

Mayoral Diary

July 2018

<p>Monday 2 July</p>	<p>Debate Early in the evening I attended an event hosted by MP Tim Van der Molen with a panel on 'end of life debate'</p> <p>Meeting with new business owner I met with Stephen Chamberlain who is the new owner of the Horse and Jockey Inn. Stephen has great experience in the event's area. A Lion Foundation workshop was held at the Horse and Jockey.</p> <p>The purpose of the evening was to help local schools, charities, sports clubs and community groups in the Matamata area better understand how the funding model works. They provided an update on what's happening in the community funding space, outline what items organisations can/can't apply for, explain what we're looking for in an application and answer any questions that groups might have.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3 July</p>	<p>Firth Tower Indoor Garden Party Firth Tower manager Amy Martin arranged for a mid-winter indoor garden party for those groups who work and volunteer at the museum. It was a lovely afternoon engaging with the Historical Society, MDPC Staff, and the user groups of the Firth Tower complex. A great initiative, well done Amy.</p> <p>Meeting with Hobbiton staff Adam Lynch is the new Chief Operating Officer at Hobbiton. Adam and I discussed many issues and talked tourism in general. Adam and his family are moving from Wellington. I also had the chance to network with CEO Russell and General Manager Sales & Marketing Shayne Forrest, regarding future initiatives.</p>
<p>Wednesday 4 July</p>	<p>Volunteer Youth Ambassador meeting (VYA) This month's meeting was held at 7.30am in the Tainui Room at Matamata. The group is working well together and publicity is in full swing for the youth awards being held on 30 August. The WILLS programme for intermediate aged students is now ready to be delivered to all schools in our district for this age group.</p> <p>Meeting with Wintec rep I met with Kim Linklater to continue our discussions regarding Wintec courses at Mangatapu and Matamata.</p> <p>Representation Review consultation meeting Staff, Councillors and I met with our rural groups - Federated Farmers - at Waihou to discuss the Representation Review which is currently being consulted on. The meeting also allows a variety of questions across the spectrum.</p> <p>We are required by law to review our 'representation arrangements' at least every six years to ensure our community is fairly and effectively represented. This includes reviewing things like the number of</p>

	<p>Councillors and wards we have, whether each Councillor represents roughly the same number of people in the district, and whether we should have community boards.</p> <p>Te Aroha Domain Working Party meeting A group of councillors and staff met to discuss the landscape concept plan (which is part of the Reserve Management Plan), known 'issues in the domain, funding allocated in the LTP and other funding sources. Actions were identified to work on and the group scheduled to meet again later in the month.</p>
Friday 6 July	<p>Waikato Police Pay Parade The annual Waikato District Police Pay Parade Medals & Awards Ceremony was held at the Waikato University. It is an opportunity to recognise the work of the regions police force.</p> <p>Each of our three towns were recognised in some way throughout the ceremony. Eastern Area Commander Inspector John Kelly was recognised for his 42 years of service.</p> <p>I had very good roading discussion with the Assistant Commissioner of police, Mike Clements, regarding roading in our district at large and the new government's priorities.</p> <p>Meeting with Matamata business owner I met with Sheree and Matthew Hart in support of sports, and progressing an events centre for Matamata. They have agreed to allow a large fundraising barometer on their New World building.</p>
Monday 9 July	<p>Representation Review consultation meeting Council staff, Councillors and I met again this time with Grey Power to discuss the representation review we are consulting on. Good discussion and support for our preferred option.</p> <p>Teleconference Members of the LGNZ National Council were given a briefing before the LGNZ conference coming up on the Governments Three Waters Review. Note our CE Mr Don McLeod is on this working party for LGNZ.</p>
Tuesday 10 July	<p>Institute of Directors function with Minister Grant Robertson as speaker In conjunction with Waikato Chamber of Commerce, the Institute of Directors hosted a luncheon after the budget announcement from minister Grant Robertson. I was a guest of ASB bank and there were very good networking opportunities throughout the luncheon.</p>
Wednesday 11 July	<p>Council meeting Items discussed at this meeting included Rubbish bag implementation, Backflow prevention devices, Parking survey and analysis, Road naming, Waikato regional airport statement of intent, Morrinsville Riverwalk draft report followed by workshops from HR and on the District Sports Facilities and Development Plan.</p>

	<p>Domain working party site visit</p> <p>Following on from the working party meeting earlier in the month, we did a walk around the domain to identify and discuss issues raised and priorities.</p>
<p>Thursday 12 July</p>	<p>On site meeting with Council staff</p> <p>I met with staff member/Parks and Facilities planner Mark Naudé to discuss the Waharoa Reserve, and equipment needed as identified in the budget.</p> <p>Be Collective</p> <p>I met with Dan Henderson who is the director of stakeholder development for Be Collective. Be Collective is a digital gateway to helping your community and realising positive social impact. Find volunteer opportunities, join groups, run events, manage people and engage new audiences. Volunteer groups in our district me be interested in getting on board this new digital platform.</p> <p>VYA chair Patrick Roskam, Councillor Kevin Tappin and business owner Tim Hampton were in attendance.</p>
<p>Friday 13 July</p>	<p>Networking lunch</p> <p>I met with Dallas Fisher of Waikato REDA and Philip Brown of Hobson Hotel Property Holdings Ltd to discuss development opportunities in our district. CEO Don McLeod and I wanted to know what triggers were required to encourage accommodation providers to our district</p> <p>Meeting with businesses</p> <p>I hosted a meeting with Wintec, and two local businesses that may work together for the benefit of both and our district.</p>
<p>Sunday 16 to Tuesday 17 July</p>	<p>Local Government NZ Conference (LGNZ)</p> <p>This year's conference was hosted in Christchurch and CEO Don McLeod, Councillors Arnold, Wilcock and Deputy Mayor James Thomas joined me in representing Council at the event. We heard from an array of speakers and presenters including Central Government ministers.</p> <p>The conference kicked off with the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting where thirteen policy remits were voted on. This year remits focused on infrastructure and funding, waste, climate change, the environment and social issues</p> <p>Remits were voted on in a secret ballot and once passed become official policy to be actioned by Local Government New Zealand. Details on the remits are outlined below:</p> <p>Drug testing in the community HCV – Rural roads policy Heritage buildings Climate change Climate Change Adaptation Fund Local Alcohol Policies Biofuels Walking the talk – single use plastics A mandatory register of cooling towers</p>

Copper in brake pads
Reducing the waste stream
Tyres stewardship

More information on the remits can be found here:
<http://www.lgnz.co.nz/news-and-media/frontpage-news/frontpage-news-july-2018/>

Winners at the LGNZ Excellence Awards were:

Overall MartinJenkins Judges' Choice Award for Performance Excellence and Community Outcomes - Palmerston North City Council and Rotorua Lakes Council

LGNZ EXCELLENCE Award for Best Practice in Governance, Leadership and Strategy - Palmerston North's Framing the Big Picture programme

Creative New Zealand EXCELLENCE Award for Best Creative Place – Palmerston North Public Art Programme won the

LGNZ EXCELLENCE Award for Best Practice Contribution to Local Economic Development - Rotorua Lakes for breathing new life into the inner city;

LGNZ EXCELLENCE Award for Service Delivery and Asset Management category - Rotorua Lakes for its Te Aka Mauri Library and Children's Health Hub.

Wellington City Council's Our Natural Capital programme, to protect the capital's native biodiversity, won the Air New Zealand EXCELLENCE Award for Environmental Impact;

Waipa District Council carried off the Fulton Hogan EXCELLENCE Award for Community Engagement for its project Out of the Shadows – Bringing Waipa's Heritage to Life.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council's Project Thrive was highly commended in the LGNZ EXCELLENCE AWARD for Governance, Leadership and Strategy category, and Wairoa District Council's Wairoa Wastewater Stakeholder Group in the Fulton Hogan EXCELLENCE Award for Community Engagement.

Northland Regional Council's Marine Biosecurity programme was highly commended in the Air New Zealand EXCELLENCE Award for Environmental Impact; and Far North District Council was highly commended in the Fulton Hogan EXCELLENCE Award for Community Engagement for its Ngā Kurī Auau o Kaikohe project, promoting responsible dog ownership.

Waikato District Council was highly commended in the LGNZ EXCELLENCE Award for Best Practice Contribution to Local Economic Development category for the Te Awa River Ride – Ngaruawahia to Horotiu; and the Waikato Mayoral Forum was highly commended in the LGNZ EXCELLENCE Award for Service Delivery and Asset

	<p>Management category for the RATA (Road Asset Technical Accord) programme.</p> <p>LGNZ President Dave Cull said “Our judges commended the number of outstanding finalists in the awards across delivery of best practice value and services to their community and they are recognising this in awarding the first joint award in the Judges’ Choice category. The leadership shown by Rotorua Lakes Council and Palmerston North City Council is an example to others in the country of strong strategic thinking, excellent community engagement and well-designed execution.”</p>
Wednesday 18 July	<p>Representation Review meeting Grey Power Matamata allowed us to attend their monthly meeting to discuss the representation review out for consultation. A good turn out by their members and other council issues were discussed.</p> <p>Matamata Business After 5 Hosted at Bayleys Real Estate, a good networking opportunity for Councillors, business owners and employees. I spoke briefly on the representation review.</p>
Thursday 19 July	<p>Waharoa Aerodrome Committee Held at the council offices in Matamata, items on this agenda included an update on the Long Term Plan, Representation Review, marae underpass entrance and parking arrangements, aerodrome fees and charges, budget for 2018/19, Health and Safety report and the reserve management plan. We then work shopped the review of the management plan.</p> <p>Meeting with Tuia representative. I met with Jahstice as part of my ongoing mentoring with her. Jahstice is making the most out of the Tuia programming making contacts and connections with fellow participants throughout the country. I have introduced Jahstice to Hobbiton for some work experience.</p>
Sunday 22 July	<p>Justice of the Peace annual service I attended the Inter-faith service at Morrinsville Catholic Church and followed by a luncheon at Morrinsville RSA. This is an annual gathering of JP’s in our district.</p>
Monday 23 July	<p>Meeting with Councillors I met with our Elected Members to discuss our CE’s annual performance review.</p> <p>Citizenship Ceremony We welcomed 17 new citizens to our district in the council chambers in Te Aroha. Our communications staff live streamed the event via Facebook. Councillors Cronin, Arnold, Wilcock, Tanner, Cornes and Tappin were in support of our families.</p>



**Tuesday
24 July**

Site meeting

I met with Council's Roading Asset Engineer and Te Mana Whenua member Diana Vaimoso to discuss road naming in a new subdivision in Matamata.

Executive Team meeting

I met with Council's E-Team for discussion on projects and issues currently being worked through.

Meeting at Port of Tauranga

I met with Mike Lambert from Port of Tauranga to discuss the Economic Summit due to be held at the end of August. I will now meet with Kiwi Rail to follow up.

**Wednesday
25 July**

Volunteer Youth Ambassadors

Final touches are being made for the Volunteer Youth Awards being held in August where Mike King will be the guest speaker. Save the date Thursday 30 August

Corporate and Operations meeting

Chaired by Councillor Ash Tanner, items on this agenda included Elected Members Remuneration, Waikato Regional Council representation review, District Sports facility development plan, Naming of a reserve in Morrinsville, Annual Report, Health and Safety report and the CEO report.

Meeting with Hauraki District Council

I met with Councillor Ross Harris and staff member David Fielden to discuss how our neighbouring districts can work with each other with regard to overseas investors interested in our districts.

**Thursday
26 July**

CEO performance review committee

The committee and external consultant met to work through the performance review of our CEO over the past 12 months.

Farewell function

A special presentation and celebration was held at Wintec to farewell outgoing Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive William Durning and welcome new Chief Executive Chris Simpson. Another networking opportunity.

Friday 27 July	<p>Meeting with Industry</p> <p>As a district we are in a unique position with the number of processing industry in such close proximity. Further to discussion at our last industry business breakfast, we are held another meeting with a more specific agenda.</p> <p>Some of our industry has indicated barriers around recruiting and retaining staff, and a number identified housing and work ready staff. Council facilitated a discussion to see what are the common themes and what are possible solutions we may be able to achieve through government agencies and initiation.</p>
Saturday 28 July	<p>Te Aroha Arts Society</p> <p>The Te Aroha Arts Society gallery has had a revamp and I was asked to official re-open the gallery in the Te Aroha Domain.</p> <p>Lane Gallery</p> <p>An exhibition of artist Jan Shoemark was being unveiled at the Lane Gallery in Morrinsville and I called in after being in the gallery in Te Aroha to congratulate Jan on her artwork. Jan is an artist that resides in Waitoa.</p>
Monday 30 July	<p>Business meeting</p> <p>I hosted Wintec and another developer interested in progressing a waste plant. Accountant Kelly Diprose is his client. We are appreciative of our introduction.</p>
Tuesday 31 July	<p>Trust Waikato</p> <p>Trust Waikato funding agency held a workshop in the morning for the public. Councillor Donna Arnold and I had over an hour with their exec management discussing our district and highlighting projects and groups. In the afternoon I went with Trust Waikato to the Ngati Haua Trust in Morrinsville and supported their meeting.</p> <p>I continued on to Hamilton as an invited guest of Waikato Tainui and their annual stakeholder event.</p>