

# Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council

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## 1.0 SUMMARY

These past two months have been largely attending community events, responding to correspondence and finally realising as Mayor it is difficult to attend everything you are invited to.

### 12 February

At the Mayoral Forum we received a presentation by Dr Kevin Snee, CEO of the HBDHB who reported on his early observations of DHB operations, his plans for reorganisation and to address issues of financial performance and work outputs. He advised public consultation will take place on the changes proposed. Colin Stone presented and expanded on his earlier briefing paper proposing the Regional Council rate towards Sports HB. It was agreed Colin work with the Mayors to make a case toward the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Annual Plan regarding potential 'deliverables' which could be included into a Regional Rate for 'Regional Sports and Recreation Services'. The successful bid on the Napier/Hastings Cycle Way was reported on and the letter from the Chamber of Commerce regarding amalgamation discussed. Les Probert raised the issue around supporting amalgamation of Rural Fire Services and the need to talk to Hastings District. Venture HB approached an HBRC Annual Plan workshop proposing regional rating through Hawke's Bay Regional Council for their services. Geoff Dangerfield and Jenny Chetwynd of NZ Transport Agency presented regarding funding of roading.

### 13 February

After flagging off the Vintage cars for the National Veterans Rally and following a very successful parade and day of celebrations for Waipawa's 150<sup>th</sup> Sesqui Centenary, I officially opened the new play ground at Nelly Jull Park and shared in the picnic atmosphere. Congratulations to the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee of a job well done.

### 14 February

I joined those participating in the National Veterans Car Rally for a meal and prize giving at Pukeora, I was guest speaker on the second evening of their rally. With fine CHB weather and being well hosted, particularly at the Porangahau Marae and Pukeora, it was pleasing to receive appreciation of our area from these car enthusiasts.

### 18 & 19 February

I attended the Local Government Rural Provincial Sector meeting, day one provided an overview of current issues by Eugene Bowen, Mike Reid and Lawrence Yule. Presentations covered the Local Body Elections and endeavouring to improve the voting participation, Kids Voting and 'Growing Active citizens, Community Policing and

'How the NZ Police and the Councils can collaborate more effectively at grass roots level', NZTA and how Vehicle Dimension and mass Rule implementation is creating concerns over cost implications for local roads, Federated Farmers and the need for Local Government Reform and Tim Groser with topical issues around Climate change.

Day two: Kerry Prendergast, Mayor of Wellington reported back on her United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and the innovations sighted, Robert Miller Manager of Operations Sustainable Programmes from MAF, spoke on ETS regulations and council forestry, Mark Neeson, of the Walking Access Commission spoke on their role and the legislation around it. Glenn Snelgrove, Chief Executive of WBOP and Chair of the BOPLASS (Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared services) addressed us on the process of their establishment and the monies saved from shared services, and Sir Geoffrey Palmer, President of the Law commission gave us an update of the Commission's Liquor Review and the overall goal of reducing Alcohol related harm. A very informative two days.

### **22 February**

A Powhiri welcoming four Community Max workers and a Supervisor was held at the Youth & Whanau Resource Centre. These employees have been engaged to work with the Youth & Whanau centre and the Green Kiwi trust in the Community Gardens in Waipawa and Waipukurau.

### **27 February**

Once again it was great to participate in the Mayoral Bike Challenge and win this event for the third year in a row. The support of the Hawke's Bay Hawks and those participating in a triathlon is much appreciated. The Basketball game between the Hawks and Jets was entertaining and drew a good crowd. It was also good to join the Council Relay for Life team in supporting this cause. Regretfully with a full day I was unable to visit the well received air show at the Waipukurau Aerodrome, with good weather this was a great day for CHB.

### **1 & 2 March**

Joining 5 Councillors on the first day along with the CEO we attended the Local Government Zone 3 Meeting and were well hosted by Tararua District Council. Lawrence Yule gave an update of Local Government key issues; two electoral representatives spoke on ways to improve voter enrolment and to canvass thoughts from local authorities on how we can engage our communities to enrol and participate in local elections, both Lynn Provost the Auditor General and David McGee the Ombudsman addressed us on their office functions and spoke of current and future issues that may impact on us; Peter Wimsett from Tararua District Council gave an update on Broadband and fibre optic proposals and Mayor Maureen Reynolds showcased her District prior to a visit to the Tui Brewery and returning for a nice meal,

The second day in the 'Around the Region session each Mayor gives a 5 minute report on happenings in their district. I find this a good avenue to share and make contact with other councils who may be facing the same or similar key current issues. The Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs presented an update before the day concluded with Mike Reid of LGNZ speaking on the 2010 Local Government Work Programme.

Later this evening I attended a Charity Cricket Match at Park Island. Raising money for Parkinsons, the match featured celebrities including Brendan Pongia and Taine Randall playing those from the legal profession. An entertaining game, with only two car windscreens smashed by players hitting 'sixes', and a nail biting finish right to the last ball.

**9 March**

The Eastern District Commander of Police Sam Hoyle visited giving a good opportunity to discuss unresolved crime in CHB and new appointments.

Later in the day I met with the Community Constable Glynn Sharp, Mike Finucane, Fire Risk Management Officer Eastern Fire Region and Karen Muir Community Education Officer Eastern Fire District, to initiate the establishment of a Safer Communities Committee.

**13 March**

On behalf of the community and as guest speaker at the 20<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of CHB Support & Counselling I took the opportunity to thank this organisation and particularly the Volunteers for the work they provide to our citizens in Social Work, Counselling and the Food Bank

**20 March**

With the CEO, Steve Thrush, Councillor Story, Shelley Burne-Field and two Youth Council members we attended and paid tribute to Bevan Tipene at his funeral at the Porangahau Marae. Bevan was an asset to us in council matters and his level headed involvement and knowledge of resource management will be missed.

**21 March**

I was pleased to be invited to an unveiling of a plaque in remembrance of Senior Constable Len Snee who lost his life in the siege on Napier hill last May. The service was organised and the plaque was donated and erected by the Takapau Centennial Trust. As a son of Takapau, this tribute to Len was paid with his Wife and family, colleagues, close friends and members of the Takapau Trust in attendance.

**22 March**

Management of Opus whilst on a travelling road show throughout the North Island met with contracting parties for a meal at the Caution Restaurant in Napier.

**23 March**

With the CEO we met the new editor Rachael Wise of the CHB Mail and look forward to positive media engagement.

**24 March**

The Mana Wahine Triathlon organised by Central Health, Michelle Hayes of the heated pool and Sports Hawke's Bay and truly a fantastic event with over 200 entries and a large group of supporters.

I attended a public meeting held at the Waipukurau Primary School regarding the establishment of a new Oral Clinic on the School Playgrounds. After a little uprising the meeting gave the opportunity of the DHB and the Ministry to explain their decision and allow those anxious of the space to be utilised to express their concerns.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

THAT

The Mayoral Report for February/March 2010 be received.

Trish Giddens  
Mayor