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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Full Council
Meeting Date: 22 September 2011
Report Author: R Kempthorne
Subject: **Mayor's Report for August/September 2011**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report is a commentary of the Mayor's activities for the months of August/September 2011 for Councillors information.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report August/September 2011 (RCN11-09-03)

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1. Activities

1 August

Attended the Motueka Public Meeting on the latest stage in the amalgamation proposal.

2 August

Met to discuss various issues with IMG Golden Bay

3 August

Attended the Nelson Bays Alcohol Accord meeting at the Honest Lawyer
MCed the Climate Change Seminar at Seifried Function Centre

5 August

Attended the opening of the Motueka Community Link (Ministry of Social Development initiative)
Chaired the Nelson Tasman Connections Steering Group
Attended the Tasman Regional Sports Trust Board meeting in Motueka

8 August

Travelled to Murchison to attend the Murchison and Districts Community Council meeting and AGM
Attended the Mapua Community Association meeting

9 August

Attended the Golden Bay Community Board meeting, followed by a Citizenship ceremony in Takaka.
Attended the Motueka Community Board meeting.

10 August

Briefly attended the Keep Richmond Beautiful AGM

11 August

Full Council meeting and Council Workshop

Meet with the Tasman Cycle Trust regarding branding for the Tasman Loop cycleway. This will officially be called the Tasman Great Taste Trail.

Attended and spoke at a Richmond Public Meeting on the current stage of the amalgamation proposal.

12 August

Assisted with the opening of the Futures Conference at NMIT

Community Awards Ceremony

15 August

New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust meeting – Wellington

16 August

Attended the Talking Heads joint community agency meeting at the DHB

17 August

Attended the Motueka Valley Association meeting and AGM

19 August

Met to discuss support for HYPE-GS and street ambassadors in Tasman

Met with Ian Palmer and Bill Findlater to discuss support for the pipfruit industry locally. A growers forum is proposed for the 3rd October

20 August

Attended the Ecofest, where I was lowered in a stretcher from the Trafalgar Centre by the USAR team (a very smooth ride), and also built an ecohut with Mayor Miccio and his son.

22 August

Attended the Aquatic Centre to celebrate the Swim Magic programme winning a national CLM award

Catch up meeting with Marlborough Mayor Sowman

23 August

Spoke at the RSA Women's Mid-winter Christmas dinner

Attended the EDA Economic Summit

24 August

Land and Water Forum meeting, Wellington

25 August

Joined a teleconference with other Regional Council representatives to discuss the Animal Health Board

Met with staff and some Councillors to workshop the Council input into the DHB's Strategic Priorities for Health.

Attended and chaired a Motueka Flood Control public meeting

26 August

Attended a combined agency hui

Daffodil Day events – which involved me dressing in a very fetching yellow suit for a street drive and gathering at Sundial Square.

Met with the editor and subeditors of the Nelson Mail

Attended the Rotoiti District Council meeting

29 August

Attended the CYAD Health Action meeting

Met with Barney Thomas, Harvey Ruru, Jane de Feu and Waihaere Mason to discuss the proposed Kaumatua role for Council

Attended the Nelson Tasman Community Awards. Congratulations to the Winners including:

Heritage and Environment

Winner: Salisbury School Students

Runner-Up: Dramatix Theatre Development Trust

Commendation: Keep Motueka Beautiful Inc

Commendation: Motueka District Museum Trust

Health and Well Being

Winner: Pinnacle House

Runner-Up: Nelson Multicultural Council Inc

Special Commendation: Whakatu Maori Wardens

Special Commendation: New Zealand Response Team 2

Arts and Culture

Winner: Community Arts Works Trust

Runner-Up: Nelson City Brass Inc

Commendation: Motueka Arts Council

Sport and Leisure

Winner: Tapawera Sport and Recreation Society

Runner-Up: Wakefield Bowling Club

Education and Child/Youth Development

Winner: Soroptimist International Nelson Inc

Runner-Up: The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Nelson Area Council Vinnies

Tasman District Overall Winner

Motueka Recreation Centre

Nelson City Overall Winner
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson
Supreme Winner
Nelson Youth Theatre
TrustPower Youth Community Spirit Award
Winner: Maddy Pears, Nelson College for Girls

30 August

Attended the Safe at the Top of the South accreditation ceremony which celebrated Nelson and Tasman becoming an International Safer Community
Meeting with Waimea Water Augmentation Committee technical group

31 August

Attended the Regional Sports Trust National Workshop in Wellington. A presentation from that workshop is attached for your information.

1/2 September

Attended, with CEO Paul Wylie, the Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington
Attended a briefing on the Remuneration Authority, organised by LGNZ
Greeted the Italian rugby team as they arrived at Nelson Airport

3 September

Attended a powhiri for the Italian Rugby Team at Wakatu Marae

4 September

Attended a variety concert to celebrate 110 years of the Nelson School of Music

6 September

Growsafe Advisory Committee meeting, followed by Growsafe Management Committee, in Wellington

7 September

Attended, with Lloyd Kennedy, a staff meeting at the Richmond Library to answer any queries staff may have about either the amalgamation process or the CEO appointment process.

Attended the Waimea College Special Olympics Regional event

Attended the regional Building Apprentice of the Year Awards

2. During the month

- A very successful visit by All Blacks Ali Williams and Ben Franks to Motueka as a part of the New Zealand Rugby Union's "All Blacks in Your Backyard" campaign. Thanks to Brent Maru, the team at Sport Tasman, Crs King and Dowler, the Tasman Rugby Union, Peter Talley, Coca-Cola, Subway and Motueka Regional Ambulance for all their support.
- We have had early indications that some locations in Tasman are being considered for filming of The Hobbit. This is an exciting opportunity for our region.
- The LGNZ Zone 5 group met on the 13 September. Specifically we discussed:
 - LGNZ report on key sector issues
 - Mike Mora, Zone Community Board representative, spoke on Community Board issues
 - Zone 5 and 6 working together to develop a South Island position on any relevant issues
 - Discussion on shared services – I am forming a small working group of Chief Executives and Mayors to look at how shared services can best be utilised at a regional or South Island level
 - John Hamilton, Director of the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management spoke to Zone 5 on learnings from the February Canterbury earthquake and in particular the role of Mayors, Councillors and Community Board members in terms of both preparedness and recovery
 - Keith Miller, Principal Policy Analyst from Department of Internal Affairs spoke about the amendments to the Local Government Act 2002, and in particular the TAFM reporting and requirements
 - Freedom Camping – report from Mayor Maureen Pugh of Westland District Council and discussion reiterating general support for the legislation and its application. Everyone noted that this needs to be sensibly applied.

3. Other

Following on from the Council's resolution adopting new delegations for our two Community Boards, and looking at improving relationships going forward, here are three suggestions for consideration:

- Monthly meeting of Chairs & Mayor
- Dedicated officer within Council to oversee the Boards (currently informal, but it would be good to formalise)
- Officially approve joining Council at the table, and speaking rights, for the Chair (or portfolio delegate) from each Community Board for each standing committee and Full Council meeting

5. RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

6. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report August/September 2011 (RCN11-09-03)