

Mayoral Diary

June 2018

Friday 1 June	<p>Zone 2 meeting Tauranga City Council hosted this event, and they gave us an update on the Tauranga area and how they are developing the areas of transport, housing, the tertiary precinct, capital projects and economic development.</p> <p>Further discussion was around the Three Waters review, the Tauranga Port and its future, and policy priorities critical to meeting NZ infrastructure needs.</p> <p>Updates from Chair David Cull and CE Malcolm Alexander on LGNZ was well received, as was the Hon Kris Faafoi on his talk about the Civil Defence portfolio.</p> <p>Councillor Paul Cronin also attended the meeting.</p>
Tuesday 5 June	<p>Te Mana Whenua Forum Items for discussion on this quarters meeting included Waitangi Day 2019, updates on council activates such as the Representation Review, LTP and Annual Customer Survey, and road naming requests for several subdivisions. There was also a presentation from Waikato Regional Council on a proposed effluent dump station at the base of the Kaimais.</p> <p>Site visit Council's project coordinator Chelsea Cannell and I met with developers at Manawaru to discuss the Hauraki Rail Trail and projects they are working on.</p>
Wednesday 6 June	<p>Volunteer Youth Ambassadors meeting (VYA) This month's meeting was at Councils Te Aroha boardroom. Plans are coming together for the youth awards being held on 30 August where Mike King will be the guest speaker.</p> <p>Council workshop Staff took Councillors through discussion on Trades Panel, Matamata Aerodrome landing fees and LTP implications, digital strategy and online voting.</p>
Thursday 7 & Friday 8 June	<p>Rural and Provincial meeting Co-chair Mayor Brian Hanna and I led the two day meeting in Wellington. Thursday started off with a Biodiversity Forum. Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation spoke along with a panel of speakers.</p> <p>Updates on portfolio priorities were delivered over the two days from a number of ministers and LGNZ staff on key projects, climate change, Water 2050 and Housing 2030. Hon Andrew Little touched on different topics for other ministers and hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance concluded the two day Rural and Provincial meeting on a positive note.</p>

<p>Sunday 10 June</p>	<p>Te Aroha Co-Operating Parish The parish celebrated 40 years and marked the occasion by gathering together for a special service. Rex and I attended the service. Congratulations!</p> <div data-bbox="564 241 1262 698" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Photo supplied by Peter Kampenhout</p> <p>Clean Up Matamata event Jaime MacIntyre (a teacher at the Matamata Intermediate) coordinated the successful 'clean up Matamata' event for the community. I was very impressed with the gathering of volunteers and the amount of rubbish collected – approximately 390kgs in just two hours - wow!</p> <p>Jaime's proactive initiative is a credit to our community. Thank you to everyone involved.</p>
<p>Monday 11 June</p>	<p>Regional Transport Meeting The Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2045 and its variation was discussed as well as a report from Kiwi Rail and the NZ Transport Agency.</p> <p>Conference committee teleconference With the LGNZ conference just over a month away the committee members finalised plans for July's event in Christchurch.</p>
<p>Tuesday 12 June</p>	<p>Hauraki Rail Trail – Workshop Council held a workshop to promote potential business opportunities and discuss ideas on how to capitalise on them, with regard to the Te Aroha to Matamata Hauraki Rail Trail Extension.</p> <p>We heard success stories from other neighbouring trail operators, and had a presentation from the CEO of Hamilton Waikato Tourism, Jason Dawson and Diane Drummond, CE of the Hauraki Rail Trail Trust.</p> <p>This workshop was well attended with over 50 people taking part</p>
<p>Wednesday 13 June</p>	<p>Council meeting One of the main topics on this meeting's agenda was the Representation Review. Council is consulting with the community through June and July on this. I left the meeting early to attend the opening ceremony of the National Fieldays in my capacity of honorary</p>

	<p>vice president of the fieldays. Deputy Mayor James Thomas chaired the meeting, and a workshop followed.</p> <p>Fieldays opening ceremony The fieldays held at Mystery Creek was another successful occasion with visitors attending from far and wide. I attended the opening ceremony at the Village Green, opened by our Governor General Patsy Reddy and accompanied by the NZ Naval Band.</p> <p>Matamata Lions change over Rex and I attended this event where I was a guest speaker, and gave updates on current council projects.</p>
Monday 18 June	<p>Matamata Grey Power The annual general meeting was held at the Matamata Club where over 100 members attended. I was the guest speaker and talked about a number of projects council will be undertaking in the new financial year. Headon Stadium, the Matamata Bypass and scooter friendly curbs and footpaths were of much interest to the members. I appreciate our grey power members being the 'ears and eyes' of our communities where we often are not aware of issues until they are raised by them.</p> <p>Matamata Croquet I met with two members of the croquet club to discuss their resource consent and parking in particular.</p>
Tuesday 19 June	<p>Community project opportunity CEO Don McLeod and I met with representatives of Inghams to discuss this opportunity. It is early days but good progress is being made, watch this space!</p> <p>Meeting with council staff I met with staff to discuss the Volunteer Youth Ambassadors and the upcoming Volunteer event.</p> <p>Morrinsville Business after Five (BA5) Morrinsville Unichem hosted this month's event. A good turn out once again. Council's events and promotions coordinator Rachael Singh attends these events also and it is a valuable networking opportunity. Great to see fellow councillors attending.</p>
Wednesday 20 June	<p>Site meeting Morrinsville resident David Sing met CEO Don McLeod and I on site at the Air Cadet Hall to have a walk around the area and to discuss the clean-up and planting of the bypass area. Great progress is being made by a dedicated group from the community actioned by David's passion for Morrinsville. Well done team.</p> <p>Matamata BA5 Hosed by Tika café this gathering was also well supported by our business community. Welcome to Tika, a new café to town situated off Arawa St between Stirling Sports.</p>

<p>Thursday 21 June</p>	<p>Media interviews The announcement of the Prime Minister including Te Aroha as a middle name for her new baby caused quite a stir and I was all of a sudden being requested to speak to newspapers, radio and TV reporters for our take on it all!</p> <p>A great way to promote our town of Te Aroha! We are very proud to welcome Neve Te Aroha Ardern Gayford.</p> <p>Community Volunteer evening At the heart of any community is a band of volunteers working behind the scenes. But their labour of love was brought into the fore at the Matamata-Piako District Council volunteer evening.</p> <p>Over 30 volunteers from within the Matamata-Piako district were honoured at the evening, held at Kaimai Cheese Factory in Waharoa.</p> <p>We appreciate all the hard work the many volunteer groups around the district do to keep Matamata-Piako looking its very best and its people supported. Our volunteers and the groups they are involved with bind our community together and make our district a great place to live. “The Place of Choice”!</p> <p>Volunteers deliver critical services — from saving lives and fighting fires, to organising community events and tidying gardens for all to enjoy. Thank you from our entire district. We value you.</p>
<p>Friday 22 June</p>	<p>Thames Valley Economic Development workshop This was an opportunity to discuss potential projects for collaboration in our area, how the Regional Fund will work, and how we'd go about applying for funding etc. This collaboration with Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils with Waikato Means Business alongside was an excellent start for our planning. Dallas Fisher facilitated the discussion with the representatives from the three Eastern Waikato Councils.</p> <p>Volunteer Waikato Excellence awards Rex and I were invited guests to the annual awards held at the Atrium Wintec Campus in Hamilton.</p> <p>I was delighted to see representatives from our district being recognised for their volunteering efforts, and our district being represented in all categories.</p> <p>Special mention must go to Janice Parsell of the Te Aroha Museum for being runner up in the Volunteer of the Year category, Sheldon Aden of Future Te Aroha as runner up in the Youth Award category, and Cancer Society Community Support Morrinsville for runner up in the Team Excellence category. Well done, I am very proud of you all for your efforts.</p>
<p>Tuesday 26 June</p>	<p>Audit and Risk meeting and workshop Audit and Risk Chair Hon John Luxton led the meeting where we discussed: Annual Report 2017/18 Draft Interim Management Report,</p>

Accounting Policies Review, Fraud Policy Review, Protected Disclosures Policy Review 2018, Long Term Plan 2018-28 Project Update, Management Report and Letter of Representation - Long Term Plan 2018-28, Risk Management Update, Specific Project Risk Management Review, Progress on Review of Ecoli Detection in Water, Quarterly Procurement Report, Building Warrant of Fitness Audit, Annual Insurance Review and Information Technology Security Audit 2017. We are well served by this committee.

Fonterra Waitoa

Our Waitoa Fonterra site has just won the Best Site award from all Fonterra sites in NZ. Waitoa is one gutsy little site in the heart of the Waikato that is consistently punching above its weight. I am so proud of our people and their passion and enthusiasm. This team is committed to producing amazing products that make a difference in the lives of people around the world.

I met with staff of the Waitoa site celebrating the recognition and congratulated them on the hard work and dedication it takes in producing top quality dairy products.
Well done team Waitoa!



Jan and Harriet van Genne-Knape – Waitoa Site operations manager

Matamata Rotary change over night

This evening saw Rex and I invited to the formal changeover of president and new team for the coming year. Peter Vosser stepped down and David Gascoigne was the incoming president. Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to Ann Duncan, Rotarian of the year David Hulme and Leonie Tisch a Sapphire pin.

**Wednesday
27 June**

Council special meeting and COC meeting

The adoption of the LTP took place at a special meeting before the commencement of the monthly COC meeting.
Hon John Luxton attended the meeting to report on the Audit and Risk meeting held the previous day.

Audit NZ's Ben Halford and Jarrod Williams were in attendance. An unmodified audit opinion was obtained i.e. a clear audit. Well done to our CE, staff and governance team.

	<p>Magic vs Mystics netball</p> <p>I was a guest of Hobbiton for the special themed game played at Claudlands in Hamilton. It was great to see the home team come away with a win over their rivals! Hobbiton was the main sponsor, with the wait staff in theme, and the hobbit hole display in the main entrance.</p>
Thursday 28 June	<p>Radio interview – Nga Iwi FM</p> <p>I spoke with Reno about the Representation Review we are currently consulting on and of course new arrival of baby Neve Te Aroha Arden Gayford! A great way to promote and put Te Aroha on the map.</p>
Friday 29 June	<p>NZAA and NZTA meeting</p> <p>I had a meeting with the NZAA and NZTA's Parekawhia and Warren. Warren will email a contract with their preferred contractor and Matamata will have their present contract extended to August so we will continue to work together to keep our driver licencing in our town.</p> <p>Waikato Mayoral Forum</p> <p>At 9.30am the Mayoral Forum, chaired by Alan Livingstone, was introduced to the new CE of Waikato Lass, Kelvin French. The Waikato Plan review report by Peter Winders was discussed at length and agreed a way forward. We had a presentation and update on the Auckland to Hamilton corridor plan by Blair Bowcott – special projects manager of Hamilton City Council, Mayor Brian Hanna, Vaughn Payne and our CE Don McLeod spoke on the 3 Waters Review. Dallas Fisher and Harvey Brookes spoke on the REDA establishment board and the business summit to be held at the end of August at the Don Rowling Centre.</p> <p>A celebration lunch for Waikato Means Business stakeholders followed the conclusion of the Mayoral Forum.</p>
Saturday 30 June	<p>Funeral</p> <p>On Council's behalf I attended Don Stanley's funeral along with Deputy Mayor James Thomas. Don was a former borough Council Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Matamata-Piako District Council. Refreshments were held at the new civic centre.</p>