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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 23 February 2012  
**Report Author:** R Kempthorne  
**Subject:** **Mayor's Report for January/February 2012**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report is a commentary of the Mayor's activities for the months of January/February 2012 for Councillors information.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report for January/February 2012 RCN12-02-05**

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## **1. ACTIVITIES**

### **19 January**

Council workshop to interview and hear presentations from final two candidates for CEO position

### **21 January**

Attended A & P Show in Golden Bay

### **23 January**

Met with Economic Development Agency (EDA) and Ministry of Social Development (MSD) representatives to discuss the future operation and funding of Nelson Tasman Connections youth transition service and agreeing to sustain the ongoing operation this service, contacting school leavers to offer support where necessary and agreeing also to support all youth agencies to work together.

### **25 January**

Attended Hon. Dr Nick Smith's annual address to the Rotary Club of Nelson. Also attended a public recovery meeting at Saxton Stadium for affected residents of the December 2011 rainfall event.

### **27 January**

South Island Strategic Alliance meeting, Christchurch

### **1 February**

Land and Water Forum Governance meeting, Wellington

### **2 February**

James Road Bridge Opening, Engineering Services meeting in Bainham, and tour of Ferntown and properties bordering the Aorere River. Councillor Norris, Bryant and I will meet with Sue Brown, Federated Farmers, TDC staff and several landowners later this month to further discuss how remedial works can be enabled.

### **3 February**

Regional Sector Group – Water Group meeting, Wellington

### **5 February**

Attended, with Jane, the Waitangi Day celebrations at Te Awhina marae. It was a tremendous day, and I especially enjoyed taking part in the Ki-O-Rahi game.

### **6 February**

Attended the Powhiri and Kai Festival at Whakatu Marae in Nelson as part of Waitangi Day celebrations.

### **7 & 8 February**

Land and Water Forum Small Group meeting in Wellington

### **9 February**

Connections Steering Group meeting

Tasman Regional Sports Trust Finance Committee meeting

Appointments Committee met to discuss a Trustee appointment to the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust.

### **10 February**

Regular catch-up meeting with Cr Tim King, Mayor Miccio and Deputy Mayor Boswijk

Meeting with MP Dr Nick Smith

Welcome to visiting students from Kiyosato, Motueka's Friendly Town

## **2. DURING THE MONTH**

- 2.1 Chief Executive Appointment – following an offer to Lindsay McKenzie we have been able to finalise a contract and Lindsay will begin as Tasman District Council CEO on 16 May 2012.
- 2.2 Local Government Commission Decision on Union of Nelson City and Tasman District. Councillors will be aware that following a decision from the Local Government Commission to on 31 January to proceed with a final reorganisation scheme, a postal vote will take place closing 21 April. A separate report in this agenda covers a recommendation from staff on the advertising expenditure to be made by Council during the polling period. I would remind all elected representatives that any opinion they express during this time is clearly identified as a personal opinion.
- 2.3. James Road Bridge Opening and Engineering Services meeting in Bainham. I was pleased to be a part of this Opening event, and my thanks to Matua Andy Joseph for assisting with the opening. I was heartened to see such a

large number of the community in attendance, and I believe the community also appreciated having the Engineering Services meeting held in Bainham. Thank you to staff for the organisation of this day.

- 2.4 South Island Strategic Alliance meeting. This was a meeting of both elected representatives and senior management representatives of South Island Councils on 27 January to further explore how councils can share both service delivery and procurement. A Core Group will now meet to discuss how particular projects can be progressed. There is strong support from all Councils involved.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be received.

### **4. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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