

Mayoral Diary October 2017

<p>Monday 2 October</p>	<p>Regional Transport Committee meeting</p> <p>Meeting with council staff To discuss upcoming meeting agendas and projects.</p> <p>Three waters asset management interview Martin Jenkins was commissioned by the Department of Internal Affairs to report on three waters asset management practices at the governance level. Council staff Fiona Vessey and Susanne Kampshof attended the meeting where we discussed funding and financing, asset management, compliance, monitoring and reporting including the information flows between asset management and governance.</p>
<p>Wednesday 4 October</p>	<p>Councillor proposed plan change site tour Planning staff organised a tour for our elected members to businesses in the district who currently have private plan change applications submitted for consideration.</p> <p>PC 50 – Hobbiton Development Concept Plan - to ensure alignment with Hobbiton’s existing resource consents and to provide for the operation and potential development of the venue.</p> <p>PC 51 – Open Country Dairy Development Concept Plan – to provide for the operation and potential expansion of OCD’s Waharoa milk processing facility.</p> <p>PC 52 – Tatua Dairy Company Development Concept Plan – to amend the DCP for the Tatua milk processing facility to ensure alignment with its existing resource consents and to provide for the operation and potential expansion of the facility.</p> <p>Councillors viewed and considered the activities proposed by each DCP from the surrounding environment.</p>
<p>Thursday 5 October & Friday 6 October</p>	<p>National Council Strategy Day and meeting This meeting over two days in Wellington saw our National Council members plan, discuss and set the main policy priorities for 2017/19, they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infrastructure 2. Risk and resilience 3. Environment 4. Social issues 5. Economic development
<p>Saturday 7 October</p>	<p>Te Aroha Cruise In The weather played its part for the 10th anniversary of this event which saw huge crowds descend upon Te Aroha for the annual Cruise In. I presented awards at the prize giving including best shop display which went to Te Aroha Veterinary Services.</p>

	<p>This event is run so well thanks to its dedicated organising committee. Sarah Matefeo-Ross is stepping down from the coordinating role, so if you think you have what it takes, contact the committee via their website page: http://www.cruisein.co.nz/contact/</p>
<p>Monday 9 October</p>	<p>National Council Roadshow The 2017 LGNZ Roadshow is an opportunity for LGNZ members to directly engage with National Council and discuss the key issues facing your councils and the wider local government sector as the National Council shapes LGNZ's priorities for the year ahead.</p> <p>The purpose of the roadshow is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduce the new President or Vice President and National Council members and discuss key issues for your council; and • engage on key issues and opportunities facing local government. <p>LGNZ's Chief Executive or Deputy Chief Executives will also attend.</p> <p>As a National Council member I supported the roadshow when they visited the Waikato District Council in the morning, and then the Waikato Regional Council in the afternoon.</p> <p>Meeting with Tuia representative I had a meeting with Hapairere where I continue to mentor her as part of our partnership in the Tuia programme. Hapairere is tasked with organising the NEET's ready for interviews with Silver Fern Farms. Eight out of 10 have passed their medical for the next step into their employment.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10 October</p>	<p>Audit and Risk meeting The LTP featured in a number of items on this meeting's agenda, as well as the Annual Report, legislative compliance framework, policy reviews, delegations and internal quality audits.</p> <p>Our Chair Sir Dryden Spring has formally indicated he will be stepping down from his role at the last meeting in December this year. We have been so lucky to have the experience of Sir Dryden to lead this committee since it formed in 2013. Our Audit and Risk Committee is often referred to in Local Government circles as an example of 'how to do it right' and that will be in no small part due to the role Sir Dryden has played in steering the committee. Thank you Sir Dryden for your words of wisdom and technical expertise over the past four years.</p> <p>I am pleased to announce that the Hon John Luxton has agreed to take on the chairman position. John was at the meeting in an observer role. We are very privileged to have John take over this role and his vast knowledge and experience in business and government will be another asset to our committee.</p> <p>Council accepted Sir Dryden's resignation and confirmed John's appointment at the Council meeting on 11 October.</p> <p>Morrinsville Youth Theatre production I was invited to attend the production of 'Shrek' at the Morrinsville</p>

	<p>Theatre. This is the first youth production in 21 years and they certainly put on a very entertaining show. I was blown away by the cast, costumes and overall performance on the night. Well done to everyone who took part in bringing this show to our community. We certainly have some talent on display in our district!</p>
<p>Wednesday 11 October</p>	<p>Council meeting This was another full agenda including presentations from Matamata Public Relations and our Volunteer Youth Ambassadors (VYA). I took the opportunity to bring Sarah Matefeo-Ross into the boardroom to give a quick overview of the recent Cruise In held in Te Aroha, and to thank Sarah for her work leading the organising over the past five years.</p>
<p>Thursday 12 October</p>	<p>LGNZ Conference Committee Teleconference Discussion and decisions were made around the programme, EXCELLENCE awards, the breakfast session speakers, special interest groups and sponsorship.</p> <p>Meeting with Morrinsville Community House I met with Julie from Morrinsville Community House along with Te Aroha locals. Some good ideas were shared and ways forward formulated for addressing ongoing needs of our community and transport issues.</p> <p>Business Night Out The Silver Fern Farms Event Centre in Te Aroha was the venue for the 2017 Business Night Out where we recognise the efforts and success of our local businesses. Approximately 210 people from across the district attended the event.</p> <p>The evening began with a mihi by Te Ao Marama Maaka, our chair of the Te Manawhenua Forum and MC for the evening Stu Smith held the crowds attention well!</p> <p>Keynote speaker Martin Sneddon spoke of his role as chief executive for the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, a well received speaker.</p> <p>Thank you to our elected members who supported the event, James Thomas, Neil Goodger, , Donna Arnold, , Kevin Tappin, Paul Cronin, Teena Cornes and Adrienne Wilcock, Peter Jager</p> <p>Council's communications team did a wonderful job putting on another great event. Well done. This is Council's largest event of the year.</p> <p>The winners were as follows:</p> <p>Contribution to Community Award – Waterson Family of Matamata</p> <p>Gull Customer Service Award Matamata – Westpac Morrinsville – House of Travel Te Aroha – Gatman Glamour</p> <p>Bayleys Business Excellence Award Matamata – The Boltholder</p>

Morrinsville – Café Frock
Te Aroha – Fitzone NZ

Congratulations to all of the finalists and winners! We are very proud of you all.



Contribution to community acknowledgement – the Waterson Family



Te Ao Marama Maaka, Martin Sneddon, Mayor Jan & Rangi Kaukau



District councillors with MP Tim Van Der Molen and MC Stu Smith

**Friday
13 October**

Waikato Plan meeting

A meeting was held with Hauraki District Council Deputy Mayor, Toby Adams, and Hauraki and MPDC staff to discuss the Waikato Plan. Toby will act as Councils representative on the Waikato Plan leadership group. Toby provided an overview of where the leadership group are at and their plans going forward. It was discussed how we can work together on the Waikato Plan initiative. I communicated that Council wishes to see value from the Waikato Plan implementation and the need for local iwi to be involved in the process. Toby will speak to Council going forward to keep us informed with the progress of the Waikato

	Plan.
Monday 16 October	<p>Waikato Mayoral Forum A summary of the discussions from our meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikato Plan • Forum Collaboration priorities • Community Facilities Funding – Waikato Regional Theatre • Briefing for the incoming government <p>For more information about our meetings, policies and plans, visit the website on http://waikatomayoralforum.org.nz/</p> <p>Visit from Wind Farm investors Ventus Energy is proposing a Kaimai Wind Farm in the northern end of the Kaimai Ranges located in the Hauraki District. If they are successful future stages could see the wind farm extended into our district. I met with Chinese investors in the project and we discussed how the project is going. For more information on this project visit http://www.kaimaiwind.nz/</p>
Tuesday 17 October	<p>Meeting with council staff I had meetings with staff to discuss the grants hearing coming up the next day and other projects they are working on.</p> <p>Thai Student Visit Te Aroha College are currently hosting 27 students and one teacher from Thailand and I had them visit the boardroom. As per usual, they were a lovely well mannered bunch of children with some interesting questions about the mayoralty and the district!</p>  <p>Visit from Jinshan District – Shanghai China I hosted a delegation from the Jinshan District, Shanghai whom I visited in 2015. Deputy Mayor of the Peoples Government of jinshan District Zhang Difang, along with five other representatives from education and government joined me in the council boardroom where we signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU is to promote friendly and cooperative exchanges in education, sports, health, agriculture and tourism between our districts.</p> <p>I was well supported by Te Ao Marama Maaka who welcomed the delegation and took part in our discussions also.</p> <p>I was very happy to talk with Deputy Mayor Difang and her delegation and we had good discussion about the similarities of our district.</p>



Mayor Jan with the delegation



Mayor Jan and Deputy Mayor Zhang Difang signing the MOU

**Wednesday
18 October**

Grants hearing

Council had 48 applications to the LTP for funding, and heard from 29 submitters in person before heading into deliberations at the end of the day. Every applicant had a good case and it is a difficult decision to spread the ratepayer dollar.

**Wednesday
25 October**

Corporate and Operations Committee

Discussion was had on Heaton Stadium, Review of the Regional Emergency Services Fund, Health and Safety at Work Act, and the Chief Executive Officers Monthly report. At the conclusion of the meeting staff took a workshop on Water Charges.

Meeting with council staff

After the meeting and workshop I met with staff to discuss next week's Representation Review workshop.

Meeting with Morrinsville property owner

At their request I met with a property owner to talk about district plan rules, and potential land for sale in the town.

<p>Thursday 26 October</p>	<p>Business Breakfast Council is are currently preparing our Draft Long Term Plan. As part of this work we have adopted a new Vision and Outcomes for our Council; Matamata-Piako – The Place of Choice. One of our key areas of priorities is enabling Economic Opportunities and attendees at the breakfast meeting all contribute to this, and the Major Business Breakfast is one way that Council and major industries can network and seek out potential partnership opportunities and build positive relationships.</p> <p>We had speakers from Waikato Means Business – Don Scarlett, and the NZ National Fieldays Society – Peter Carr and an update from Waikato Regional Council – Katie Mayes. Brendon Balle of Balle Brothers gave an update on their extension of storage at Waharoa.</p> <p>These meetings are very positive and great networking by attendees is gained, and many follow up meetings and ideas stem from it.</p> <p>Swim Zone hoist demonstration I attended a demonstration at Swim Zone in Matamata of the new hoist equipment funded by IHC. This very valuable piece of equipment is so beneficial to many members of our community and district. This piece of equipment is for stroke victims, accident rehabilitations and of course people with disabilities.</p> <p>Agenda Waikato I met with Tracey Plank from Agenda Waikato to get an update on this initiative and where they are at, along with discussion on ways we can work and support each other on issues and opportunities. Agenda Waikato's purpose is to support and drive initiatives that strengthen the voice of the region on the political stage (both public, in forums and by private influence) and that of potential business and investment opportunities as part of the sustainable growth of the region.</p>
<p>Friday 27 October</p>	<p>Walk though Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre Project manager Roger Lamberth led a group of staff and elected members through the work site to get an inside look at the build. An exciting project.</p>
<p>Saturday 28 October</p>	<p>Marching club I took the 'march past' of all competing members at the competition held at Bedford Park. A keen and dedicated group of marching ladies! 15 teams assembled from Auckland to Wellington and in-between.</p>
<p>Monday 30 October</p>	<p>LGNZ Roadshow As noted earlier in my diary, the roadshow came to MPDC with National Council Chair Stuart Crosby and LGNZ Chief Executive Malcolm Alexander leading discussion. Malcolm and Stuart discussed what LGNZ's priorities are over the next year and we were able to discuss what our district key issues are, mainly tourism pressures and investment, water compliance and costs, and connectivity.</p> <p>The LGNZ board which I am a part of will be collating and addressing the priorities and similarities of all councils in NZ as a result of the roadshows.</p>

