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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 26 July 2012  
**Report Author:** R Kempthorne  
**Subject:** **Mayor's Report for June/July**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report for June/July 2012 RCN12-07-08**

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## 1. ACTIVITIES

11 June

The CEO review subcommittee met with Lindsay McKenzie to begin establishing the CEO's KPIs, to be reported back to Council.

12–13 June

Land and Water Forum Small Group meeting. The Forum is currently working on two streams of work, allocation, quality and setting limits (e.g. nutrient levels etc). The previous LWF phase concluded recommendations for changes to governance concluding the empowering of collaboration of stakeholder regarding writing plans, some aspects similar to what we are doing with outstanding natural landscapes.

14 June

Attended, with CEO Lindsay McKenzie, a cocktail function to welcome the Dutch Ambassador to Nelson for the Abel Tasman 370<sup>th</sup> commemorations. Jane and I were happy to be able to dine with the Ambassador the following day.

15 June

Cawthron Trust Board Meeting. Councillors may be aware that the Cawthron now has a new Chief Executive, Professor Charles Eason.

20-21 June

In Dunedin with Dennis Bush-King (and Pamela) for a one-day Zone 5 and 6 combined meeting, and also a South Island Strategic Alliance (SISA) Core Group meeting. The Terms of Reference for the SISA is contained in a second report for Council's adoption.

21 June

Spoke and handed out awards at the Nelson/Tasman Youth Volunteer Awards evening.

22 June

To Buller for a Tasman Regional Sports Trust Board meeting

23 June

Attended Joe Bell's memorial service in Golden Bay

26 June

Attended a New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust meeting in Wellington.

27 June

Attended the Nelson Regional Economic Summit, organised by the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency.

Attended the Young Fruitgrower of the Year awards. Congratulations to Jos Bell who was the successful candidate for our region.

29 June

Kaumatua Andy Joseph assisted with the opening of the Totaranui Road.

Congratulations to our engineering staff, Fulton Hogan and NZTA for a stunning project – well done.

Meeting of the Port Tarakohe Working Party, with a very constructive discussion regarding the management of the Port, including Golden Bay Councillors, Board Chair Carolyn McLellan, CEO and Manager, Property Services.

1 July

Unveiling and blessing of Bruce Mitchell's Kaka Beak sculpture in Motueka. This was a very rewarding event. Bruce Mitchell's whanau have appreciated greatly shifting the sculpture from Richmond to Motueka. Thanks to Mike Tasman-Jones, Steve Elkington and other staff; also Brent and Jodie Maru for their assistance.

6 July

I introduced Lindsay McKenzie to the CEO, and other senior staff at Wakatu Incorporation. It was a worthwhile meeting and we now aim to meet every four months.

8 July

Blessing of the Wairoa suspension bridge and opening of the Nelson to Brightwater cycle trail. A large turn-out from the community with many appreciative comments about Council's decision to reinstate funding for completion of the Loop.

11 July

Attended a Land and Water Forum (LWF) Small Group meeting in Wellington.

Preparing for a workshop that I will be chairing at the LGNZ Conference reporting back on the work of LWF including how it relates to territorial authorities.

13-17 July

Attended, with Jane, Lindsay McKenzie, and Crs Tim King, Martine Bouillir and Kit Maling, the LGNZ conference and AGM in Queenstown. We will be happy to provide Councillors with a verbal summary of the conference at the Council meeting.

18 July

Attended the EDANZ Conference, also in Queenstown and presented our experience in Tasman with collaboration with the aquaculture industry.

## **2. DURING THE MONTH/S**

- 2.1 Councillors will be aware that the recently adopted Development Contributions Policy (as part of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022) has caused much angst in the building industry. Specifically the removal of a 66% 'discount' on water DCs for the first dwelling on a lot. The DCs Policy is subject to a report to Council on 19 July, which will have occurred in my absence while returning from Queenstown.
- 2.2 Councillors will be aware that I was in Gisborne for three nights and attended the Transit of Venus forum. This followed an invitation from Sir Peter Gluckman, the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor. It was pointed out to me that this invitation was an honour that I didn't want to refuse. The focus of the conference was insuring that we maximise the benefits of Science and Research for New Zealand. It was inspiring and thought provoking to observe our young scientists working with passion in the various areas of science.
- 2.3 Some month or two ago I met with Councillors one to one to review how we are functioning as a team. I also recently met with the Chairs of Standing Committees to feedback to each other our performance in chairing meetings of Council. There was general agreement that while the amalgamation proposal period posed us some challenges, we are functioning well as a team and Councillors and I are very satisfied with the way we function. Thank you everyone.
- 2.4 I take this opportunity to thank Deputy Mayor Tim King for taking the Chair for me at two meetings in my absence.
- 2.5 I attached two letters recently received, for Councillors' information.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That this report be received.

## **4. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

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**Attachments:**

Letter - Mapua and Districts Cycle and Walkway Group  
Letter - Tasman Area Community Association