to the development of our green spaces

17 September

Attended Regional Affairs Committee in Wellington

18 September

Attended the World War II veterans reunion at the Nelson Suburban Club

24 September

Opening of the Old Mill Walkway at Mapua. I was very impressed with the number of attendees, especially the local school children who gave a whole of school "Happy Birthday" for Cr Ensor. Well done to Robyn Scherer and others for organising this event.

Top of the South Rural Support Trust AGM in the afternoon/evening, followed by the Fish and Game and Forest and Bird election meeting of Councillor and Mayoral candidates in the Richmond Town Hall.

25 September

In the Richmond Mall, I was tasked with shaving Theo Herring's head, as they raised funds and awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation. Well done, Theo!

27 September

A number of invited attendees came to a meeting to discuss the future strategy for Port Tarakohe. This is the beginning of a process to develop a high level, long term strategy for the Port and surrounds. This was a very constructive discussion and there was a high level of support for the key issues going forward.

1 October

Jane and I, Michael and Jan Higgins and Gordon and Carole Currie attended the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Once again, I was very proud and impressed to see a large number of the awards go to Tasman businesses, in this challenging time for businesses.

6 October

I attended the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust AGM, where I complimented Trustees and staff on very good outcomes.

14 October

I spoke at a workshop for New Mayors, run by Local Government New Zealand, to give my observations on the life and role of the Mayor of Tasman and key issues I face.

16 October

I attended, in part, the Association of Community Access Broadcasters national conference here in the region. Our own Fresh FM is a member of this association and I feel that Fresh FM makes a valuable contribution to our community.

### **During The Month...**

Meetings, campaigning and all other things elections. I offer congratulations to all Councillors and Community Board members who were successful in the election, and commiserations to those who were not successful. I was sure that there would be a period of respite from a very busy schedule in either the time immediately prior, or after, the elections. This has definitely not been the case!

The issue of the placement of the Hope Hall on the Hope Reserve was opened up for public opinion and submission. Submissions are now being collated and will be considered by the Richmond Ward Councillors, Chair of the Community Services Committee and myself for a final decision, unless an off-site option is recommended, in which case the decision will be referred back to the Community Services Committee.

Senior Staff have been working extremely hard to bring a Tasman District Council submission on the amalgamation petition to the table. This has represented a lot of data gathering and background work from a number of staff members.

Plans for the building alterations at 189 Queen Street continue development.

Completion of the Ruby Bay Bypass, 7 months ahead of schedule, represents a significant asset in the Tasman District. Work will continue with residents groups on enhancing the Ruby Coast scenic drive area.

The Waimea Water Augmentation Committee have indicated that they will have a governance report and recommendations on the Lee Valley Dam to give to Council in the next week or two. This will allow Council to commence the public consultation needed on the various models of governance and payment for the Dam.

The Marine and Coastal Area Bill is currently out for submissions, Dennis Bush-King is formulating a Tasman District Council submission on the proposed Bill

A document entitled "Building Competitive Cities" has been drafted by MP Hon Nick Smith and recommends further amendments to the Public Works Act and the Resource Management Act. This is a joint project of the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Economic Development.

The national Land and Water Forum has now finalised its report and recommendations. Public engagement meetings will now take place around the country to receive feedback on the report and recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Mayor's Report RCN10-10-12 be received by the Tasman District Council.**

Richard Kempthorne  
Mayor