



Mayoral Diary

February 2018

Tuesday 6 Feb	<p>Waitangi Day</p> <p>Together with the Te Manawhenua Forum mo Matamata-Piako we hosted a whanau friendly community event to celebrate Waitangi Day in our district. This year's event was co-hosted by Ngati Haua, Ngati Hinerangi and Raukawa and took place at the Matamata Domain from 10am to 2pm.</p> <p>The day focused on what the Treaty means to us as a district and to our people, as well as a hangi and entertainment. There were two sim sessions with our pools full to capacity and a waiting line for families to enter!</p> <p>Whanau/community/sports groups were invited to come along and share with us what Waitangi Day means to them and to use this whanau day as a fundraising event by organising activities or food/beverage sales</p> <p>We had special guests attending our Waitangi Day event, MP Tim Van de Molen, and a mayoral delegation from Kitakami Japan. MPDC is challenging Kitakami on World Challenge Day, 30 May this year. Stay tuned and keep an eye out for more about this challenge!</p>  <p>Mayor Jan and E-Team member Manaia Te Wiata</p> 
Tuesday	Kitakami delegation from Japan

<p>6 to Thursday 7 Feb</p>	<p>Matamata-Piako District Council has accepted an invitation from the mayor of Kitakami, Japan to compete against their district in the 2018 World Challenge Day. This engagement has come about from the NZ Embassy in Japan who thought our district would be a good match.</p> <p>World Challenge Day is where cities of similar demographics compete to see who can get the highest number of people per capita, physically active for 15 minutes in one day. In 2017 more than 50 million people from over 40 countries around the world entered. This year's World Challenge Day is set for Wednesday, 30 May. We are up for the challenge and I encourage all clubs, businesses and groups to register at http://worldchallengeday.co.nz/</p> <p>I hosted a delegation of four from Japan in which we officially signed our challenge declaration for the May event as well as showing the delegation around Te Aroha, Matamata and Morrinsville with all our district has to offer</p> <p>The delegation was made up of: Kitakami City Mayor Toshihiko Takahashi, City Development Dept. Sports Promotion Team Manager Mr. Gou Takahashi, City Policy Planning Dept. Secretary Engagement Team Chief Mr. Masahiko Ito and Kitakami Sports Link Director Mr. Michio Shitou.</p> <p>I thoroughly enjoyed engaging with Mayor Takahashi and his party, and look forward to competing against his district on 30 May!</p> <p>A big thank you must go to Matamata resident Kazuko Tapper and her family for translating, tour guide, driver and representing MPDC last year in Kitakami with Ritchie McCaw and his trust.</p> <div data-bbox="375 1227 1254 1709" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Mayor Jan and the Kitakami delegation at Waitangi Day</p>
<p>Friday 8 February</p>	<p>Select Contracts</p> <p>I met with Darron from Select Contracts. This business has been involved in a number of adventure park set ups throughout the country, and we talked about opportunities in our district for tourism opportunities, especially in Te Aroha.</p>
<p>Monday 12 February</p>	<p>Waikato Mayoral Forum</p> <p>There were six main topics discussed at this Waikato Mayoral Forum</p>

	<p>meeting, and a summary of them are attached as appendix A.</p> <p>Treaty negotiation meeting The East Waikato mayors met to discuss co-governance of our region with the Chief Treaty Negotiator Rick Barker who was representing the Crown.</p>
<p>Tuesday 13 February</p>	<p>Meeting with council staff I had several meetings with staff to discuss the first council meeting topics of the year, and projects that will be on going, such as the LTP and youth, setting our direction for 2018.</p> <p>Meeting with Waikato Regional Councillor I met with Stu Husband to discuss regional issues, specifically the Regional Theatre.</p> <p>Meeting with Morrinsville resident I met with a resident and his neighbours to discuss storm water in their subdivision and how council can help with bringing about a resolution and a way forward.</p> <p>Morrinsville Chamber of Commerce CEO Don McLeod and I met with the committee to discuss a number of topics, the main ones raised were Regional Economic Development, potential land development in Morrinsville and Parking.</p>
<p>Wednesday 14 February</p>	<p>Council meeting The first council meeting of the year covered off a number of items including the Hauraki Rail Trail, Waikato Regional Theatre and targeted rates, Plan changes, a presentation on the Main Street Conference attended by Councillor Neil Goodger, staff member Ann-Jorun Hunter and Business Association Chair Shaun O'Neil and a long service presentation to staff member Tania Scott, the Customer Services Supervisor of Matamata and Morrinsville.</p> <p>Tania has been at council for 25 years and is a strong and dedicated member of the Customer Services and council team. The wealth of knowledge our staff with long service have is invaluable, congratulations Tania on this milestone!</p> <div data-bbox="552 1489 1230 2031" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Mayor Jan and Tania</p>

<p>Thursday 15 February</p>	<p>Meeting with Sheree Hart – New World Matamata I met with Sheree to discuss a new project she is embarking on with her staff and what community and social support can be offered going forward. This will benefit our whole community with learning for all.</p> <p>Launch of Fieldays 2018 This year it is the 50th event of the Waikato Fieldays held at Mystery Creek in Hamilton. As an honorary Vice President of Fieldays NZ, I was pleased to attended the launch function held at Te Rapa Racecourse where the original Fieldays were held all those years ago! The Fieldays are such an important event in the Waikato Region with all the surrounding districts economies benefiting from the visitors attending. This outstanding event sees growth year upon year for the Waikato.</p>
<p>Friday 16 February</p>	<p>Matamata College meeting I met with principal Alan Munroe to discuss our Volunteer Youth Ambassador (VYA) programme for 2018 I will be meeting with staff member Andrew Kilham in March, Andrew is the senior teacher in charge this year.</p>
<p>Monday 19 February</p>	<p>Meeting with Inghams I met with CEO Adrian Revell to discuss the industry need to fill their vacancies. It was highlighted at our Business Breakfast in December and Adrian is supplying a framework to train and upskill our youth and unemployed.</p> <p>It is very exciting that big business in our community is helping our youth in this area which is a very hot topic in our district.</p> <p>Meeting with Tuia I touched base with Arleen McLaren who is one of our past Tuia representatives. I like to catch up with our rangatahi to see how they are going and to hear about their on-going involvement with the Tuia programme. Arleen is heading off to the first wananga of the year to be held at Otorohanga at the beginning of February as a mentor and support person. Arleen has taken up a full time teaching position at Te Aroha college this year.</p> <p>Citizenship Ceremony We had the pleasure of welcoming 17 new citizens to our district at our latest ceremony. We also had two special guests on the night, Waikato National MP Tim Van de Molen and Te Ao Marama Maaka, the chair of our Te Mana Whenua Forum.</p> <p>It is always a wonderful opportunity to engage with our new citizens and give a personal welcome after swearing them in as official citizens. Thank you to Councillors Brian Hunter, Donna Arnold and Adrienne Wilcock who were part of the ceremony. Each ceremony has its own flavour and is very inspiring.</p>



<p>Tuesday 20 February</p>	<p>Morrinsville and Te Aroha College meeting - VYA Following on from the meeting with Matamata College the week before, I met with Morrinsville College Principal John Inger in the morning, and Te Aroha College principal Heather Gorrie in the afternoon to discuss the VYA's for 2018. Both principals have commended Council on our previous Volunteer Youth Ambassador work.</p> <p>John has some enthusiastic senior students who he has put forward to be student leaders for this year. Council staff is liaising with Sam Mortimer of Te Aroha College with regard to their representatives.</p> <p>Meeting with Tuia candidate I met with Jahstice Wilson of Morrinsville who is this year's Tuia representative. Jahstice is of Ngati Haua descent and has been a student of Morrinsville College. Jahstice has been attending courses since she left College.</p> <p>I will bring Jahstice into the boardroom to meet my councillors at a later date.</p> <p>Meeting with council staff Council staff and I met with CEO Don McLeod to go over the paperwork ready for the representation review workshop being held on Wednesday.</p> <p>Morrinsville Business After 5 Hosted at the St John Hall this was hosted by Community Patrol. Another good turnout by local business people and a chance to engage with them in a social environment and catch up on topical issues. Well done to our hosts Morrinsville Community Patrol, they do a great job of keeping eyes and ears to the ground!</p>
<p>Wednesday 21 February</p>	<p>Council workshop We covered off a huge amount of work at the first workshop of the year, including overview of policy work coming up in 2018, LTP audit update – Audit NZ representative Jared was present, LTP Communication plan, Public forum/streaming options and Council Hub, Representation review, Review of Grants, and a presentation on Sports Club Survey</p>

	and Draft Sports Facilities Plan from Sport Waikato's CEO Matthew Cooper.
Thursday 22 February	<p>Radio interview Reno and I discussed Waitangi Day and our blessing of the Civic Centre.</p> <p>Blessing of the Matamata-Piako Memorial and Civic Centre The civic centre, Te Whare Whakamaharatanga o te hāpori o Matamata-Piako, was blessed with a waerea by Ngāti Hauā kaumata Tumohe Clark and Raukawa kaumatua Te Hāpuku Rikiriki. Mokoro Gillet, Reverend Nua Langi and Reverend Stephen Prebble concluded the formal proceedings with a karakia.</p> <p>The blessing, or waerea, follows completion of construction of the building by contractor Stanley Construction. Internal fit out can now start and staff will begin moving in from 12 March. A Street Party will be held on Saturday 14 April from 12noon.</p> <div data-bbox="375 750 1021 1220" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1029 716 1380 1220" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Scouts NZ Founders Day & 110 year anniversary Scouts NZ marked Founders Day and 110 years of scouting in New Zealand with a special celebration at Government House hosted by Dame Patsy Reddy. Highlights included an inspiring address by Kate Te Wano, a young woman who came to venture scouting late and had to overcome many challenges but who credits the organisation with putting her on the path to her current career in the RNZAF; and the announcement of the Scouting Opportunity Fund, to help dismantle the financial barriers for young people wishing to get involved with scouts. Congratulations on 110 years of achievement, Scouts NZ. I was honoured to be part of the celebrations and to hear our Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School held at the Waharoa Airfield is such a hit with youth in their life journey.</p>



Kate Te Wano and Mayor Jan

**Friday
23 February**

Launch of the Provincial Growth Fund

Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern and Minister for Regional Economic Development Hon Shane Jones launched the Government's \$1 billion per year Provincial Growth Fund.

As a representative of local government on the National Council, co-chair Mayor Brian Hanna and I along with President Mayor David Cull attended the announcement in Gisborne. This is part of the Government's stated commitment to regional economic development and marks a significant boost to investment in the regions.

From LGNZ's point of view this is a positive development. Our regions are significant contributors to the national economy but growth has been uneven. Maximising the diverse opportunities inherent in our regions requires a collaborative approach involving local and central government, communities, iwi/Māori and businesses so this additional support from the Government is welcome.

Key points to note from today's launch include:

- All regions (outside the three main cities) are eligible for the Fund;
- There are no set application rounds for the Fund;
- An Independent Advisory Panel has been appointed to assist the decision-making of ministers and officials, supported by a new Regional Economic Development Unit within MBIE to work directly with regions; and
- The first regional packages support the following regions: Northland, Tairāwhiti-East Coast, Hawke's Bay, Manawatū-Whanganui and the West Coast of the South Island.

LGNZ has been working with the Minister's office and officials and as the roll-out progresses will continue to work with MBIE to ensure members are kept informed on the Fund, the application process and which parties as well as councils are eligible.

I had the opportunity to engage with our Prime Minister Jacinda and had a one on one conversation particularly with regards to meeting her

home town iwi Ngati Haua.



Mayor Jan and Prime Minister Rt hon Jacinda Ardern at the Provincial Growth Fund launch

**Saturday
24 February**

Matamata Racing club

Rex and I were guests of the racing club for their big event of the year, the J Swap Contractors Breeders Stakes day.

Matamata owners, breeders and jockey's fared well on the day with great results all round.

This is a strongly supported committee and I commend Matamata Racing Club on another well run event. Thank you to Dennis and Lyne Ryan and your team for your hospitality. We are very proud of our racing community.



Mayor Jan with the winner of the fashion in the fields men's division

**Monday
26 February**

World Challenge Day meeting

I met with Communications manager Jenni Cochrane to discuss World Challenge Day and to meet with potential sponsors for the event. There will be both international and local opportunities.

	<p>Meeting at Te Hauora o Ngati Haua</p> <p>I met with Fred Haimona to discuss the programme that was initiated in 2017 by Tuia representative Hapairere King as part of her 100 hours volunteer contribution. We are hoping to continue this good work by offering more getting ready for work blocks, driver licencing, customer service and café training. Logistics will follow with MSD and a training provider leading the programme.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27 February</p>	<p>Waitangi Day debrief</p> <p>Council staff and those involved with our Waitangi Day event in Matamata met to discuss how the day ran, what worked well, and improvements for future events. We are building every year with our families engaging, the Swim Zones are certainly a wonderful family whanau fun day.</p> <p>Te Mana Whenua Forum</p> <p>February saw the first meeting for the year of our iwi forum. There was an agenda of reports and policies to work through, we discussed the blessing of the civic centre, Heads of Agreement, Council's LTP, the Waitangi Whanau Fun Day, Representation Review, Waikato Plan, Road naming, and District Plan review.</p>