

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council
FROM: Trish Giddens, Mayor
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1.0 SUMMARY

After almost a year in office, the momentum is slowing a little and I was fortunate to have a week (albeit work) in Australia.

1 August

I met with CHB Promotions and Councillor Pedersen to discuss entry of Waipukurau entering the 'Best Town' competition with an entry in the North and South magazine. The entry looks great.

I met with Richard Schumacher and Garth Sherwood of Central Hawke's Bay College to discuss setting up a Youth Council or Forum. The direction of the college was more around having students involved in a council as opposed to a general forum. In doing so I feel it is important to ensure we involve all sectors of youth in the council.

2 August

Attended and awarded prizes to young people who participated in the Winter Warmers reading programme at the Waipukurau Library. Another activity well managed by our library staff with good participation from students.

6 August

The Civic Award selection panel met to consider this year's nominations. In speaking with those selected to receive the award, their involvement with the community is almost always far greater than that known wholly by the nominee. The Civic Award ceremony will be held on 12 September.

11 August

I attended a meeting with representatives from Hawke's Bay Inc, Hawke's Bay Rugby Union, Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce, Ngati Kahungunu, Hawke's Bay Mayors, Council CEO's and MP's Craig Foss and Chris Tremain, to discuss a bid for Rugby World cup game(s) to be secured for Hawke's Bay and the hosting of a team(s). A coordinating group has been established and Jenni Giblin has been employed to coordinate the bid.

14 August

Along with other councillors and staff I attended the Emergency Management workshop aptly run by Bruce Kitto.

15 August

I attended the Hawke's Bay Local Government Leaders Forum in which we discussed Broadband and new fibre optic cable in the region, Sports Hawke's Bay funding, a regional rate for collective responsibilities and the airport ownership.

16 August

Attended and sang as a Guest in the 'Stars in Disguise' evening for the Waipukurau Primary School's fund raising event. This was a very entertaining evening and a successful fundraiser.

17 August

I opened the Otane Painters Group Exhibition in Hastings and by default the 'He Tangata' exhibition of works by Te Aroha Tauroa and Karina Reti. These ladies are two students in their final year of Art studies at the Toimairangi School of Maori Art and the work presented was being assessed.

18 August

For my contribution to the Olympics I ran with the flame into the Waipawa Primary School grounds to open their Mini Olympics. Students were placed into teams representing countries to which they paraded and performed national dances.

19 August

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the CHB Settlers Museum. The Guest Speaker was Peter Harris of Oruawharo Homestead who is a great visionary and has good ideas for promotion of the Museum.

20 August

I attended, judged and awarded the prizes at the Otane School for the Wearable Trash Awards. There were some very good entries here and a whole new meaning to recycling.

As a guest I attended the Business and Professional Women's 40th Birthday Celebration Dinner in the Waipawa Town Hall. The guest speaker was Bill Hastings; Chief Censor of NZ Literature and Films and we were well educated and entertained hearing of his role and the boundaries of pornography.

22 August

I attended a meeting coordinated by Hawke's Bay Inc for the purpose of seeking interest in setting up a Regional Film office in Hawke's Bay. We are an obvious absence on the map of NZ and representatives from the offices of Film Taranaki and Film NZ addressed the group in attendance. There was however by some a hard drive for Councils to fund the establishment of this venture and the explanations around setting annual plans etc was necessary. The project does have merit and they no doubt will revisit us later in the year or early next year.

26 August

I met again with Sergeant Dennis Tater and students from Central Hawke's Bay College for information around setting up a Skateboard Park in Waipukurau. Fortunately the ideas have reduced somewhat and I have undertaken to contact the designers of the Tauranga Park and relay the information.

27 August

I met with Brenda White of Te Whatuiapiti Trust. The Trust has an interest in promoting youth activities also to acknowledge Central Hawke's Bay youth, award hard work and excellence. A representative from the Trust may find it beneficial to be involved with the Youth council.

6 September

It was pleasing to return from overseas to acknowledge our World Champions and award a plaque and flowers to Westley Gough, our Olympic Bronze Medallist and Abby Jane Taylor our Under 11 World Highland Dancing champion. This along with the judging and awarding of prizes for the Schools Wearable Trash Awards on a cold wet day contributed to a great weekend for Central Hawke's Bay with the 'Chilli Cook Off' and yet again a very successful 'Festival'.

10 September

With the CEO we attended the 'Embracing Futures Thinking' Breakfast organised by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. The guest speaker was Vicky Buck (ex Mayor of Christchurch) who is an environmental entrepreneur who has; it appears many interests in companies such as 'Aqua Flow' and spoke on climate change, bio fuels, sewage etc. Vicky gave a thought provoking, timely speech. We were fortunate to have some time with Vicky and Regional Councillors and staff after her presentation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION***THAT***

The Mayoral Report for August and September 2008 be received.

Trish Giddens
MAYOR