REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 23 February 2010

SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Report prepared for meeting of 04 March 2010

Welcome to this meeting of Engineering Services. No doubt many of you will have attended the various shouts, fairs, festivals, new road open days and the Crusaders-Blues match during the festive season. It shows just what a vibrant community we have in Tasman District and one would have to wonder why we need an expensive arts centre at all. I think the late Kelvin Bradley would certainly have a smile on his face seeing the large crowd turning out at his beloved Sports Park Motueka.

Thanks and congratulations to all those in our community that make these events happen.

Jeff Cuthbertson and I have met with the Torrent Bay Committee regarding their community water supply and a recommendation with their support will come to this meeting (late paper).

The sub-committee delegated to manage the road naming options surrounding the Ruby Bay Bypass have met after submissions closed and the names chosen will also be reported to today's meeting.

I have just this morning attended a meeting with various community individuals regarding the Motueka flood protection options. This was an opportunity for local people to express their views and comments on the project. Those Councillors and staff who attended will have found this an excellent meeting with results also to be reported back to both Council and the community.

On another note it is disappointing to say the least to read that the Motueka Community Board may challenge the Commissioner's decision regarding Council water allocations in Motueka. There are a number of incorrect rumours circulating in the community as to where water is going (even Richmond has been mentioned).

To Councillors and engineering staff who have participated in the Wakefield Bowling Club's open evenings - thanks. It is a great way to interact with the community, enjoy the fun and good company. Thanks to Robyn (our Team Manager). The less said about our bowling ability the better!

Regards

Trevor Norriss