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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 15 December 2011  
**Report Author:** R Kempthorne  
**Subject:** **Mayor's Report for November 2011**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report is a commentary of the Mayor's activities for the month of November 2011 for Councillors information.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report for November 2011 (RCN11-12-07).**

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## 1. ACTIVITIES

### 1 November

Zone 5 Meeting – Christchurch.

The meeting covered the following key issues:

1. Report from LGNZ highlighted the following issues/current items:
  - October National Council resolutions
  - Upcoming general election and party policies for local government
  - Population growth projections and National Infrastructure Plan
  - LGNZ and local government achievements over the last three years and challenges/opportunities upcoming in the future.
  - Coroner's report on Aisling Symes' death and recommendations for councils.
  - Acknowledgment and farewell to Eugene Bowen
2. Mayor Maureen Pugh reported back from National Council.
3. Civic Assurance – capital raising programme following Canterbury earthquakes
4. Recommendations from the Land and Water forum and potential implications for councils.
5. FAR – recalculations of the "Base FAR Rate" for each Council; Review of specific Base FAR Rates; Potential first principle review of the FAR in 2013.
6. Overview of the Road Maintenance Taskforce
7. Proposed meetings dates and structure for 2012.
8. Procurement and Audit NZ report into 'Hamilton V8s'.
9. Summary of work on South Island Alliance, with a report back at the next meeting.

### 4 November

Accessibility tour of Richmond CBD.

Attended the opening of the New Zealand Iris Society Convention.

### 7 November

Chaired Growsafe Advisory Committee meeting in Wellington

### 8 November

Chaired New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust meeting in Wellington

### **9 November**

I joined the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee in hosting Prime Minister Right Honourable John Key to give a briefing on the Lee Valley Dam project, ahead of National's Policy Statement on Irrigation. Councillors Glover, Maling and Mirfin also attended.

Attending a function with the New Zealand Aquaculture Conference.

### **10 November**

Presented a certificate to Hamish Harwood in recognition of him winning the 125cc Australasia Championship for motocross

### **11 November**

Attended the dawn ceremony to blessing the new Saxton Oval Pavilion

Attended Regional Sector Group Water Group meeting, Wellington

Attended Cawthron Exhibition opening at the Museum

### **12 November**

Attended Dun Mountain Trail Opening

### **14 November**

Attended public meeting with district wide road show on state of our rivers, in Murchison.

### **15 November**

Meeting at LGNZ regarding the review of the Remuneration Authority

### **16 November**

Land and Water Forum, Wellington

Also attended a portion of a central New Zealand summit of lower North Island and top of the South Island Councils looking at procurement and shared services issues.

### **17 November**

Officiated at the Environment Awards

### **18 November**

Attended Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington

Attended Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Congratulations to

Westpac Supreme Award Winner: **Jennian Homes Nelson Bays Ltd**

The Nelson Mail Emerging Business Award Winner: **Nelson Weekly**

The Radio Network Small Business Award Winner: **Jester House**

MediaWorks Medium Business Award Winner: **Glenn Roberts Electrical**

Port Nelson Ltd Large Business Award Winner: **Jennian Homes Nelson Bays Ltd**

Wakatu Innovation Award Winner: **Jennian Homes Nelson Bays Ltd**

The New Zealand King Salmon Investing in People and Skills Award Winner: **Kono Beverages**

Nelson Pine Industries Service Excellence Award Winner: **BlueBerryIT**

**21 November**

Land and Water Forum Governance working group meeting, Wellington

**22 November**

Mapua Estuary cruise with the 'Flat Bottom Ferry', an ideal tourist attraction in association with the Tasman Great Taste Trail.

**23 November**

Attended, with Jane, Christian Homeschoolers Prize giving evening

**24 November**

Spoke at Motueka Rotary Meeting

**25 November**

Attended, with Cr Inglis, the Riwaka School Year 5 and 6 class, who are currently studying "The roles and responsibilities of the Mayor and Council". Following our success in Richmond with the children from the Nelson Christian Academy, we on the spur of the moment created a 'draft bylaw' suggestion certain measures be taken regarding the Room 8 boys use of the playing pavement. Great Councillors of the future.

CEO Appointment Committee met to consider applicants.

**28 November**

With the Golden Bay Councillors, staff, and the Golden Bay Community Board Chair, visit with both parties in the debate over the operation of motocross activities at Motupipi. A helpful discussion occurred and a further meeting will follow early in the new year.

**29 November**

Tasman Regional Sports Trust Finance Committee meeting

Top of the South Rural Support Trust

**30 November**

Councillor King and I met for a regular catch-up with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from Nelson City Council.

**1 December**

It was a pleasure to have the assistance of Matua Andy Joseph in our citizenship ceremony.

**2 December**

Connections Steering Group meeting. Discussions regarding the ongoing role of this group following Government's recently announced policy on 'Youth Pipeline' and 'Youth Package'.

Attended the opening of the TNL freight depot in Richmond

#### **4 December**

Attended Community Patrol Christmas BBQ to thank member of the Motueka, Richmond and Nelson community patrols. In my opinion their presence in our communities, alongside the Street Ambassadors, makes for a safer community.

## **2. DURING THE MONTH**

- 2.1 The CEO Review Subcommittee has met to consider applications and recommendations from the recruitment agency following the close of applications for this position. This has resulted in a 'long' list of applicants who will be interviewed in the week beginning 12 December. Overall, the Subcommittee was very impressed with the calibre of applicants, which totalled 48. The Subcommittee intend selecting two candidates to bring to a confidential interview with the whole Council in January before the final selection.
- 2.2 The Council will have received a briefing on the progress of the Lee Valley Dam during a Council workshop of 6 December. During December the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC) have met with Council Managers and me in preparation for this briefing and in particular to address governance, funding and rating issues. The WWAC will also meet with the various water users in the proposed zone of effect, to provide an update on progress and put forward the preferred WWAC model, cost and possible rating implications. Council will need to begin its own community consultation process in early 2012.
- 2.3 Sadly, Harry Holmwood of Golden Bay passed away in November. Harry had been a very active member of the Golden Bay community and has made a huge contribution to his community.
- 2.4 Thank you to Kaumatua Andy Joseph, for leading a blessing on the carved Waharoa at the front of the Richmond Office, before it was taken down for storage, and also blessing the building works as they proceed. Thank you also to Andy for supporting the recent Citizenship ceremony here in the Council Chambers.
- 2.5 Noted the results of the 2011 General Elections including:  
Damien O'Connor, MP for West Coast/Tasman  
Dr Nick Smith, MP for Nelson  
Rino Tirikatene, Te Tai Tonga

Kevin Hague, Green List Seat  
Maryan Street, Labour List Seat  
Chris Auchinvole, National List Seat

### **3. OTHER**

- 3.1 I have attached Nelson Councillor Gail Collingwood's summary of our joint visit to Christchurch in October. We were able to see both the effects of the Canterbury earthquakes in the red zone, Avonside and the Sumner cliffs area. We observed the progress that has been made towards clean up and restoration. This was a very impacting visit for many reasons. Media interest was high regarding our visit. It was incredible to think about the recovery operation that is now ongoing from Christchurch City Council, CERA and Government. It gave us a fresh appreciation of the value we have with our own coordinated Civil Defence network working well in conjunction with Nelson City Council. Stuart and I would welcome any questions Councillors may have.
- 3.2 I have been very impressed with how well Dennis Bush-King has managed as Acting Chief Executive. Other staff have also stepped up in responsibility with various roles within the organisation, and on behalf of Council I would like to express our appreciation.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be received.

### **5. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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