

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council

FROM: Trish Giddens, Mayor

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SUBJECT: **MAYORAL REPORT JUNE/JULY 2009**

1.0 SUMMARY

Post LTCCP and the office seemed a little quieter. Presentations are underway regarding the Town Hall and meetings have taken place with some of our constituents. Amongst my meetings the issue of the Hospital Building was a topic raised frequently.

22 June

I attended my second meeting of the Youth Gangs Governance Group for the Eastland District. The draft of the Communication Strategy of this group was discussed and finalised. A presentation of Youth in Recession backed by statistics clearly stated our way out was by engaging youth in education and/or employment. Ironically in the afternoon I met with David Severinsen regarding Land Based Training. Despite an identified need funding for part of this scheme has been removed.

25 June

Lunching with the Senior Citizens in Waipawa I took the opportunity at the end of my address to seek their views on the Town Hall and Library projects. Whilst there was limited comment either way on the Town Hall comments regarding the Library indicated a preference for a building close to town. Questions were asked regarding the old Post Office.

1 July

I attended the breakfast at Hawke's Bay Inc and the launch of their new name as Venture Hawke's Bay. With a new logo Venture HB has been set apart as an autonomous business unit within the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. The three platforms for Venture HB are Regional Promotion and Marketing, Innovation and Productivity and Investment and Planning. Skilled staff have been appointed to direct the outputs of these platforms. The four key priority areas over the coming year are to drive domestic and Australian visitor growth, further strengthen the focus on events and conferences, including the 2011 Rugby World Cup, continue to attract investment to the region and assist HB businesses gain access to Central Government funding to help drive innovation, productivity and growth.

The CEO and I attended a drought meeting in Hastings. Emphasis was on keeping the morale of the farming community up and planning field days and events for farmers to get together. A community group in Wallingford are organising a social gathering and with an inspiring speaker from Zimbabwe visiting Hastings an offer was made to bus local CHB farmers to attend this and then meet afterwards as a group.

2 July

As guest speaker to Forest & Bird I was pleased to attend their meeting and hear of the value of Lindsay Bush. There was a lot of interest in the planned Wastewater Discharge to Land and the proposed dams.

10 July

At a Power Trust meeting we interviewed director John Loughlan and Chairperson James Aitken both who were interested in remaining as Directors. We confirmed their reappointment to the board.

11 July

I was pleased on behalf of the Council to celebrate and honour fire fighters Allan Carpenter, Peter Keenan and Kevin English receiving their Gold Star after 25 years of service. This was a well attended function held at Pukeora.

12 July

At the Waipawa Tennis Club Murray Cameron was acknowledged for his 35 years service on the committee of the Waipawa RSA. President Maitland Manning stated that Mr Cameron as well as serving overseas had donated a lot of time to serving our community and is the author of a book on Hunting. Mr Cameron was honoured with a certificate and badge.

13 July

I met at the CHB College with representatives from the CHB Netball Association regarding the possibility of upgrading the netball courts at CHB College. In attendance was also Robert Bull from the Eastern Netball Association, Patrice Webb of Sports Hawke's Bay and Garth Sherwood from the College. The college courts are seen as community courts and there is some concern of the state of the current courts and what can be planned for the future. Andy Watts resolved to take some interested parties down to Pahiatua to visit their new courts which include the capacity to play Hockey on.

14 July

With Councillors Story and Butler, John Freeman and Steve Thrush we met Commissioner Rau Kirikiri to discuss the Porangahau resource consents.

15 July

The above committee met with Ngati Kere at the Porangahau Marae to discuss the way forward regarding the Porangahau consents. Commissioner Kirikiri facilitated this meeting which resulted in sufficient positive outputs to give confidence of an agreement between both parties.

17 July

With the HMNZS Rotoiti in Port and prior to the ships tour I shared lunch on board with Mayor Barbara Arnott, Deputy Mayor Cynthia Bowers and the ships RNZN Officer Lieutenant A McHaffie.

18 July

In Napier at the Centennial Hall (relocated from the planned Marine Parade due to the heavy rain) I attended the official commissioning and presentation of the charter of the HMNZS Rotoiti. As the Rotoiti is assigned to CHB as well we received a copy of the charter and a framed photo. I took the opportunity to request their attendance at an event of the 150 celebrations of Waipawa next year. With good notice it appears this is likely.

20 July

As an invited guest I attended a luncheon at the Waipawa Bowling Club where the Tikokino Womens Institute organised Gill Scrymgeour, a Nursing Lecturer at EIT, Taradale as guest speaker to address approximately 80 ladies on Breast Cancer Screening and Rehabilitation Awareness.

21 July

With the Civic Award committee we met to discuss the applications put forward and to consider appropriate recipients.

22 July

A Youth Network meeting was held in the Town Hall, was very well attended and a presentation from the Hawke's Bay Youth worker Collective directed us as to: What is the importance of the CHB Youth Network? How will it support the CHB Community? The Deputy Principal of the college presented and spoke to a paper by Richard Schumacher on Alternative Education – a topic many of the attendees were keen to know about. The lunch break gave attendees the opportunity to network and share information. Well organised by our Youth coordinator I feel this with the intended providers group held every four months will improve and assist with coordinating and providing services to youth.

23 July

I attended the AGM of the Centralines Board before we as the Power Trust held our AGM. The financials look good as is the performance and there was discussion around the marketing of Centralines and the rebate which often goes unnoticed.

In the absence of Councillor Mullins I attended the AGM of the Memorial Hall committee. The hall is doing alright financially and is utilised on a regular basis of between 4 and 6 times per week. The committee is looking to raise funds to replace the vinyl on the kitchen floor.

2.0**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT

The report be received.

Trish Giddens
Mayor