

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council
FROM: Trish Giddens, Mayor
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SUBJECT: MAYORAL REPORT FOR JUNE / JULY 2010

1.0 SUMMARY

A busy few weeks and duties were interspersed with meetings around the Civic Award selection and confirmation, the way forward to utilise the monies received from the Department of Internal Affairs for Community Development and trips to Lower Hutt and Auckland.

18 June

With representatives from CHB College, Epic Ministries and Shelley Burne-Field we met with a representative from the Ministry of Youth Affairs to discuss youth initiatives. The meeting discussed a project for CHB based on the needs of the community as identified by the community with youth input.

22 June

A meeting of the Ruataniwha Water Storage Group and we were updated by the Regional Council of the sites identified as unsuitable for the water storage. Further investigation will take place of other suitable sites.

Meeting with the Health Taskforce Group we discussed a draft of our submission regarding the future of the Primary Health Organisations (PHO). Later a draft was approved and forwarded based on having one PHO for Hawke's Bay.

With Shawn McKinley, Morry Black and a representative from the Regional Council we attended the Taiwhenua Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to seek global consent for 20 years around culverts, drains etc.

23 June

Meeting with Malcolm Byford as the DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended) Social worker I was introduced to his role in CHB. Malcolm works from an office at Heartlands and is currently busy on one day a week although the workload has indicated this may need to be increased to two days.

With Councillors Story and Pedersen and John Freeman we met with Jim and Sandra Shand to further discuss the issues around Digital Projection. A Committee will be set up to work through this and the future of the theatre.

28 June

At a Power Trust Meeting we interviewed Josie Willis and Sam Robinson and confirmed them as Directors for a further two years.

I addressed the twelve new students on Project K. These students had just completed their Wilderness experience and assisted with the Library relocation beforehand.

1 July

With staff, Councillors and members of the Friends of the Library it was pleasing to celebrate the completion of this project and acknowledge the good work done by all those involved.

2 July

Chris Finlayson Minister of Culture & Arts announced the \$6 million grant to the Napier Museum and & Arts Gallery. This was a well attended and supported event.

3 July

Officially declaring the Waipawa Library open was a pleasure. Several people visited the library and over 500 books were issued that morning.

At the courtesy of Meridian Energy I attended and thoroughly enjoyed the Royal New Zealand's production of the ballet 'Carmen' at the Municipal Theatre in Napier.

7 July

Courtesy of the Waipawa Music and Dramatic Society I attended the musical of 'Oliver'. Again this was a fantastic production showcasing some very talented locals.

8 July

In Napier John Kirwan selected as an Ambassador for the Rugby World Cup addressed businesses and Mayors on the importance of their involvement with the World Cup. Residing in Italy and working in Japan John Kirwan emphasised the point of taking the opportunity to promote our country with a view to visitors enjoying the rugby, touring and possibly investing in NZ.

Meeting with Vince Byrne from the Regional Council we discussed the possibility of a walkway along the stop bank running parallel to Lindsay Road. This would be of lime and similar to those in Taradale and Clive.

I officially opened the PORSE Home Based Childcare office in Waipukurau, welcoming a new business to CHB.

14 July

Craig Foss addressed a group of CHB Non Government Agencies at Heartlands with an interest in seeking issues these agencies may be facing.

Graeme Hansen of the Regional Council met to discuss further the proposed Lindsay Walkway. This would be on 4.5 kilometres and give the opportunity to visit Lindsay Bush and return the same way or along the roadway of Lindsay Road.

MP Craig Foss in his Waipukurau office addressed a few community members on the Emission Trading Scheme and responded to questions asked.

16 July

At the Havelock North Community Centre Councils and NGO's were addressed regarding the new Community Response Model and the Forum Groups being established. These groups will submit to where they feel best funding should be issued to respond and address the community Family Services needs.

22 & 23 July

In Lower Hutt I attended the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs introduction to the Rangatahi Leadership programme. Held over two days along we were advised of the criteria around selection of a young adult to mentor and discussed and confirmed the programme.

25 – 28 July

In attendance at the Local Government conference in Auckland with the CEO and Councillor Pedersen we were treated to appropriate speakers around the theme of "Building Prosperous Places".

2.0 RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

The Mayoral Report for June and July be received.

Trish Giddens
Mayor