

## Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

**TO:** Council

**FROM:** Trish Giddens, Mayor

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### 1.0 SUMMARY

After a busy December it was pleasing to enjoy a quieter January and start to the year. Since my return of work on 18 January, meetings have centred around the fire at the Old Hospital and the Parimahu Access negotiations.

#### 1 December

I was pleased to unveil the mural now displayed on the New World wall in Waipawa. The mural painted by Te Aute College students aptly depicts pre European and post European Waipawa. Blessing of the mural was followed by entertainment by Te Aute College boys.

#### 2 December

Presenting awards at the Central Hawke's Bay College prize giving I was impressed with the number of skills and the scholastic abilities of several students. Many students excelled in a variety of subjects and some with sporting attributes also. Of note were the fortunate recipients of Scholarships, and the wish we had more funds to distribute, particularly in these difficult economic times.

#### 3 December

Lawyer Moana Jackson was the Guest Speaker at the Regional Council's 'Embracing Future Thinking' breakfast event. Specialising in treaty and constitutional issues this presentation was timely as a number of Hawke's Bay treaty settlements are moving toward formal negotiations with the Crown. This session followed that by Hon. Justice Joe Williams. Moana as a champion for the rights of indigenous peoples and his involvement with forming the UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, gave us an interesting and thought provoking presentation.

#### 4 December

'Shining the Shiner' was an adaptation of John A Lee's 'the Shiner. Studied as a film this was presented as an amateur play by Central Hawke's Bay College Students. The play depicted a special period in New Zealand History with an interesting twist. Students in 10/2 and 10/6 English Classes were the cast of this production.

#### 7 December

As guest speaker I attended and presented certificates for national prizes to two Omakere School Students. One student achieved his award for being in the top 4% in NZ for PAT Comprehension and another was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Zealand for fashion design. These were excellent achievements for a small country school.

Judging projects designed by Year 9 CHB College students for the development of Lake Hatuma, and I was treated to initiatives of walkways through the lake to a Penguin Globe and eco-friendly camping facilities and Cafe establishments. Students had visited the lake and undertaken research to present their models and project plans.

15 applications were received for the Waipawa Building Society Scholarships. Whilst it would be nice to award these to all applicants, clearly when weighing up allowances available, their own contribution, accommodation requirements and scholarships already received, the scholarships are awarded equitably.

### **8 December**

As guest speaker for the prize giving of the Ruahine Cadets I was pleased to relay the tributes to and acknowledgement of the late Bill Bennett, whose funeral I had attended earlier in the day. Bill having served for our country was held in high regard and his achievements were something these young men and ladies could aspire to.

### **9 December**

The Inspire - CHB Youth Council held their Christmas party at the Breakers Family Restaurant and it was pleasant discussing their involvement with the Council and to meet their parent and or guardians. The Youth Council members were presented with letters acknowledging their work and certificates. As some members have now left the area for higher education or other purposes, new members will be recruited and a greater emphasis placed on involvement with Council issues is envisaged.

### **10 December**

Prior to an Infracon meeting, with the CEO we met with the Mayor and CEO of Tararua District Council to discuss points of mutual interest.

The Annual General Meeting of Infracon Limited was held at Oruawharo. The annual report reflected a small profit, realistic budget, return on capital and a small dividend for shareholders. The company has reduced their debt.

### **11 December**

Again I was pleased to attend CHB College, this time for the Junior Prizegiving.

### **16 December**

A Power Trust meeting saw Pat Gallagher re-elected as Chairman and newly elected members Peter Butler, and Steve Murphy as the representative from Silver Fern Farms were welcomed as Trustees. Centralines Board Chairman James Aitken attended this meeting to give the new members an overview of the Board's role and direction.

As Mayor I attended the official opening of the Kainga Ora Community Garden in the Mackie Street reserve. After introductory speeches, a donated sign was blessed and the first plants planted. On viewing the garden this week, amongst three scarecrows the garden is doing well.

### **27 January**

Sport Hawke's Bay held a meeting to ascertain the requirements for Kiwi Sport in CHB. With a pool of \$700k to disperse throughout Hawke's Bay the main interest appeared to be in securing good coaches for encouraging young ones to partake and remain in sporting activities.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT**

The report be received.

Trish Giddens  
**Mayor**