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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 21 June 2012  
**Report Author:** R Kempthorne  
**Subject:** **Mayor's Report for April/May 2012**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report for April/May 2012 RCN12-06-03**

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## 1. ACTIVITIES

25 April

Attended the Anzac Day services in both Collingwood and Takaka

27 April

Attended the Grey Power Nelson AGM

7 May

Regular catch up meeting with West Coast-Tasman MP Damien O'Connor

8 May

Met with Tasman Bay Heritage Trust Chair Sara Chapman and Liz Richards. Councillors will be aware that The Trust has been notified by both Councils that repayments on the outstanding loan to the Trust need to commence.

12 May

Pōwhiri for new CEO, Lindsay McKenzie. The pōwhiri also welcomed Lindsay's family; his partner Liz and son Hamish to the region. We were hosted by Te Awhina Marae, and my sincere thanks to Te Tau Ihu iwi, to Council staff, and to elected members for the organisation and attendance at this important event. Gisborne Mayor Meng Foon brought Lindsay on to the marae and spoke on behalf of Lindsay, and his mastery of Te Reo and protocol was much appreciated.

16 May

Civic welcome and blessing to welcome Lindsay McKenzie into the Tasman Council Chambers, guided by Kaumātua Andy Joseph.

Susan Edwards and I then met with the Minister of Local Government, Hon David Carter, at his electoral office in Christchurch. We took to the opportunity to brief the Minister on the Tasman experiences of the amalgamation process. I also met separately with Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker to express support for the Christchurch rebuild. This was my first opportunity to meet Mayor Parker since becoming Chair of Zone 5.

18 May

Attended, and spoke, at the Dairying on the Front Foot Forum, organised by Landcare. The forum covered what is working well for the dairy industry and water quality management by the dairy industry and challenges faced by their industry. The Aorere and Sherry catchments are two excellent examples of industry led and Council supported initiatives that have led to improved environmental outcomes and in my opinion very good examples of effective collaboration.

19 May

Spoke at the Motueka Grey Power AGM and covered briefly the outcomes of the Council's Long Term Plan process.

Attended, spoke and handed out service awards at the Motueka Recreation Centre 25 year celebrations.

22 May

I held a ratepayers meeting, with Cr Maling and Edgar, Russell Holden and Judith Seatter for those landowners in the Richmond West area who are affected by the lifting of a deferment of the rezoning of their land.

24 May

A very long Full Council meeting to make decisions on the Long Term Plan

25 May

Catch up meeting with Gordon Currie from Grey Power

26 May

Attended the street marching competition in Motueka as part of the Top of the South Island brass band competition. Six bands from Marlborough, Nelson, Tasman and West Coast attended and were very impressive.

29 May

Introduced Lindsay McKenzie to some of our key stakeholders and CCO contacts on the region including Sport Tasman, the EDA, Department of Conservation, Port Nelson and Nelson Airport

30 May 2012

Attended the Road Maintenance Taskforce roadshow meeting in Nelson. The Road Maintenance Taskforce have now released their interim report and we will be exploring a Top of the South/NZTA approach to investigate collaboration and efficiency gains for all four organisations.

31 May

The CEO Review committee met to begin initial KRA/KPI setting for the Chief Executive. As part of this process I will make an opportunity for the full Council to input.

1 June

Accepted on behalf of the Tasman region two defibrulators generously donated by the GPs Association – these will be installed at the DOC information centre at St Arnaud and the Collingwood Tavern.

## **2. DURING THE MONTH**

- 2.1 Shared Services meeting with Nelson City Council and Marlborough District Council including the Mayors and CEOs of each Council. A very constructive meeting. Lindsay McKenzie is going to work on a draft memorandum of understanding for consideration.
- 2.2 I am attending the week-long 'Transit of Venus' forum in Gisborne, on the invitation of Sir Peter Gluckman. Leaders from the science, business, iwi and government communities will be at the Transit of Venus Forum to hear some of New Zealand's leading thinkers advance Sir Paul Callaghan's vision for New Zealand. I am looking forward to the forum and will brief you on the outcomes at the Council meeting.
- 2.3 I have resigned from the Tasman Bays Cycleways Trust to avoid any potential conflicts of interest in regard to the Tasman Great Taste Trail decision-making by Council. I remain fully supportive of the Trust and its goals.
- 2.4 I have attached, for your information, a letter from the Ministry for Civil Defence in regard to tsunami warning sirens.

## **3. YOUTH UPDATE**

- 3.1 Councillors will be aware that one of my roles is co-chairing the Connections Steering Group. This service provides support for youth aged 15-19 years, and the Steering Group pulls together support from various organisations including Council, Police, Work and Income and secondary school principals. It is the region's response to the goals of Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.
- 3.2 Connections is of particular relevance at this time while there is discussion on changes to education and changes in government funding which will impact on education provision and classroom size in secondary schools and

intermediates. This has highlighted the benefit of collaborative services such as Connections with its inter-agency support.

- 3.3 I was particularly heartened to hear a report back at a recent Connections meeting on our Youth Week activities from the Tasman Recreation Officer. He reports an action packed week of youth events, workshops and activities which has been taken place across the region, as part of the 2012 Youth Week celebrations.
- 3.4 The Tasman Youth Council took a proactive role towards the 'making things happen for young people' with both the Waimea and Motueka clusters planning, organising and delivering events for their peers and community to enjoy.
- 3.5 The Waimea Cluster attempted an unusual challenge, vying for a world record for 'most people doing the robot dance'. Unfortunately, they fell just short of the mark, but had a blast teaching 500 of their school mates and teachers the robotic dance moves.
- 3.6 The Motueka Cluster organised a 'Mad Mish Around Mot' amazing style race which had competitors solving cryptic clues and completing crazy challenges along the way.
- 3.7 Youth Week is celebrated worldwide, and highlights the positive contributions young people play in making our communities better, vibrant places.
- 3.8 These activities were made possible in part by annual funding made available from the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That this report be received.

### **4. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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