

# REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss  
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**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – MARCH 2007**

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Welcome to today's meeting. It appears that the reasonably quiet period is over, with draft annual plan meetings about to get underway. Hopefully Councillors will attend as many of the presentations as possible. I have found, over my time on Council, that these meetings, although not well attended by the public, certainly give a steer as to what people want or don't want.

Sadly, our Road Safety Coordinator "Extraordinaire" Kirsty Barr is leaving us. The Council and District will miss Kirsty, her enthusiasm and creativity that she brought to the role will be hard to surpass. I am sure the committee will join with me in thanking Kirsty and wish her well for her adventures ahead.

Corporate Services Manager, David Ward is also leaving. I have found David great to work with and his knowledge and humour have been part of the bright side of being on Council.

David and Vicki will be missed by many around the community and at Council and I wish him all the best with the challenges ahead in his new CEO role (get yourself well versed in dealing with regional council's David!).

Councillor Henry (who is not leaving) has brought to my attention a website being run by a neighbouring councillor – you should all have a look at what he intends to do with us upon amalgamation! What it does show is how much understanding there is of the rural issues from this jolly good chap!

We appear to once again be getting concerns over dust with respect to road safety from residents on roads that are being used for forestry operations. This is quite common as new forestry blocks come on stream. We are working with these people to try to get the best options for all. Sometimes it is as simple as enabling them to apply an affordable oil to the road to suppress the dust.

Along with Councillor Kempthorne and staff I attended a meeting of Marahau residents and commercial operators regarding concerns over tractors on the road/beach and parking issues. A sub-committee is to be set up to traverse ideas and report back to Council.

Lastly, I apologise for this report not being in the agenda. Robyn and I had a misunderstanding over timing (my fault). Robyn is away for a few weeks – I hope you have a quick and painless recovery. You should come back much taller!

Regards

Trevor Norriss  
**Chair - Engineering Services Committee**