

REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Mayor R Kempthorne

DATE: 9 February 2011

SUBJECT: Mayor's Report for December 2010/January 2011 - RCN11-02-11

1 December

Visited the Havelock Wharf operations with a view to the future options for Port Taranaki.

2 December

Attended the memorial service for the Pike River Coal Miners in Greymouth.

3 December

Deputy Mayor Tim and I met with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Nelson City Council to help enable a good working relationship with NCC.

Motueka Starlight Parade and Christmas in the Park (4 December)

6 December

Met new CEO of Nelson Tasman Tourism, Lynda Keene

7 December

CEO Paul and I met with representatives of the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce

8 December

In Golden Bay, together with Golden Bay Councillors, met with residents who are aggrieved by the noise from the nearby Motupipi Motorcross track, and also met with the track operators and users to try and reach a mutually acceptable solution, not achieved to date

10 December

Attended the Connections Steering Group meeting. It is clear that finding employment for school leavers is a significant and ongoing problem which this group is doing its best to assist with.

Tasman Regional Sports Trust AGM and General Meeting.

13 December

Meeting in Mapua to discuss sewerage pump station, including Waimea ward Councillors and Jeff Cuthbertson. Setting up a Mapua Wharf working group.

14 December

Conducted a citizenship ceremony in the Takaka Service Centre.

20 December

Met with Federated Farmers and Fonterra, together with several Councillors and staff to discuss how to better work together.

21 December

Attended the Nelson Police Pay Parade, an opportunity to acknowledge the great job done by the police.

25 December

Mayors' Christmas Dinner at Trafalgar Centre with Jane.

30 December

Attended the 20/20 cricket at the Saxton Cricket pitch; what a marvellous facility with a load of untapped potential to bring in top sporting events to the region.

19 January

CEO review subcommittee met.

21 January

Strategic Planning meeting for the Rural Affairs Committee in Wellington

22 January

Tapawera A & P Show

23 January

Golden Bay cultural food and wine festival

24 January

Visit by MP David Carter, Minister for Agriculture to Golden Bay to meet with farmers and survey the recent flood damage.

28 January

Regional Affairs Committee Meeting, Wellington

1 February

Met with both the Golden Bay Community Board and Motueka Community Board to find ways to work closer together. The result of these meetings will be reported up to Council in the near future.

2 February

Regular catch up meeting with Nelson City Council Mayor Aldo Miccio, NCC Deputy Mayor Ali Boswick, Deputy Mayor Tim King and myself.

6 February

Waitangi Day celebrations at Te Awhina Marae. This was a really good event and I appreciate celebrating Waitangi Day on a marae in our district. As with the Whakatu Marae, everyone received a very hospitable welcome (and the 2pm powhiri was about 35 degrees).

During The Month/s...

- Several visits to Golden Bay in the wake of the flooding event on the Aorere and other river catchments.
- Local Government New Zealand Commissioner Hearings on amalgamation proposal
- Invitations gone out for Mapua Wharf Advisory Group
- Nomination in for LGNZ Zone 5 Chair
- Annual Plan workshops for Councillors

MAYORAL DONATION FUND

The following is a summary of the Mayor's discretionary fund for the half year 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010.

Description	Number of items	Total spend
Industry Training Graduation	2	1950
Grants – Sports/Schools	5	2000
Grants – community	5	13640.26
Total excluding GST		5314.26

The budgeted amount for this fund for the 2010/2011 year is \$13,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Mayor's Report RCN11-02-11 be received by the Tasman District Council.

Richard Kempthorne
Mayor