

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council
FROM: Trish Giddens, Mayor
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1.0 SUMMARY

A good variety of meetings and events have made this an interesting and pleasurable past six weeks. Tribute must be paid to the staff for their efficient organisation and involvement in many of these.

12 September

I was pleased to present Civic Awards to both Fraser Kingston and Ray Chapman for their contribution to sporting, training youth and general voluntary support to the community of CHB. The evening was well attended by a large group of family and friends of both recipients.

13 September 2008

\$240,000 was successfully raised by the Waipawa Bowling Club to replace their green with a synthetic material. I officially opened the green and having bowled the first ball of the day, I conceded to needing some practice. The day was well attended and a bowls tournament was played.

16 September

A workshop coordinated between Kevin Brown and the Department of Internal Affairs was held in the Town hall. Aptly named 'Are you fit for funding?' several representatives largely from non-government organisations attended and were well versed in how to manage a Club, organisation etc and how to successfully apply for funding.

16 September

I met with Jenni Giblin who has been appointed to coordinate the Regions attempt to secure games for the Rugby World cup and to plan and manage events around that.

17 September

Along with the CEO I attended the Napier City Council, Council meeting and whilst the agenda was not large it was worthwhile. Of note was the stricter chairing of the meeting. The informal get together afterwards was also beneficial. I hope to attend a Hastings District Council meeting in the near future.

This evening I attended the Waipukurau Primary Schools play of 'Cosmos Conundrum'. This was their annual play where all school pupils play a part and was good light entertainment.

18 September

A Citizenship Ceremony welcoming two new kiwis, Roger Deacon from the UK and Yaell Verheul who as a young man has great ambitions as a New Zealander.

24 September

With Jenny Sears and Ngai Deckard we met with Ngai's mother, Ngaire Jackson from Wellington, a descendant of the A'deane family who donated the original land for A'deane Park to show her the recent work and well presented park and grounds.

26 September

Along with the Mayor of Hastings, a Napier Councillor, Regional Councillor Neil Kirton and CEO Andrew Newman, I attended a presentation by Food Hawke's Bay. Although a good presentation of what is currently being undertaken and supported in Hawke's Bay the bottom line was this organisation was seeking a large portion of their required income from councils to support their ongoing operation.

29 September

I attended the opening of the Ross Shield tournament. With six teams involved, their support teams, family members and supporters CHB was well visited. Several Waipukurau retailers had on display past Ross shield memorabilia. This was a very well run tournament and I managed to attend a couple of games.

30 September

I attended, the CHB Promotions Annual General Meeting. A new Chairman and committee has been established and we look forward to their proposal for the future of the organisation.

1 October

I attended the Civil Defence Emergency group meeting in Napier. We were treated to a presentation of graphic photos of the earthquake in Sichuan, China and the devastation to their infrastructure. We also had much discussion around this group meeting in isolation from the Coordinating Emergency Group.

8 October

I met with Jenni Giblin and Jenny Sears re setting up the Fundraising committee for the Waipawa Town Hall project. A committee has now been established.

10 October

With the Trustees and Directors of the Power Trust we had a district tour of the network. I have a whole `new` meaning as to what a Feeder is and I seem to be looking at power lines more. There has been a lot of upgrading undertaken and we are fortunate to have a reliable network within our area.

12 October

I attended the opening of the Little Elms project in Hastings and although I was asked to speak I was a little embarrassed as the other councils had contributed monies and services toward the project. CHB Children with terminal illnesses do stand to gain from utilising this facility so I hope our community individuals and groups contributed or continue to various other means. I understand the Waipukurau Rotary club donated money towards the project. Certainly a wonderful facility built within 6 days and Celebrities of buck Shelford, Greer Robson and Coxsy were there throughout that time assisting where they could.

13 October

With the CEO, we met with Annette King, Minister of Police and attended a meeting with the local police. Mrs King seemed suitably impressed and I took the opportunity to share the 'after hours cover' concerns of this community.

At the 'Meet the Candidates' evening I posed the question to the major parties of assistance to our Council toward our Infrastructure costs. Needless to say I did not receive an informative or reassuring answer.

14 October

An Infracon meeting and we were updated with the work being undertaken. I felt satisfied that all measures are being undertaken to 'tighten their belts' in consideration of the economic environment.

15 October

I met with Rob Pratt, Kelly Annand and Tama Bucknell representing the LEAP programme and Epic Ministries and seeking financial assistance through the Youth Development Partnership Fund which requires the support of Council. I am investigating how applications are processed.

At the Hawke's Bay Winegrowers Launch I was pleased through a presentation to hear of the value we have in CHB for this industry. The Takapau Plains seems to be an attraction and Pinot Noirs are the ideal, it is suggested. Of course supply of water and the cost of land must come into consideration.

16 October

Nick Willis, Bronze Medallist 2008 Olympics virtually ran us through his race again as he opened the accredited Athletic Track at the Regional park, Hastings. A 1st class impressive facility for our region.

I attended the Dove AGM in Napier and avoided the pressure of becoming a Committee member for CHB. Local Kairakau resident, Bev Kerr is an employee with this organisation and some good social service work is being undertaken particularly in relation to violence in the home.

17 October

I addressed the Senior Citizens at the Takapau Health Centre of my Career and role as Mayor. Later this day I attended a Power Trust meeting with representatives from Deloittes to discuss an ownership review.

An impressive display of the history of CHB transport was exhibited at the CHB Museum. Many miles of trucking were travelled this evening.

18 October

I attended the Women's health Expo held in the stadium. This was well attended with several displays and information. A seminar was held later in the afternoon also covering Breast Cancer and Stress.

20 October

I awarded the prizes to Argyll School as the winners, St. Joseph's School in 2nd place and Otane in 3rd place whilst Mangaorapa School received prizes for the most unusual object of rubbish found and was highly commended for the Spring Clean Awards. There was certainly a large amount of rubbish gathered from the Porangahau Beach,

Coronation Park, the river bank and around Otane. Some very stories were presented with graphic and honest revelations.

21 October

At the office of Te Puni Kokori with representatives from the Hastings District Council, DOC and the police I attended a presentation around the Children's Education Programme organised by the Te Tai Timu Trust being held at Aramoana in early 2009. Generally this received favourable support from all and assistance being offered where able.

Dean Hyde and the Manager of Age Concern met to discuss the launch of the amalgamation of the CHB and Hastings offices and their efforts to seek to relocate to another site in Waipukurau or Waipawa.

22 October

Although numbers were few at the gathering to share memories of the Waipawa Town Hall the stories told promise to produce a great document and incite more interest in our intended refurbishment of the hall.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The report for September and October be received.

Trish Giddens
Mayor