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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Full Council
Meeting Date: 3 November 2011
Report Author: R Kempthorne
Subject: **Mayor's Report for September/October 2011**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman District Council:

- 1 Receives the Mayor's Report September/October 2011 (RCN11-11-04); and**
- 2 Appoints Cr Mirfin to the Nelson Tasman Business Trust as the Council representative.**

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1. ACTIVITIES

14 September

Met with NCC representatives regarding the appointment process for another Tasman Bays Heritage Trustee.
Regular catch up with Dot Kettle and Gerard Pratt from Chamber of Commerce

22 September

Met with Larry Ching, Principal of Waimea College, a representative from the Ministry of Education and key Council staff regarding access issues to Salisbury Road and the Waimea College entranceway changes.

23 September

Attended and spoke at the Opening of the Godwits Festival in Motueka.

26 September

Met with American Ambassador, David Heubener, and his partner. Involved with the Richmond parade to welcome the American rugby team for the Rugby World Cup.

28 September

Presented, with Cr King, to the Local Government Commission on the Draft Reorganisation Scheme for Nelson and Tasman. Hearings have also been held in Motueka, Murchison and Takaka.

29 September

Dinner, with Jane, with visiting Australian High Commissioner, Paul O'Sullivan, Australian Rugby Union Presidents and their wives and the Mayor of Nelson.

30 September

Chaired the Connections Steering Group meeting in Nelson. This delivers a highly valued connection of various organisations who deliver services for young people.
Attended and spoke at the opening of the Lower Queen Street Health Centre.
Attended the Joint Shareholders meeting.
Business reception in Nelson as part of the Rugby World Cup.

3 October

Hosted a forum of key pipfruit growers in the Tasman region to discuss ideas to assist the pipfruit industry. Currently many growers have faced years of little or no return for their crop and without some form of strategic plan many growers may go out of business.

5 October

Land and Water Forum, Wellington.

6 October

Attended the first visit and launch of the mobile surgical services bus in Motueka.

7 October

Attended the Sport Volunteer Awards breakfast

Attended the Tasman Regional Sports Trust Board meeting in Kaikoura.

10 October

Attended a workshop which is a national training pilot to help people understand how to give assistance for those caught in situations involving domestic violence.

11 October

Attended Richmond Community Forum AGM.

12 October

Attended the opening of the South Island Masters Games.

13 October

Attended a presentation from the Governor of the Reserve Bank.

14 October

Visit to Anatoki Track, along with Cr Bouillir, to discuss issues of concern with local residents.

15 October

Attended the welcome function for visitors for the Masters Games.

17 October

Attended the launch of the Chorus/Government Ultra Fast Broadband. Initially in Blenheim but also to occur in Nelson and Richmond.

19 October

A visit, with other Councillors and staff from both NCC and TDC to Christchurch to quake affected areas in the CBD and Sumner. This was a very informative visit

helping us to think about how we deliver civil defence in our region and we appreciated being hosted.

20 October

Attended Nelson Airport AGM with Cr Glover and Acting CEO, Dennis Bush-King. Also Cr King and I attended, in lieu of our Mayors and Deputy Mayors meeting, a regular catch up with Nelson City Council Deputy Mayor and Cr Barker.

21 October

With other Councillors and Senior staff, toured arts and culture facilities including the Suter, Trafalgar Centre, Theatre Royal, Nelson School of Music and the Museum TA445 and research and storage facilities. We benefited from talking to the managers of these venues and also their Board members.

25 October

I was very pleased to be able to welcome Archbishop Andy Joseph as Kaumātua for Tasman District Council. Archbishop Andy and his wife Ramari will be of tremendous value to both myself and Council as he guides us on matters of tikanga and assists with civil ceremonies.

2. DURING THE MONTH

- 2.1 The CEO Review Subcommittee has had a briefing session with Council's contracted recruitment agency to confirm details for the CEO recruitment process to commence. The revised timetable for the recruitment process is:
- 29 October to 5 November - advertising
 - 18 November – applications close
 - week of 25 November – CEO subcommittee reviews applications
 - week of 12 December – potential interview dates
 - 19 January – council workshop with shortlisted applicants' presentations
- 2.2 I was saddened to hear about the fire that has devastated the Mapua Aquarium. Council staff are now in discussions with both the leasee and subleasee regarding the future of the site.
- 2.3 I was pleased to be able to attend all three Rugby World Cup games at Trafalgar Park, and other associated events and functions. I was particularly impressed with the organisation of the Fan Zones at both Nelson and Motueka, and also the Richmond USA Festival. It was an honour to be able to host the American Ambassador to New Zealand, Mr David Heubner for his visit to Richmond and participation in the parade. Richmond Unlimited did a great job as the major organiser of the Richmond events. Thank you also to

Mike Tasman-Jones, Paul McConachie and Cr Edgar for their assistance in organising the Richmond Festival.

- 2.4 Two more meetings have been held between myself, Senior Council staff and the WWAC Technical Group in regard to the governance structure of the proposed Lee Valley Dam in preparation for reporting back to Council and the community.
- 2.5 Cr Paul Sangster was successfully elected as Golden Bay Ward Councillor. Congratulations Paul and we look forward to working with you as a member of the Council team.

3. OTHER

- 3.1 I would like to acknowledge that Cr Edgar has now stepped down from her role with Richmond Unlimited, due to her other commitments. Thank you to Cr Edgar for all of her hard work and dedication to this organisation to date.
- 3.2 Following on from the Council's resolution at its meeting of 20 October, there is one additional change that needs to be made to the Tasman District Council Representative and Appointments. To the role of Nelson Tasman Business Trustee, I recommend that Cr Mirfin be appointed.

Recommendation

That Cr Mirfin be appointed to the Nelson Tasman Business Trust as the Council representative.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received.

5. DRAFT RESOLUTION

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