

# REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss

**DATE:** 27 August 2008

**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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Welcome to today's meeting. With the ever-increasing workload on Councillors and staff with LTCCP planning and workshops, it seems we are spending more time reading reports, trying to analyse efficient outcomes and at the end of the day trying to keep Tasman an affordable district to reside in. Not an easy task! Not to mention encouraging our residents and ratepayers to get involved in the consultation process that is required.

It is pleasing to see the issues with iwi regarding Motueka water have been resolved with common sense and in an amicable manner. It appears that both sides now have a better understanding of what water has been allocated.

Winning the Rooding New Zealand Excellence Award for a Minor Project with Sundial Square is certainly a feather in the cap for all involved. My thanks to Fulton Hogan, MWH, the community and Council staff who all contributed. This has been a long process (approximately 7 years) with a great outcome for the whole district. Many thanks to Roger Ashworth and Richard Kempthorne for their involvement over a long period. (My only disappointment was the exclusion of my two suggested names – Kempworth Square or Ashthorne Square)!

I have also received many positive comments regarding the way contractors are doing their upgrade in King Edward Street in Motueka. Well done Concrete & Metals.

The Engineering Manager will give you an update regarding our new Regional Transport Committee and some recommendations of who the external members may be. Both Richard Kempthorne and I have been involved in the recommendations.

Recent storm events have devastated the front beach at Torrent Bay and I believe an outcome has been agreed in consultation with the Torrent Bay residents committee. The Chief Executive has also been involved in this and a recommendation is to be presented to Council. A large part of this foreshore is public road reserve and therefore doing nothing is not an option.

Luckily our district survived the storm events relatively unscathed but still with significant costs attached. I suspect our turn may come. Further discussion is needed on how emergency event repairs will be funded.

Another recent milestone was the Wai-iti Community Dam finally filling and flowing over the spillway. Mayor Kempthorne, Councillors King and Higgins and the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee should be congratulated for all the hard work that has gone into this project. Also Joseph Thomas who came up with all the technical data and the Council of the day who had the foresight to approve the project.

There are two disbelieving Councillors who made rather rash statements regarding this dam ever filling. I have no reason to doubt their integrity and I'm looking at how we might maximise the upcoming swim and get some dollars to be donated to the Motueka Community Hospital! All ideas are welcome.

Morning tea has been arranged today and previous Mayors, Councillors staff have been invited to this final meeting for our Transportation Manager, Roger Ashworth. Roger has been in the job for 24 years and has been a valued member of the engineering team. Now in my fourth term as Engineering Chairman, I have always found Roger practical, (sometimes a bit prickly) but always prepared to help and make a decision. I'm sure that the committee will wish Roger and Yvonne all the best for the future and will have their say at morning tea.

Finally I apologise to Council for the actions of Council's Engineering Secretary regarding her rather exuberant presentation on parking options. Please don't hold it against me – I believe she was forced into it by Richmond Councillors!

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trevor Norriss". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Trevor Norriss  
**Chair - Engineering Services Committee**