

## Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Trish Giddens, Mayor  
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### 1.0 SUMMARY

A variety of duties these past two months has been intermingled with various correspondence requiring responses.

#### 17 June

Following the Rural/Provincial meeting my attendance was timely to a meeting with CHB Business held at the Waipukurau Club. With the new detective and several business in attendance with concerns regarding security and safety within the town feedback from the rural/provincial meeting was appreciated. The Liquor Ban in place is well received and some CHB Businesses have taken precautionary messages of installing cameras and refusing entry of bags or hats/hoodies being worn into shops, banks etc.

#### 18 June

Addressing the CHB Federation of Women's Institute members I officially opened the celebrations of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Held at the RSA in Waipukurau, this was well attended with national and surrounding district representation.

With the CEO we met with Kim Walker who works with Central Hawke's Bay College to discuss the Gateway programme. This programme places students in businesses throughout CHB for 1 or 2 days a week as work experience, leading them into a career of their choice for the future. This will compliment our Mayors for Jobs Taskforce work.

Our final drought meeting was held with feedback received from Steve Wyn-Harris of his visit to Marlborough and the field day 'Beyond Reasonable Drought'. While it was noted that conditions in the Seddon area were different from Hawke's Bay (rainfall and pasture growth) the lack of trees and retiring wetlands was also noted. Lucerne was used tactically and although many Hawke's Bay soils may be too heavy for lucerne it was also considered there was an under utilisation especially for feed conservation. Generally it was felt HB had learned a lot from previous droughts and was possibly better at farming in adverse climatic conditions as opposed to some other areas. The input of Richard Lee and livestock, Hugh McPhail on the level of enquiry regarding Rural Assistance Payments, Roy Fraser and the national drought committee contributed to a flyer being distributed and general all round support to those who needed it. A letter was sent to Federated Farmers, Waikato regarding supplementary feed in response to some expression of the cost of feed from this area.

**20 June**

My first meeting with the Power Trust and we covered the 2007/08 Annual Accounts, received an entertaining report from Tim Gilbertson of his attendance at the ETNZ Conference and Statement of Corporate Intent matters.

**23 June**

Representatives of Property Brokers as Landlord agents met to discuss their ongoing concerns regarding Mackie Street housing, the state of the houses and street in general and destruction carried out within vacant homes.

**25 June**

For Sports Hawke's Bay I ran two workshops for Sporting groups of approximately 12 each, on chairing meetings.

**28 June**

The Onga Onga Fire Brigade held their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Onga Onga hall. This was well attended with past and present Firemen and Regional Officers. The history was interesting as were the alternative uses of old fire equipment on display.

Intending to finalise another ongoing issue I attended a meeting with the local Scouts and Guide groups to discuss ownership of the hall and the setting up of a management committee. A committee has successfully been established and ownership appears to be that of Council.

**2 July**

I addressed and presented books at the Porangahau School Duffy Book Assembly. It was interesting to note the role of this school has dropped to 34.

**7 July**

The CHB Consumer Power Trust meeting was held with the Centralines Board to view a presentation and discuss alternative sources of energy

**8 July**

I attended an Infracon shareholders meeting at Oruawharo.

**10 July**

Library staff organised a very good evening in the Town Hall to complete their well attended and organised holiday programme of 'Maths is Fun'. The evening set challenges of groups, overseen by some Councillors and prizes were awarded accordingly.

**11 July**

At the Opera House, Hastings the Ministry of Social Development launched their plan for the next 12 months. Much of the plan focused on family protection.

The CHB Consumers Power Trustees interviewed Directors Sam Robinson and Josie Willis for reappointment to the Centralines Power Trust. They were successfully re-appointed. We also discussed Directors fees.

**16 July**

I attended a BBQ luncheon with the Minister of Agriculture for Saudi Arabia and his business delegation of 40 at Matthews Station, Tikokino. With over 100 in attendance and being well hosted we heard of the trade and financial positive contribution this industry makes for NZ and in particular Hawke's Bay.

**18 July**

With the CEO we met residents of Tapairu Road to discuss ongoing issues of signage and road maintenance.

**21 July**

I attended the Annual General Meetings of Centralines and CHB Consumers Power Trust.

**24 July**

I addressed and shared a mid Christmas lunch with at the RSA Waipukurau for the Pakeke Centre, making special tribute and presenting gifts to their Volunteers.

**25 July**

I attended the 'New Look' launch of the Abbotsford Childcare Centre. With new uniforms, signage (depicting Pukeko in gumboots) and alterations to their premises this is an example of another community service well established and branded, again with much voluntary input.

**27-30 July**

The Local Government New Zealand Government conference provided the forum for much networking. With the theme of 'Sustainable Communities' the content was largely about sustainability in all forms and affordability for councils. My choice of presentations was that by Simon Upton who spoke on 'Sustainability – What you don't know can hurt you.' This presentation showed us about environmental sustainability and the importance of traceability of products right back from their raw product. A session also on 'Smart Initiatives for sustainable infrastructure' by various speakers addressed future pressures of water supply and landfill space and thus provided good information for our future planning.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION*****THAT***

The Mayoral report for June-July 2008 be received.

Trish Giddens  
**MAYOR**