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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Tasman District Council  
**Meeting Date:** 30 June 2011  
**Report Author:** R Kempthorne  
**Subject:** **Mayor's Report for May/June 2011**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report is a commentary of the Mayor's activities for the months of May/June 2011 for Councillors information.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Mayor's Report May/June 2011 (RCN11-06-20)**

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## **1. Activities**

### **9 May**

Attended 'Book Week at Henley School as the guest speaker and read Madelaine, The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and Charlotte's Web. 600 students and some excellent questions forthcoming.

Opening of the Richmond Deviation Cycleway – it is great to see this vital link in the cycleway completed. Submarine cycles needed following the recent heavy rain.

### **10 May**

Attended Golden Bay Community Board meeting and meeting of the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant working group.

Attended and spoke at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the local Sea Cadets Unit in Nelson, a stunning organisation for our young people.

### **11 May**

In my role as Chair of the Agrichemical Trust, held meetings in Wellington and Hamilton with key stakeholders in regard to training for agrichemical distribution and application.

### **12 May**

Attended Regional Sector Group meeting in Wellington.

Attended the opening of the Richmond branch of New Zealand Credit Union South.

### **13 May**

Regular meeting with Sara Chapman and Liz Richards from the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust.

Annual Plan hearing of submissions in Motueka.

### **16/17 May**

New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust Stakeholders Forum and AGM, Wellington

**18 May**

Annual Plan hearing of submissions in Richmond

**19 May**

Full Council meeting followed by Annual Plan hearing of submissions in Richmond.

**20 May**

Regular meeting with Mayor Miccio

Regional Job Summit, coordinated by the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency

**24 May**

Received a substantial donation from the Nelson Motorcycle Club and Doug McConachie for the Christchurch Mayoral Earthquake Fund  
Annual Plan Workshop

**26 May**

Top of the South Rural Support Trust meeting

Attended with a group of very interested parents, the CHOICES theatre production at Motueka High School, aimed at making youth think carefully about safe and responsible choices in their social activities.

**27 May**

Regular catch up with MP Nick Smith

Regular catch up with Gordon Currie, President of Nelson Grey Power

**28 May**

Attended the Marine Reach Information evening at Hope

**29 May**

Summit Rescue Helicopter fundraiser '20 Summits in 20 Days' climb up Mt Arthur.  
The view was amazing but I wish I had dressed slightly warmer!

**30 May**

Meeting of the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant working group

**1 June**

Tasman Regional Sports Trust Finance Committee meeting

**3 June**

New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust Management Committee (Wellington)

**8 June**

Regular Nelson City/Tasman District Mayors and Deputy Mayors meeting  
Regular catch up with Dot Kettle and Gerard Pratt from Nelson Chamber of Commerce

Spoke at a dinner meeting of the Nelson West Rotary Club – a great opportunity and well received.

**9 June**

Full Council meeting

**10 June**

Tasman Regional Sports Trust Board meeting (Buller)

**14 June**

Hosted students from the Nelson Christian Academy, together with Crs King and Edgar. A field trip for the students in conjunction with a unit they are learning on “Rules and Law Making”. Cr King was our ‘staff reporting officer’ and we generated a draft bylaw for each of the three groups. Cr Edgar led the students in designing a park, which one of the children wrote subsequently thanking us for building it!! I hope to have at the meeting a photo of one of the three groups with me being assisted by granddaughters Isabella and Eva.

**16 June**

Local Government Commission announcement on the amalgamation proposal.

**2. During the month**

- Thank you to Cr Glenys Glover and Rob Francis who represented Council, at the Green Ribbon Environment Awards in Wellington – Ecofest was nominated from both the Nelson and Tasman Councils, and the Sherry River project was also nominated.
- Cr Judene Edgar attended a Local Government New Zealand Tourism Symposium on 22 June in Wellington

**3. Other****Annual Plan 2011/2012**

I would like to acknowledge the work of both staff and elected representatives in the process which has led to the completion of the Annual Plan.

### **Queen's Birthday Honours, 2011**

I would like to congratulate Mr Tahi Takao of Motueka for achieving a Queens Service Medal for services to Māori. Mr Takao is kaumatua at Te Awhina and member of the Iwi Health Board for the Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board. Mr Takao worked for many years in the Post Office, and also in mental health. He is a Korean War veteran, a JP, a father of six and a grandfather to 28.

### **Local Government Commission Draft Reorganisation Proposal for the Nelson and Tasman Councils**

On the 16 June the Local Government Commission released a draft proposal to amalgamate the Nelson and Tasman Councils.

It is my opinion that our role as elected representatives of the Tasman District Council, including Mayor and Councillors, should be to make ourselves available to any individual or group within our region to help them understand the draft proposal released by the Commission, rather than to advocate one position or another. This is now a process for individuals or groups to communicate with the Commission about what is thought of their draft proposal. Our role is also to help Tasman residents and ratepayers understand the proposal and formulate their own view, should the proposal go to a vote.

<b>5. RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That this report be received.

<b>6. DRAFT RESOLUTION</b>
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