

## REPORT

**TO:** Councillors

**FROM:** Mayor R Kempthorne

**DATE:** 4 March 2009

**REPORT REF:** RCN090305 MAYORS REPORT (1)

**SUBJECT:** Mayor's Report for January/February 2009

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### **21 January 2009**

Meetings with Manager, Cr Norriss and King regarding identifying a process to work constructively with NCC on public transport. While we maintain the position that it is more efficient and effective for issues that relate solely to transport matters within each individual Council area to be dealt with by that individual councils committee, we do see the need for an exchange of information and a joint approach to cross boundary issues. We decided that at this point it would be good to suggest Cr Norriss (Chair of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee), Peter Thomson, Andrew James (NCC) and Derek Shaw (Chair of the Nelson Regional Transport Committee) meet and oversee the pathway forward, reporting back to both Councils as necessary.

### **23 January 2009**

Meeting with Nelson Bays Community Law – this group was seeking funding after learning that their annual funding budget was to be cut by half. I suggested that unfortunately this is not something the Council can fund but offered to support any funding applications.

### **26 January 2009**

Attended a viewing of the Saxton Stadium with other Councillors and staff.

Met with Richmond Unlimited, Police and TDC representatives in regard to issues with vandalism and security in the Richmond CBD area. There will be more upcoming meetings to progress this

### **27 January 2009**

Attended opening of new MSD regional office in Nelson; and hosted the new Minister for Social Development, Paula Bennett and the Nelson Mayor for a lunch meeting.

### **28 January 2009**

CEO Review Committee met.

Attended Takaka public consultation meeting on fire fighting water supply

### **29 & 30 January 2009**

Following the Council meeting, drove to Blenheim for a meeting of the Gisbourne, Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough Unitary Councils

### **1 February 2009**

Attended, and opened, the Sarau (Blackcurrant) Festival at the Upper Moutere Sports and Recreation Centre.

### **3 February 2009**

Monthly catch up with Area Commander Brian McGurk

### **4 February 2009**

Spoke to the Richmond men's Probus group, covering various issues of interest.

### **5 February 2009**

Interview with Mainland Television regarding the Urban Design Protocol and Sundial Square.

Earth Hour photo shoot in Nelson with Mayor of Nelson Kerry Marshall to promote energy efficiency and awareness.

### **6 February 2009**

I attended the Powhiri at Whakatu Marae as a part of Waitangi Day celebrations. My first official Waitangi Day participation and it was a great experience.

### **9 February 2009**

The Chairs of Committees and Managers met to establish the consultation process for Motueka stop banks and Motueka water reticulation.

I met, as part of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust (TRST), the CEO appointment committee to select a new Chief Executive of the TRST, following the resignation of Neville Male.

### **10 February 2009**

Golden Bay Councillors, Jeff Cuthbertson and I met with residents of Tata Beach to discuss the Tata Beach UDA and explore the possible disestablishment of the UDA and funding options of the UDA. As a result of our discussions, Council is likely to see a submission to the LTCCP.

I attended the Motueka Community Board and discussed among other things the consultation process for the stop banks, water reticulation and internet access in libraries.

### **12 February 2009**

I hosted the Mayor of Kiyosato for afternoon tea, with Councillors Higgins, Edgar, Borlase and King and Wilkins. I appreciated their attendance very much.

### **14 February 2009**

Function at the newly completed Tea House at the Kiyosato Gardens in Motueka to mark the re-signing of the sister city agreement as shown in Newslines. I felt the attendance in person of the Mayor of Kiyosato was very significant and shows the importance of this relationship between the communities in Kiyosato and Motueka.

### **15 February 2009**

As a part of the Founders Family Fun Day, and the anniversary of the signing of Nelson as a bishop's see (city), I attended and spoke to the launch of the Prow website, which celebrates stories and events from the region's history and has been developed by staff from libraries of Te Tau Ihu (Top of the South) and other individuals.

### **Remits for LGNZ Conference in July**

Remits have been called for this year's Local Government Conference to be held in Christchurch from Monday 27 July to Wednesday 29 July. If Councillors have any matters they wish to be covered by a remit to conference the closing date for receipt is Monday 18 May.

### **Attendance at LGNZ conference**

*See Report and recommendation attached.*

### **Newspaper Article 14 February 2009**

*See Report and recommendation attached.*

### **Local Government KnowHow Professional Development for elected members**

Local Government NZ is running a KnowHow professional development course for elected members on Financial Governance, to be held in Nelson City Council on 22 May, and 19 other centres around the country. I would encourage Councillors attendance at this course and also to extend the invitation to Community Board members, should they wish to attend.

### **Road from Golden Bay to Karamea**

I have received a letter from Gerald Hughey, a resident in Motueka and resident of the district for twenty years. Mr Hughey has suggested that now is a good time to raise the question of developing a road between Golden Bay and Karamea. I will discuss this at the Council meeting for consideration of the views of Councillors.