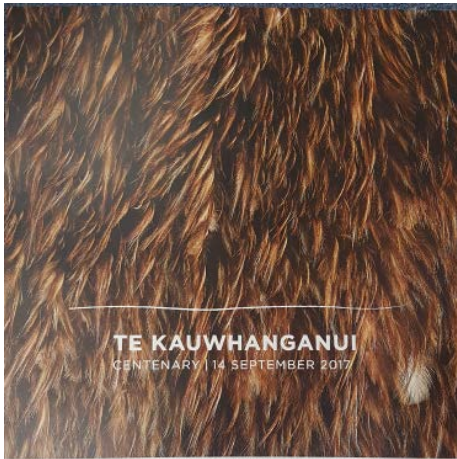



Mayoral Diary


September 2017

Monday 4 September	Regional Transport Committee Items discussed at this month's meeting included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Regional Land Transport Plan Review • Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2015 • Road Safety Monitor Report • Transport Choices report • Transport Planning and Projects Report • Hamilton to Auckland Passenger Rail Update • Update on Regional Public Transport Projects • Regional Transport Issues Forum
Tuesday 5 September	Te Manawhenua Forum meeting Items discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation review • Heads of Agreement Review and Maori involvement in decision-making • Waitangi Day 2018 • Waikato Plan update • Long Term Plan 2018-28 - Project Update • Long Term Plan Grant Proposals Policy • Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre - Iwi • presence proposal • Te Wananga o Aotearoa Presentation • Committee member training • Update on the District Plan Review <p>At the conclusion of the meeting we had a presentation from the Department of Conservation and Iwi discussion regarding Wairere Falls.</p> <p>Matamata Men's Shed AGM I attended the AGM</p>
Wednesday 6 September	Council LTP Workshop Staff continue to present information to Elected Members in workshops covering off Economic development, Levels of service/performance and Q & A with CEO Don McLeod <p>Meeting with Department of Corrections and Silver Fern Farms In August other regional Mayors and I met with the Department of Corrections to discuss how we can work together to improve public safety and to receive an update to the happenings within our District</p> <p>At this meeting I spoke with Michael Briggs, Corrections Regional Communications Advisor, and we facilitated a meeting to discuss how we can get greater use of our workforce with local industry like Silver Ferns in Te Aroha. I met with Regional Commissioner Terry Buffery and Silver Fern Farms reps Dean McNaught and Gary Williams. We</p>

	discussed short term releases for transport employment and other associated industry that are desperate for employees.
Thursday 7 September	<p>Woman of Influence Awards Dairy Women's Network trustee Tracy Brown was nominated for the Women of Influence Award in the rural category. Councillor Adrienne Wilcock and I travelled to Auckland to support Tracy at this event held at Sky City. It was an opportunity for Tracy to showcase the meaningful work, most of it voluntary, that the rural sector is involved in, to an urban audience.</p> <p>I was proud to support one of our largest industries in our district.</p> <p>Well done Tracey to be nominated as a finalist</p>
Monday 11 September	<p>Waikato Mayoral Forum Alan Livingston is the chair of this forum and we discussed Economic Strategy, Facilities funding framework, Community-led engagement, national waterscape, Havelock North and Waikato Regional Services funding.</p>
Tuesday 12 September	<p>LGNZ Quarterly Media Briefing I took part in the briefing via teleconference, where LGNZ President Dave Cull covered a range of issues, including those outlined in the LGNZ Manifesto and the sector's priorities for an incoming government - addressing climate change, water policy and funding issues.</p> <p>Meeting with MPDC Executive Team I joined the E-Team at their weekly meeting to be updated on projects and topical issues.</p> <p>Morrinsville RSA Women's Section celebration The Morrinsville Women's section of the RSA were celebrating 60 years and I called in to congratulate them on this milestone.</p>
Wednesday 13 September	<p>Volunteer Youth Ambassadors meeting A 7am start in the Te Aroha boardroom. I am impressed with our youth and their leadership programme being rolled out to our intermediate aged students within the district. Thank you to MPDC staff member Ann-Jorun for supporting our VYA's and Councillor Ash Tanner.</p> <p>Council meeting At this meeting we had a presentation from Jason Dawson, CEO Hamilton and Waikato Tourism where he discussed the 2016-2017 Annual Report and Schedule of Services for 2017-18.</p> <p>I also made a special presentation to Rod Carpinter from the NZ Police. Rod is moving on from his role of prevention manager for the Eastern Waikato to a new role of Family Violence Prevention and I wanted to thank him for his contribution to our district over many years.</p>

<p>Thursday 14 September</p>	<p>Meeting with property owner To progress connectivity and growth at Waharoa I have been meeting with staff and businesses involved.</p> <p>Maori Parliament at Rukumoana Marae 100 years ago on 14 September 1917 the Maori Parliament was opened at Rukumoana Marae in Morrinsville. I was an invited guest to attend the celebrations. Thank you to Hine Thompson and Te Ao Marama Maaka for their support and guidance during the two powhiri and the most enjoyable day of proceedings.</p> <p>Commemorations were held at the marae with King Tuheitia and Ngati Haua hosting government and iwi dignitaries.</p> <p>I am in awe of the collection on display in the Maori Parliament building for the very first time were archival manuscripts and photos created by members of the historic Maori Parliament. This included items such as admin records, correspondence between Tumuaki and the NZ Government, and excerpts from newspapers. We had a mini lecture and I look forward to the next session.</p> <div data-bbox="432 826 890 1489">  <p>TE KAUWHANGANUI CENTENARY 14 SEPTEMBER 2017</p> <p>Maakuu anoo e hanga tooku nei whare Ko nga pou o roto he maahoe, he patate; ko te taahuhu he hiniau He whakatupu ki te hua o te rengarenga me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki.</p> <p>I shall build my own house The posts within shall be of mahoe and patate; the ridgepole of hiniau Those who inhabit the house shall be nurtured on the fruits of the rengarenga and sustained by the fruits of the kawariki.</p> <p>Naa Kiingi Taawhiao Pootatau Te Wherowhero teenel tongikura</p> </div> <div data-bbox="911 826 1458 1489">  </div> <p>Mayor Jan with Anglican Bishop Sir David Moxim and Hine Thompson</p>
<p>Friday 15 September</p>	<p>Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Focus was on driver licensing being compulsory in our colleges, especially rural New Zealand. The next meeting is being held at Manfeild racetrack.</p>
<p>Monday 18 September</p>	<p>LGNZ Conference committee teleconference Planning for next year's conference is still in full swing. We discussed feedback from the 2017 conference noting points to carry forward for 2018. We then went on to discuss the theme for next year and the key note speakers. We have an impressive range of speakers lined up for Christchurch.</p>

<p>Tuesday 19 September</p>	<p>Morrinsville Croquet club Sport Waikato were out and about helping community groups, and Morrinsville Croquet had them lending a hand to paint the clubhouse. I called in on my way through to another meeting to meet the wonderful volunteers and members who were hard at work!</p> <p>Meeting with Kahurere Tuhakarina-Clarke We discussed wellbeing in our community.</p> <p>Meeting with Council staff I met with several staff members for briefings on upcoming agendas, meetings and events including the Rail Trail extension to Matamata, and the Business Night Out.</p> <p>On site meeting with Inghams Council staff and I met on site with Inghams to discuss land regarding the Rail Trail extension to Matamata. MPDC staff member Chelsea Cannel is doing an excellent job overseeing this project.</p>
<p>Wednesday 20 September</p>	<p>Matamata Business After 5 (BA5) Hosted this month by Ronald Miao of Kaimai Cheese, it was a good networking event with good attendance. It was my pleasure to support this business in our district.</p>
<p>Thursday 21 and Friday 22 September</p>	<p>LGNZ Zone 2 meeting Hosted by Rotorua Lakes Council this two day meeting saw discussion around Demarcation Zones to eradicate intergenerational poverty and social problems, NZ fire service, Whakatane District emergency response in April 2017, the Remuneration Review (presented by Chair Fran Wild), Te Tatau o Te Arawa partnership, Age Friendly Communities and alternative procurement options to fund infrastructure for growth.</p> <p>Site visits to the Library and Childrens Heath Hub building, the Budokan Centre and Hemo George roundabout development were interesting. Great to get out on a bus tour despite the very wet weather! Councillors Adrienne Wilcock, Donna Arnold and Paul Cronin were also in attendance.</p>
<p>Sunday 24 September</p>	<p>Waikato-King Country-BOP District RSA's Annual General Meeting I was delighted to welcome delegates to the AGM being hosted by the Matamata RSA. I never miss a chance to promote out district!</p>
<p>Monday 25 September</p>	<p>Intermediate aged students collaboration day with WILSS Our Volunteer Youth Ambassadors (VYA) have organised a programme in the district for intermediate aged children called 'Learning to Lead'. This comprised sessions of 1 ½ days in our three towns, culminating with a full collaboration day at the Silver Fern Farms Events Centre in Te Aroha.</p> <p>Paula Dewar, the School Programmes Manager from Waikato Institute of Leisure and Sport Studies led the collaboration day which saw 70 other senior leaders from our district schools come together to learn.</p>

	<p>I spoke to the students at the beginning of the day and reiterated the importance of our youth leaders such as themselves, who will go on to be leaders in our secondary schools, and later on in the wider community.</p> <p>Citizenship Ceremony We welcomed nine Matamata-Piako families who officially became Kiwi's and All Black supporters at the ceremony in our council chambers in Te Aroha. We had another full boardroom and again the children stole the show! Councillors Adrienne Wilcock and Donna Arnold were there so welcome our citizens and thank you to staff members Caroline Hubbard and Grace Bonner for your work.</p> 
<p>Wednesday 27 September</p>	<p>Meeting with Business Associations and I-Sites This third scheduled monthly meeting with the Business Association Chairs and I-Site managers was held in Te Aroha. Information was shared around what these groups are working on, what are their issues and priorities and where Council is putting its efforts. A focus on the CBD upgrade and UFB was topical.</p> <p>Corporate and Operations Meeting At this meeting we were presented a proposal from Futures Matamata regarding the need for a sports stadium in Matamata.</p> <p>Hauraki Rail Trail manager Dianne Drummond also presented to the committee. Confidence from Dianne was appreciated.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with an LTP workshop.</p>
<p>Thursday 28 September</p>	<p>Volunteer Youth Ambassadors meeting (VYA) The VYA are busy organising the districts inaugural Youth Awards which are being held at Kaimai Cheese in Waharoa on Thursday 30 November. Information regarding the awards will be on Council's Facebook page, the VYA Facebook page and in the public forum</p> <p>Meeting with MC or Business Night Out I met with Council's Communications Manager Jenni Cochrane and the MC for the event to go over the run sheet for the night.</p>

<p>Friday 29 September</p>	<p>Cake judging at Te Poi School Te Poi School invited me to be a guest judge of cakes for their annual agricultural day.</p> <p>Waikato District Police Remembrance Day I was invited by Superintendent Bruce Bird to the service at Waikato Cathedral Church where we respectfully remembered and honoured our serving and retired Police personnel who have gone before us.</p> <p>LGNZ Conference committee teleconference The main discussion of today's teleconference meeting was the theme for 2018.</p> <p>Hinuera Prize Giving Rex and I attending the sports prize giving for Hinuera. This is always a wonderful event where teams and individual successes can be celebrated.</p>
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