

## Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

**TO:** Council

**FROM:** Trish Giddens, Mayor

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### 1.0 SUMMARY

These past two months have been a little quieter and Waipawa Town Hall meetings and concerns from the public around the old hospital have been amongst the following engagements.

#### **24 March**

With TeAroha Cook, Regulatory Services Manager I attended the Taiwhenua meeting. This was an opportunity for TeAroha to introduce herself, explain her role and an opportunity to express our plan for engaging the Maori Consultative Committee proactively with our Council.

#### **26 March**

Another pleasant Citizenship ceremony and we welcomed 11 community members as citizens of New Zealand. New citizens were the Shannon family and Martin Panins from Waipawa, Iris Bundle, Shelley and Grant O'Brien from Waipukurau and Heather Stevens-Middleton and Jeanette and Ronald Day from Otane.

#### **27 March**

I attended the EIT Graduation Ceremony at the Napier Municipal Theatre, walking with the graduates through the Emerson Street to the Marine Parade. It is always pleasing to acknowledge local Central Hawke's Bay persons receiving the rewards of their study.

As an ex pupil of Central Hawke's Bay College it was pleasing to be invited as Mayor and attend the reunion and 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations. This was a well organised weekend event with good food and entertainment.

#### **29 March**

I attended the welcome and induction of the new Minister to the Presbyterian Church in Waipawa. Poul Andersen and his family join our community from Tokoroa and were presented to us by residents of Tokoroa as people who engage well in the community.

#### **1 April**

The CEO and I received a visit from Jan Hania of the Department of Conservation. Jan is Regional Manager with the Department and met as an introduction and to explain changes in the structure of their organisation.

#### **3 April**

A Power Trust Meeting agenda covered considerations of impending elections, the final ownership review and the Statement of Corporate Intent.

**6 April**

I attended the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Meeting in Napier. Our next meeting will be for consideration of merging this group with the CEG (Coordinating Emergency Group) for Hawke's Bay wide coordinated assistance in the event of an emergency.

**7 April**

Visitors this day included Maureen Smith from Age Concern and Chris Nicoll and Paul Baxter from the Hawke's Bay Fire Services. Age Concern is to hold an EXPO in September and seek support from council. Chris and Paul paid a courtesy visit to advise of the new structure within the service and their concern regarding the old Waipukurau Hospital.

**14 April**

A Mayoral Health Taskforce meeting was held to consider a proposal from the Parents Centre seeking assistance to their CHB Baby Cafe. Tribute was paid to Doctors Marriott and Mason for their years as GP's to Central Hawke's Bay.

**23 April**

Hawke's Bay was declared in 'Drought' after a meeting held in Hastings. CHB was identified as being particularly affected on the east with some experiencing an infestation of crickets. Application is to be made to government for assistance.

**25 April**

Anzac day and as did most of you, I attended ceremonies in our community. The Dawn Parade in Waipukurau was well attended as was the Waipawa service. The attendance of Te Aute College boys at Waipawa performing a respectful haka to our Returned Servicemen was a great tribute.

**27 April**

A meeting held at the Police Station with the Waipukurau Community Patrol showed the local interest in endeavouring to ensure security in Waipukurau. The Patrol currently has 28 Volunteers, is well supported by the Police and is seeking a vehicle to assist them in their work. With the Thursday night fires which destroyed a rear portion of a store and a hay barn the patrol have increased their services to cover a Thursday evening as well as the Friday and Saturday nights.

**29 April.**

An Infracon shareholders meeting was held at Oruawharo. The Statement of Corporate Intent was agreed upon.

**1 May**

With the CEO, Councillors Story and Pedersen I attended the Embracing Futures Breakfast at the Opera House in Hastings. The Hon. Justice Joe Williams gave a presentation of future population projections, providing good statistical data. With reference to Treaty Settlements and the ineffectiveness of the Resource Management Act in regard to rangitiratanga we were challenged to step up and enhance local economics by fundamental change in local relationships. To build partnerships and mutual respect we must find ways to give Maori a greater stake in Local Government.

The CEO and I met with Murray Thomson and Miles Robinson from the Department of Labour and Fred King from Hawke's Bay Regional Council. We visited the old Waipukurau Hospital and identified areas of concern. We also engaged the owner in a phone conversation. Whilst a Public Health Inspector was not in attendance a phone

call has placed notification of concern regarding asbestos back on the Local Territorial Authority.

I was pleased to cut the ribbon for recognition of the tasty refurbishment to the Tavistock Hotel and the opening of the Breakers Bar. This evening was particularly busy and provided evidence for good family dining.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

### ***THAT***

The report be received.

Trish Giddens  
**Mayor**