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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 22 March 2012  
**Report Author:** R Kempthorne  
**Subject:** **Mayor's Report for February/March 2012**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report for February/March 2012 RCN12-03-04**

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## **1. ACTIVITIES**

### **14 February**

New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust and Contractors Federation meeting in Wellington

Attended Wakefield Community Council meeting

### **15 February**

Land and Water Forum Governance meeting, Wellington.

### **17 February**

Attended the Council Open Day on the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant plans. A small number of residents attended but those in attendance were very appreciative of this information presented.

### **18 February**

Attended Murchison A & P Show with Cr Bryant

### **20/21 February**

Mayor and Councillor attendance at a two-day workshop for plans for the Richmond Central Business District area

### **22 February**

Met, with staff and a number of Councillors, with property owners on the lower Aorere river bank who have concerns over ongoing river maintenance and also repair work following the December 2010 and 2011 floods.

### **23 February**

Attended a very informative and well presented public Recovery meeting in Golden Bay with Recovery Manager Adrian Humphries, the Golden Bay Councillors, Community Board members and a representative from EQC.

**24 February**

Land and Water Forum Governance meeting in Wellington. This is the last of the planned Governance meetings as we are nearing a final report

**27 February**

Land and Water Forum Small Group meeting in Wellington addressing changes to governance, allocation and setting limits.

**28 February**

Chaired the Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 meeting in Christchurch. Relevant issues for the sector that were discussed at this meeting will be covered as part of a Council workshop following the Full Council meeting. The South Island Strategic Alliance work was reported and totally supported by the Zone members.

**29 February**

Met with stakeholders in the Motueka Airport to discuss the future management of the airport.

I was taken to the Jakkett Island foreshore by David Easton with Barry Dowler and Sarah Downs to see the effects of erosion and also the Council work to date.

**1/2 March**

Regional Sector Group meeting in Christchurch

**5 March**

Met with John Dunn and Jonathan Kennett from the Ministry of Economic Development in regard to Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

Met new Area Commander for the Police, Stephen Greally and Assistant Commander (South) Dave Smith and District Commander Richard Chambers. Attended, with Deputy Mayor Tim King, a public meeting on the amalgamation proposal hosted by Nelson Greypower

**6 March**

NZAET Trustees meeting in Wellington

Attended the first of the Draft Long Term Plan public consultation meetings, hosted by the Brightwater Community Association. This was an appreciative group in Brightwater.

**9 March**

Meeting with the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee technical group and selected staff. A key topic for conversation was the two upcoming public consultation meetings on the proposed Lee Valley Dam. I will be able to report back on these meetings at the Full Council Meeting.

**10 March**

Attended and presented awards at the Richmond Volunteer Fire Honours Night

**11 March**

Spoke, with Mayor Aldo Miccio, at the Race Unity Day in Victory Park. Unfortunately the numbers in attendance were down, because of the weather, but this was still a well-organised event. I will show you my calligraphic writing of "Tasman", as very ably assisted by Jason.

**12 March**

Spoke at the opening of the Rural Veterinary Practices conference in Takaka  
Regular catch up with MP Maryan Street  
Attended the Mapua consultation meeting on the Draft Long Term Plan, hosted by the Mapua and Districts Community Association.

**13 March**

Land and Water Forum Small Group meeting in Wellington

**14 March**

Attended the Takaka and Collingwood public consultation meetings on the Draft Long Term Plan

**2. DURING THE MONTH**

There has been a lot of communication regarding amalgamation. One of the commonly asked questions is "what will this do to my rates?" Deputy Mayor Tim King has articulated this very well, and with my complete support, that while there are likely to be some savings, these have been exaggerated at times while the transitional costs have, at times, been ignored. In my view the honest answer is that the net benefit, if any, and the effect on rates, cannot be quantified. In my opinion the key issue for people to address is whether the proposal gives better representation.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be received.

**4. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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