

Mayoral Diary July 2017

<p>Monday 3 July</p>	<p>Regional Transport Committee meeting We received an update on the NZTA quarterly report by representative Dennis Crequer. Some points to note were that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZTA has undergone a restructure • The Land Transport Rule for Speed Management was under review • There were concerns over the timing of major works being completed at times of the year that were unfavourable for the weather. • Discussion around the wire rope that has been installed between Matamata and Waharoa. It was pointed out that while it did not stop panel crashes, it stopped deaths and major injuries. Wire ropes were often installed to stop cars running into ditches or poles where outcome of that would be worse than running into a wire rope
<p>Tuesday 4 July</p>	<p>Meeting at Morrinsville I-Site I met with I-Site manager Cathy Balvert to discuss the chamber of commerce's proposal for security cameras upgrade in the Morrinsville CBD.</p> <p>Matamata Men's Shed I attended the Matamata Men's Shed monthly meeting. This club continues to support our community in many different ways. A great place for men to meet.</p> <p>On site meeting in Matamata Council staff member Raymond Short and I met on site in Arawa Street regarding the location of the new informal pedestrian crossing. We were joined by the owner of Osteria to discuss the impact of pedestrian and delivery truck flow.</p>
<p>Wednesday 5 July</p>	<p>Council Workshop Our workshops continue to be held on all Wednesday's that there isn't a council meeting scheduled. Topics included the Waikato Plan – with external presenters Bill Wasley and Ken Tremaine. The Representation Review, Economic Development and Revenue & Financing Policy, Rates Remission Policy, Fees & Charges.</p> <p>The Ride of the Lions (ROTL) The Ride of the Lions are a cycle tour that runs in conjunction with the Lions Rugby Tour. Each time the Lions go on tour the ROTL riders also tour the same country and execute a ride with the purpose of raising funds for their charity in the UK. But the generous ROTL team doesn't just raise money for their charity, they work with a team of people in the host country and in turn they get to give 80% of the funds to the host country charity and 20% goes back to the UK Charity.</p> <p>The charity has the opportunity to run events in each of the locations that the ride is staying overnight and on Wednesday 5 July they rolled into Bedford Park in Matamata and I was able to officially welcome the</p>

riders to town.

It was a fun filled night with the junior rugby players from United Matamata Sports and Hinuera Rugby Clubs having the opportunity to play against each other, and a game with some of the All Black Legends who were part of the tour. United Matamata Sports club captain Allen Pryor and his organising committee did a great job of bringing this event to our town. Well done!



Photo – Rexine Hawes



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**Thursday
6 July**

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ)

Topics discussed at this quarterly meeting in Wellington included:

- Chairman's Report
- Tuia Presentation and Questions
- Taskforce coordinators report
- Driver Licencing business case
- MTFJ Strategy going forward, Financials, Budget and the upcoming AGM

**Friday
7 July**

Poheln Hospital Fundraiser

This year's Ladies Luncheon fundraiser for Pohlen Hospital saw Anna Stretton as the guest speaker. It was a great opportunity to support this hard working group of people fundraising in our community for refurbishing the consultancy rooms and reception area at the hospital.

**Monday
10 July**

Te Aroha Business After 5 (BA5)

Hosted this month by Geometrix. I spoke to the chairman Shaun O'Neill and regularly get the minutes for updates.

**Wednesday
12 July**

Council meeting and workshop

Meeting with Open Country Dairy

	<p>Council staff and I met with Jason Tarrent from Open Country to discuss their Development Concept Plan (DCP) application, and the water utilisation plan.</p>
<p>Thursday 13 July</p>	<p>Meeting with VYA chair I met with Kaleb who is our Volunteer Youth Ambassador chair, to discuss the upcoming VYA meeting.</p> <p>Meeting with council staff I caught up with a number of staff to discuss upcoming agendas and workshops, and other projects and issues they are working on.</p> <p>Meeting with Te Wanganga o Aotearoa Representatives from Te Wananga o Aotearoa met with me to discuss a programme they are looking to bring into the district with the idea of having it based in Matamata. This is for youth not in employment or education. They will collect students from Morrinsville and Matamata.</p>
<p>Friday 14 July</p>	<p>Meeting at Matamata I-Site I had a quick catch up with I-Site manager Sue Whiting to discuss CBD issues and projects.</p>
<p>Monday 17 July</p>	<p>Developer meeting CEO Don McLeod and I met with a developer to discuss a Developer Agreement and its conditions.</p> <p>Waikato Mayoral Forum Discussion and presentations at this meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-19 Strategic Collaborative Priorities • Waikato Plan • Community Facilities Funding Framework • Waikato Means Business • Heritage Forum • Housing Infrastructure Fund • Waste Water Manager • UNISA Overview <p>Further information on the Waikato Mayoral Forum can be found at this website: http://waikatomayoralforum.org.nz/</p>
<p>Tuesday 18 July</p>	<p>Wallace Gallery AGM I am supporting chair Greg in proposing the gallery become a regional gallery.</p> <p>Meeting regarding community services I met with Steve Collecutt and Robyn Whittle to discuss a possible collaborative approach with regard to services and groups in the Te Aroha community.</p> <p>Community Health Forum Held in Matamata and chaired by Shirley Gillard, the forum discussed local issues, pharmaceutical waste, the Consumer Council along with presentations from Christie lane from the Ministry of Social Development and the DHB. A key issue is connectivity from Te Aroha to</p>

	<p>Morrinsville's Work and Income office.</p> <p>Citizenship Ceremony We welcomed 17 new citizens to the Matamata-Piako District in the ceremony held in the Council Chambers in Te Aroha. Thank you to Councillors Wilcock, Arnold, Hunter and Cronin who were there to support our new citizens on the night.</p> 
<p>Wednesday 19 July</p>	<p>Council workshop LTP workshops continue and staff went over First Cut budgets, Rates Remissions, Revenue & Financing Policy, Fees & Charges with time for Q&A at the end.</p> <p>Business After Five (BA5) Hosted by the ANZ bank in Morrinsville, a great opportunity to engage with members. Councillor Brian Hunter attended with me.</p>
<p>Thursday 20 July</p>	<p>Meeting with Springboard The Springboard mission statement is to empower marginalised young people and their families with life changing principles, skills and mentors to facilitate personal transformation and connection with community.</p> <p>Council staff and I met with Gary Diprose to gain a better understanding of the work Springboard did and how they may be able to work with groups whose focus is disengaged youth in our district.</p> <p>Waharoa Aerodrome Meeting Held at Railside by the Green while the Civic Centre is being constructed, we covered off the following topics at this quarterly meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Plan 2018-2028– project update • Marae Underpass update • Hanger update • Marae entrance and parking arrangements • Waharoa Aerodrome budget 2017/18
<p>Sunday 23 July to Tuesday 25 July</p>	<p>LGNZ Annual Conference This year Deputy Mayor James Thomas, Councillors Kevin Tappin and Paul Cronin and CEO Don McLeod accompanied me to the annual conference held in Auckland.</p> <p>The 2017 conference theme was Creating pathways to 2050: liveable</p>

spaces and loveable places with a future focus on infrastructure, place making and community engagement.

There are five key areas in this year's manifesto, which reflect LGNZ's strategic priorities:

- infrastructure
- risk and resilience
- the environment, including addressing the impacts of and adapting to climate change
- social issues including housing and community safety
- economic development.

LGNZ president Lawrence Yule noted that "*across these spheres there is a range of policy improvements we think could lift the outcomes for our communities,*"

Remits were voted on in a secret ballot. Remits passed become official policy to be actioned by Local Government New Zealand.

The remits were as follows:

1. Giving councils greater powers to combat littering - *The remit was passed overwhelmingly with 95 per cent support of the sector*
2. Returning a portion of GST to the district it was generated in - *The remit was supported strongly by 68 per cent of the sector*
3. National legislation to manage cats - *The remit was passed with 51 per cent voting in favour.*
4. Development of a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy - *The remit was passed with 61 per cent voting in favour.*
5. Drivers licence programme - *The remit was passed with strong support of 79 per cent of votes.*

The following were winners of the 2017 LGNZ EXCELLENCE Awards:

Fulton Hogan EXCELLENCE Award for Community Engagement
Hutt City Council: Transformation Taita

MartinJenkins EXCELLENCE Award for Best Practice Contribution to Local Economic Development
West Coast regional Council: Untamed Natural Wilderness

Chorus EXCELLENCE Award for Best Practice in Infrastructure Management
Waikato District Council: Waikato District Alliance

Air New Zealand EXCELLENCE Award for Environmental Impact
Palmerston North City Council: Green Corridors Palmerston North

Creative New Zealand EXCELLENCE Award for Best Creative Place
Napier City Council: City Vision: Small City, Big Ideas

MartinJenkins Judges' Choice Award for Outstanding Value and Service Delivery
Rotorua Lakes Council: Rotorua Mountain Bike Strategy

	<p><u>Outstanding Contribution to Local Government</u> Lawrence Yule – Outgoing LGNZ president</p>
<p>Wednesday 26 July</p>	<p>Corporate and operations (COC) meeting Chaired by Councillor Ash Tanner</p> <p>Hui at Morrinsville Museum Four maraes from the district, Rukumoana, Kai a Te Mata, Tauhei and Waiti attended a hui at the museum. In September 2017 it will be 100 years since the Maori parliament was established at Rukumoana. Arnaru Thompson is the 'king maker' and an educational display at the museum will feature this history.</p> <p>Plan Change 27 Workshop At the conclusion of the COC meeting council staff took us through work on Plan Change 47.</p> <p>Meeting at Morrinsville Rec ground CEO Don McLeod, Parks and Reserves Operations manager Todd Makeham, Deputy Mayor James Thomas and I met with David Sing on site to discuss the use of the reserve at Morrinsville.</p>
<p>Thursday 27 July</p>	<p>Meeting with Business Associations and I-Sites I have commenced monthly meetings with the Business Association Chairs and I-Site managers so Council can understand what these groups are working on, what are their issues and priorities and where Council is putting its efforts. It is an opportunity to understand what each other's pressures are.</p> <p>Matamata Chronicle I have started regular catch ups with reporter Rexine Hawes to give updates from our council meetings.</p> <p>Morrinsville School Board of Trustees After much correspondence with school Principal John Inger, and at the request of the BOT I met with them to discuss the funding council contributes to the Waikato Regional Council towards the public bus service. The board will gather data from the Intermediate Schools and I will work with Regional Council on this issue.</p>
<p>Monday 31 July</p>	<p>Presentation It was my pleasure to be asked by Te Aroha College to present their Medal of Sporting Excellence to senior student Tatiana Kaumoana who has come back from the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas with a Silver Medal in discus. Tatiana is inspiring our young athletes from the Te Aroha Athletics Club and helps puts our town and district on the map. Congratulations to you and your family for all the hard work that has gone in to this achievement. Trish and Junior, you must be so very proud of your daughter. Families are support crew. Thank you for being our district ambassador.</p>

