

## Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Trish Giddens, Mayor  
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### 1.0 SUMMARY

These past two months my Mayoral duties have been many and varied. They have included presentations of the Town Hall project, meetings with constituents and responding to letters of support for new projects and support toward fundraising efforts.

#### **9 September**

Once again it was pleasing to attend an excellent production by Waipawa Musical & Dramatic Society. As my first attendance of the musical Blood Brothers I can now declare this my favourite M & D show. This performance also reiterated the value of our theatre.

#### **10 September**

Invited to view the new Graeme Lowe stand at McLean Park along with organisations likely to be involved in marketing of and promoting the Rugby World Cup. We received an update of planning and were treated to lunch and interviews of ex All Black MacRae and new All Black Bryn Evans. I also took the opportunity to spend a couple of hours with Mayor Barbara Arnott.

In the evening I chaired the Fluoride Meeting held in the Memorial Hall. Dentist John Jukes and Dr Nick Jones from the Hawke's Bay District Health Board gave opposing presentations and the public took advantage of the opportunity to seek clarification of information.

#### **15 September**

With the Chief Executive we visited our respective counterparts in Tararua to discuss points of mutual interest.

#### **16 September**

I met with Dick Hawea as the newly appointed chair of the Ngati Kere Rohe Trust to discuss the issue around access to Parimahu Point. In the evening I met with some Trustees of the Waipukurau Community Marae to discuss the way forward for their project.

#### **17 September**

With Councillor Kingston, Waipawa School Board of Trustee Chairman and community Constable Glynn Sharp we met the Principal and Deputy Principal of Waipawa Primary School.

### **21 September**

At the bi-monthly Civil Defence Emergency meeting we discussed a planned exercise, setting up an 0800 number for disaster relief, the impending emergency disaster awareness week and the tsunami communication test planned for Napier.

### **22 September**

With the Chief Executive and TeAroha Cook we travelled to Wairoa District Council to partake in Civil Defence training provided to the Councillors by TeAroha and then sat in on their Council meeting. Of note was the opportunity of some constituents to sit before the Council and express their concern around an issue requiring Council assistance.

This evening Jenni Giblin and I made a presentation of the Town Hall restoration project to the combined Lions groups of CHB. This was held in Takapau.

### **24 September**

Met with representatives from Work and Income to discuss the Community Max and Community Ops programmes being offered by Ministry of Social Development to provide employment for those between the ages of 16 and 24 years.

### **25 September**

With the CEO, Helen Walker and Jenni Giblin we met with Sonja Martell from the Department of Internal Affairs to discuss and answer questions regarding our application for funding toward the Municipal Theatre project. This was a very positive meeting.

The Civic Award Ceremony was held and presentations made to recipients Railene Mabin, Vera Smith and Margaret Gray. This was again a pleasant duty to undertake. The recipients were well supported and the evening appreciated.

### **26 September**

Forming part of a parade in Napier of Mayors, ex Hawke's Bay players and other dignitaries, 125 years of Hawke's Bay rugby was acknowledged and we were treated to an entertaining match between the Hawke's Bay Magpies and Manawatu.

### **29 September**

With Councillors Pedersen and Waite we attended a meeting held on the Mackie Street Reserve to investigate interest in establishing a community garden. This project is being led by Anglican Care Family & Youth Service and this initial meeting showed interest by some parties. A drive to involve residents of Mackie Street is underway to progress this further.

### **1 October**

As Mayor I was pleased to open and address the International Day of the Older Person organised by Age Concern. Later in the day I attended an invitation by Property Brokers to introduce staff and promotion of their services.

### **9 October**

The Prime Minister officially opened the new Air Ambulance Hangar located at Napier Airport. This is an impressive building housing three of the aircraft utilised for air ambulance services. Warwick Frater, Acting CEO of the Hawke's Bay District Health Board and Mike Toogood also addressed those in attendance.

**11 September**

As guest speaker I addressed staff, animal lovers and their pets and took part in the St. Francis Day celebrations at the SPCA.

**13 October**

With staff and the CEO we met with Rob Wilson of Work & Income and Anne Rocard Human Resource Officer, Hastings District Council to consider coordination of Community Max opportunities.

With the CEO and Corporate Services Manager we met Trustees of the Waipukurau Community Marae to finalise details of administering the finances of this project.

**15 October**

Organised by Shelley Burne-Field I, along with Councillors Pedersen and Story, sat in on a Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Forum held in the Town Hall. Facilitated by Celia Lashlie, Marcus Akuhata Brown and Jan Francis the morning session allowed my non speaking attendance in a forum where 25 young people, (students, employed and unemployed youth) gave honest answers to questions regarding career opportunities and information, what they liked and disliked about our district and their general portrayal of life as a teenager. In the afternoon the findings of this session, which was largely that there was a gap between leaving school and the next step for young people, was relayed to representatives of several organisations representing the interests of youth.

**16 October**

I happily presented to Otane Primary School a plaque and a \$1000 sports voucher for First Place in the Central Hawke's Bay Spring Clean. Onga Onga School received \$200 for second place and Mangaorapa School third received a \$100 voucher. Fourteen of the eighteen primary schools in the district took part in this activity.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION****THAT**

The report be received.

Trish Giddens  
**Mayor**