

## Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council

FROM: Trish Giddens, Mayor

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SUBJECT: **MAYORAL REPORT FOR MAY AND JUNE 2009**

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### 1.0 SUMMARY

I was pleased to be able to have two weeks holiday amongst attending funerals and receiving visits from ratepayers and agency representatives for a variety of reasons.

#### **7 May**

With the CEO we attended a Civil Defence Emergency Management meeting in Napier. Unfortunately just as the meeting started emergency staff were called away to the shooting and siege on Napier Hill and as a result the meeting was disrupted and some in attendance distracted. Clive Manley facilitated this forum and discussion with the CDEM group combined with the CEG (Coordinating Emergency Group) was largely around the roles and responsibilities of these bodies. I understood the intention was to investigate coordinating, where appropriate, emergency services on a regional basis.

#### **15 May**

Both the CEO and I attended a presentation at Mission Estate of the launch of the FX Network. Minister Stephen Joyce was to attend however bad weather cancelled his flight.

#### **17 May**

I was pleased to attend and address the prize giving of a Golf Tournament at the Waipukurau Golf Club. Ruahine Motors sponsored the tournament and competitors came from as far away as Napier and Dannevirke.

#### **18 May**

At the HB Local Government Leaders Forum we discussed the Civil Defence forum and the follow on meeting to be held in July. Napier has their Deco Decantered weekend on 16 and 17 July. The account for the Hawke's Bay District Health Board case has been received. There was also discussion around an address to Regional Councils of a proposed Environmental Authority based in Wellington.

#### **26 May**

Invited as a 'Woman in Work' I was interviewed on Radio Kidnappers on my life, my working history and my role as Mayor.

Hastings District and Napier City Council hosted a Mayors Taskforce for Jobs forum at the Pettigrew Arena. Marcus Akuhata Brown, Celia Lashlie and Jan Francis of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs facilitated this programme for a large number of representatives from government agencies, students from colleges and public and private businesses.

I was invited to attend a meeting at the Waipawa Library of the Friends of the Library. This is a dedicated activity group growing their membership and fundraising to fund the fit out of the proposed new library. Mary Kippenberger also entertained with a couple of stories.

### **5 June**

With the CEO we met the media from the Dominion Post and CHB Mail, Andrew Newman and Mike Mohi of the Regional Council and a representative from the Environmental Water Group to hear of the plan of the Regional Council to purchase land for tree planting to receive our wastewater. We visited and viewed the proposed land at Waipukurau.

The Hastings District Council presented their plans for the proposed Regional Park. Discussion and support sought was to assist in the timelines relevant to the costs of building the various structures within the park.

### **6 June**

I attended the Annual Conference of the Eastland Fire Service. There was a good attendance and a challenge presented to attract younger members to join the Fire Service. Two new trucks were present and recognition of new equipment received to services. An interesting speaker gave an awakening presentation on his involvement and that of other NZ Fire fighters with the Victoria fires.

I accompanied a citizen on the Waipukurau Night Patrol from 10pm to 2.00am. The patrol has good membership and we are fortunate to have their presence around our town on Friday and Saturday nights. It was pleasing to note the Police presence and in particular where a car full of young people was causing some concern.

### **9 June**

A further Drought meeting was held at Hastings District Council. This meeting noted the support given in various forms and ensured information was available to farmers as to where assistance could be obtained.

### **11 & 12 June**

With the CEO I attended the Rural Provincial Sector Meeting in Wellington. Speakers included Minister of Health, Tony Ryall who was well received, Ian Clark from the Ministry of Transport who addressed us on the length of heavy vehicles and rail. We were also addressed by Sue Piper of the Local Government Commission speaking on the representation reviews, Karen Remetis on the development of Town Centres, Murray Dudfield of the National Rural Fire and Mark Fullerton of Telecom/Chorus about Rural Broadband.

On return from Wellington I attended a Power Trust Meeting. No submissions were received regarding the ownership review. A proposal regarding Broadband was discussed as were the 2009 Financial Statements and Annual Report.

### **16 June**

I undertook my first presentation seeking sponsorship for the Waipawa Municipal Theatre.

**18 June**

I shared lunch with the Senior Citizens of Waipawa and gave an update of the Council projects, news etc.

The presentation by Tonkin and Taylor at the Regional Council of the proposed irrigation scheme for the Heretaunga Plains was well received as was the hospitality of the Council.

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

The report be received.

Trish Giddens  
**Mayor**