

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne

DATE: 31 March 2011

SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for February/March 2010 - RCN11-04-05

7 February

Meeting with NZTA (Jenny Chetwynd) and Nelson City Council regarding State Highway classification and Mid Term report on National Land Transport Programme.

Outstanding Natural Landscapes - meeting in Golden Bay with business and Federated Farmers representatives and Council's planning staff

8 February

Attended Golden Bay and Motueka Community Boards

11 February

Tasman Regional Sports Trust Board meeting in Blenheim

Dinner with visiting students from Kiyosato, Japan

14 February

Connections Steering Group meeting

15-16 February

Fresh water Management Conference

17 February

Visit by Councillors and Senior Managers to Port Nelson, a jointly owned council asset

18 February

Regular meeting with MP Chris Auchinvole

Council workshop to look at Takaka modelling options

Dinner with MP Hon Nick and Linley Smith, and British High Commissioner Vicki Treadall

19 February

A & P Show Murchison

21 February

New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust meeting – Wellington

22 February

First meeting of the Mapua Wharf Precinct Advisory Group. This group has been put together to give representatives of Mapua groups information on the development of the Mapua Wharf precinct, including the wastewater pump station upgrade; and an opportunity to give feedback to Council on various options. Many thanks to Cr Ensor for agreeing to Chair this group.

24 February

Tasman Regional Sports Trust Staff hui

Met with members of Greypower Nelson to update Council actions

25 February

Visit by Councillors and Senior Managers to Onetahua and Te Awhina maraes. This was an excellent trip, we learnt a lot about the local Maori history, and were made to feel very welcome on the maraes

28 February

Discussed Rugby World Cup Business opportunities

2 March

Meeting with Chairs of Community Boards and Community Associations to discuss the Draft Annual Plan and also ways of working closer together. The Boards and Associations have been invited to attend standing Committee and full Council meetings and will be sent the agenda for these meetings so they have a chance to peruse the meetings contents.

3 March

Wellington – Meetings with Horticulture New Zealand, Ingenium and the Land and Water Forum, and a Parliamentary reception for the launch of National Pest Management Plan of Action.

4 March

Regional Affairs Committee meeting Wellington – this group has been renamed the Regional Sector Group.

Attended the Crusaders game at Trafalgar Park with Jane, and Nelson Deputy Mayor Ali Boswijk.

7 March

Collingwood Public Meeting for follow up on the Aorere flood.

9/10 March

Wellington – Land and Water Forum small group, and also the Select Committee hearing for the Aquaculture Bill

11 March

Cawthron Trust Board meeting

13 March

Race Unity Day at Victory Park

Earthquake Benefit Concert at the Playhouse Café

14 March

Ingenium meeting Wellington

15 March

Top of the South Rural Support Trust meeting

16 March

Meeting with Waimea Inlet group and Cycleway Trust to discuss the proposed path of the Tasman Loop cycleway through the Estuary area

With CEO Paul Wylie spoke at a public meeting organised by GreyPower Motueka

18 March

Attended the Christchurch memorial service at Hagley Park

19/20 March

Trustpower Community Awards, Tauranga

During The Month/s...

- Successfully elected as Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 Chair – a combined Zone 5/6 meeting is planned for the end of April
- Two meetings of the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plan Working Group
- Annual plan workshops and Council meetings have led to the Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012 been published and put out for consultation
- Hearing meetings for proposed changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan
- Visit from a school group from Fujimi Machi, including a dinner, a lunchtime BBQ and an exchange of gifts. The Fujimi community had very generously raised \$5000 towards the Christchurch recovery, and so I was pleased that we were able to offer \$5000 towards the Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief fund, raised by Waimea College holding a mufti day, the Fujimi Committee and the Council.

LGNZ Conference

The annual Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General meeting takes place in July of this year in Wellington . As well as myself, CEO Paul Wylie and Deputy Mayor Tim King, I would like to suggest one additional Councillor to attend the conference, and also the AGM as an observer.

Consultation on Draft Annual Plan

On the day of the Council meeting it would be good to briefly review whether we think our consultation process is engaging effectively with our community. We need to note that the Communications Subcommittee is currently working on a Community Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Mayor's Report RCN11-04-05 be received by the Tasman District Council.

Richard Kempthorne