



## Mayoral Diary September 2018

<p><b>Saturday 1 September</b></p>	<p><b>Opening of display at Te Aroha Museum</b> I was invited to unveil the new display commemorating 125 years of women's suffrage at the Te Aroha Museum.</p> <p>An engaging little event with so much history to be shared. The signatures of our local women are worth checking out!</p>
<p><b>Monday 3 September</b></p>	<p><b>Regional Transport Committee meeting</b> A number of reports were discussed including the New Zealand Transport Agency – Quarterly Report, Regional Road Safety Monitor Report, Transport Choices Report, Transport Planning and Projects Report, Regional Public Transport Projects Update, Regional Transport Issues Forum and Waikato Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Programme,</p> <p>Full agendas and minutes of this committee can be found here: <a href="https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/whats-happening/council-meetings/agendas-and-minutes-for-council-and-standing-committees/transport/">https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/whats-happening/council-meetings/agendas-and-minutes-for-council-and-standing-committees/transport/</a></p> <p><b>Meeting with Wintec</b> I met with Persephone De Magdalene who is the Entrepreneurship Coordinator for Wintec to discuss the development of youth microbusiness development opportunities in Matamata in collaboration with Wintec for the coming year</p> <p><b>Inspirational Speaker event</b> Matt and Sheree Hart hosted Cam Calkoen at the Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre. Cam Calkoen is an inspirational speaker and he left a lasting impact on the event. He spoke about; Achievement, Courage, Inspiring lives, Motivation, Overcoming obstacles and challenges, Peak performance, Overcoming adversity, Seeing future possibilities, Leadership, Change, Living with it, Changing adversity to opportunity and Story telling.</p> <p>Thank you to Matt and Sheree for bringing this event to our community, I am sure those that had the opportunity of hearing Cam speak would have taken away something positive from the evening.</p> <p>Like Cam says, 'dream big, achieve more!'</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 4 September</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting with Eastern Bridge</b> I met with Simon Appleton of Eastern Bridge. Simon talked to me about projects he is working on with other councils and how his company may be able to assist in the future. There is an opportunity to work with Hauraki and Waikato District Councils.</p> <p><b>Te Manawhenua Meeting</b> The items on this agenda included: Waitangi Day 2019, Road naming in Peakedale subdivision Matamata, Road names for Ancroft Developments, Kaimai Drive Matamata, Volunteer Youth Ambassadors, Update from Asset Strategy about projects affecting Community</p>

	<p>facilities, Naming of reserve in Waharoa, Draft Annual report 2017/18, Long Term Plan 2018-28 Update, Waikato Plan update, District Plan update and the Representation Review.</p> <p><b>Business Night Out meeting</b> Staff member Rachael Singh is coordinating this year's event. Rachael and I met to discuss the format and the special contribution to community award.</p>
<b>Thursday 6 September</b>	<p><b>Retirement recognition</b> Victim Support volunteer Betty Dalrymple is retiring and a morning tea was held at the Matamata Police station to recognise all the work Betty has contributed over many years.</p> <p>Networking with our police across the district and victim support personnel was very important.</p> <p><b>Kapa Haka festival</b> Morrinsville Intermediate hosted the 2018 Piako Cultural Festival with 19 different schools/kindergartens/colleges and over 1200 people visiting and competing on the day.</p> <p>The standard of performances over all age groups was very impressive. I was delighted to attend and engage with our Morrinsville Intermediate, Hine and Anaru Thompson and Te Ao Marama Maaka.</p>
<b>Saturday 8 September</b>	<p><b>Morrinsville RSA Ball</b> The president's ball or cocktail event as it turned into, was held at the Morrinsville RSA where Rex and I were invited and welcomed by President Allan Plaisted. Great fun, fabulous food and we even watched the rugby!</p>
<b>Monday 10 September</b>	<p><b>Meeting with MP's</b> Waikato MP Tim van de Molen was hosting a visit from Invercargill MP Sarah Dowie, National spokesperson for Conservation. The focus for the day was around predator-free initiatives and other conservation/environmental-oriented projects. The MPs visited two reserves within the Waikato Electorate (Te Miro and Tamahere) and also visiting a primary school to engage with the young 'eco-warriors' working on their in-school projects.</p> <p>I met with Tim and Sarah in the Tainui Room in Matamata along with Council staff Mark Naudé and Bryan Turner to discuss eco-projects MPDC are involved. The meeting enabled the MPs to learn more about the environmental challenges and projects being undertaken in the area so they can be better able to understand these and can build on their knowledge toward policy development within the party.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Project Manager</b> I met with Nik Farac and associates with regard to Lockerbie land he will be overseeing and developing in Morrinsville.</p>

	<p><b>Morrinsville Community House AGM</b> I attended the Annual General Meeting held at Community House in Morrinsville.</p> <p><b>Matamata Aerodrome user group meeting</b> Health and Safety, grass maintenance, and fees and charges where among the topics discussed at the user group meeting.</p> <p>There was good representation across users of the aerodrome, CAA and models group which was good to see. Robust discussion was had and council facilities manager Bruce Langlands now has Dave Denby as his minute taker!</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 11 September</b></p>	<p><b>Business night out meeting</b> I met with our recipient of the contribution to community award and we arranged further meetings between them and staff for a photo and video shoot.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Executive Team (E-Team)</b> I had my regular catch up with CEO Don McLeod and his Group Managers to discuss topical issues and projects currently underway in the district.</p> <p><b>Meeting with council staff</b> I had two separate meeting with staff, one to discuss the representation review and local government commission hearing. The other was to discuss the office space where the old Morrinsville Toy Library was and how we could best utilise it for council meetings, community space and staff office.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 12 September</b></p>	<p><b>Volunteer Youth Ambassadors (VYA)</b> This 7.15am meeting was held in the boardroom in Te Aroha. We debriefed from the awards night, and continued our planning for the youth collaboration day being held later in the month.</p> <p>Our youth reps are a mighty team and thank you to staff for their support of this group.</p> <p><b>Council meeting</b> We had a full agenda and workshop covering topics of events and our facilities, Mangawhero Rd culvert upgrade, Te Aroha community patrol, submissions on National Planning standards, Smokefree implementation in Parks and Reserves, and a presentation from Hamilton and Waikato Tourism. Workshop items were gifts and bequests, regional provincial growth fund applications, surplus land, and water and waste water.</p>
<p><b>Friday 14 September</b></p>	<p><b>Mayors Taskforce for Jobs</b> We primarily discussed driver licencing, engaging with the Education Minister to ensure driver licencing is part of the school curriculum going forward. We now invite ministers to further this work nationally and not piece meal.</p>

<b>Monday 17 September</b>	<p><b>Meeting with iwi</b> I met with representatives of Ngati Hinerangi to discuss the carpark upgrades at Wairere Falls.</p> <p>Tony and Phil Samuels discussed their crown settlement and how we can help them ensure access to their land.</p>
<b>Tuesday 18 September</b>	<p><b>Meeting regarding subdivision names</b> I met with developers and their representatives regarding road names in a new subdivision in Matamata.</p>
<b>Wednesday 19 September</b>	<p><b>Council workshop</b> Topics we covered during this workshop included: Headon Stadium, Annual Plan overview, Fees and Charges overview, Aerodrome and Events Centre Fees and Charges review, Earthquake Prone buildings, Gambling and TAB policy, Legal highs, Bylaws and General Reserve Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Te Aroha Mountain Lions Women's Suffrage Dinner</b> We gathered at the Waihou Rugby and Sports Club to celebrate the women who championed the right of all adult females to vote, and made New Zealand a world leader in 1893.</p> <p>Mayor of TCDC Sandra Goudie, Venetia Sherson Ex Editor, Waikato Times and I made up the guest speaker panel and spoke of our leadership roles in local and central government.</p> <p>Today women make up 38% of members of parliament, the highest number ever in New Zealand. The current government has set a target of 50% by 2021.</p> <p>Congratulations to Wanda Brittain and the team of dedicated ladies who pulled this night together. Approximately 120 women were in attendance and the night was thoroughly enjoyable. Loved your re-enactment Wanda!</p> 

<p><b>Thursday 20 September</b></p>	<p><b>Waikato Institute for Leisure and Sport Studies (WILSS) Leadership Collaboration day</b> This initiative saw schools from around the district send their year 7 and 8 students to the Silver Fern Farms Event Centre in Te Aroha for a day of leadership skills training with Paula Dewar. This was the combined day for our 3 towns. I am in awe of our VYA Leaders who supported our Intermediate aged students. Well done, we are growing future leaders.</p> <p><b>Meeting regarding Council property</b> I met with Fiona Ryan from Ryan Law, Nic Greene from Habitat and council staff member Raewyn Court to discuss the Own Your Own units in Te Aroha. We discussed how this property could be managed going forward.</p> <p><b>IHC Waikato South Annual General Meeting</b> The AGM was held at the Rawhiti Lounge and was followed by finger food and mix and mingle. A good turnout. IHC clients enjoyed a social evening after the AGM well done Keith Rea &amp; your Team.</p>
<p><b>Monday 24 September</b></p>	<p><b>NZTA site visit</b> The NZ Transport Agency and the Fulton Hogan-HEB joint venture invited members of the Regional Transport Committee to a presentation and drive over of the Huntly section of the Waikato Expressway. The expressway will provide excellent connectivity within the Waikato Region. Great progress is being made. If you get the opportunity attend the public open day.</p> <p><b>Citizenship Ceremony</b> This ceremony was held at the Silver Fern Farms Events Centre in Te Aroha due to the number of participants.</p> <p>There were 21 new residents from 9 different family groups, welcome to the Matamata-Piako District! Thank you to the support we had from friends and family, work mates and elected members.</p> 
<p><b>Tuesday 25 September</b></p>	<p><b>NZTA stakeholder briefing</b> NZTA is preparing to adopt the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) that gives effect to the new Government Policy Statement (GPS). This NLTP helps create a transport system that is safer, more accessible, better protects the environment and delivers value for money transport solutions for all New Zealand.</p>

	<p>The Transport Agency invited stakeholders to a conversation with their new Board Chair Michael Stiassny, Board representatives, Chief Executive Fergus Gammie and Director of Regional Relationships Parekawhia McLean to hear about how they are partnering with local government to deliver on this new direction for transport.</p> <p>By working together, we will create liveable cities, thriving regions, stronger communities and achieve the best outcomes for New Zealand by giving people choice on how they move about.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Ngati Rahiri Tumutumu</b> The Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) contact Council to arrange a meeting between the three parties (OTS, iwi, and Council) to discuss the relationship agreement between Council and Ngati Rahiri Tumutumu. Progress is being made.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Council staff</b> I had meeting with staff to talk about current and upcoming projects such as the Te Aroha Domain working party and the odour issue at Waharoa.</p> <p><b>Public meeting</b> I attended the public meeting held at Waharoa that was arranged to discuss the extremely high number of burglaries that have been happening in the community over the previous four weeks. These have been occurring at all times of the day. There were representatives at the meeting from the NZ Police, local industry and night patrol to offer assistance on how we can work together on this issue.</p> <p>I also met with resident Peter Loveridge prior to the meeting to discuss other Waharoa issues, Mokoro Gillet lead the meeting with Adrian Wharewhare and a working group has been established to work with the families.</p>
<b>Wednesday 26 September</b>	<p><b>Corporate and Operations Committee meeting (COC)</b> Items on this month's agenda included dog exercise areas, Waikato Regional Council representation review, training requests, Health and Safety and the CEO report. This was followed by a workshop on Headon Stadium and the domain working party and meeting in the ward groups to decide on community grant funding allocations.</p>
<b>Thursday 27 September</b>	<p><b>Interview with the Morrinsville News</b> I met with Sheryl from the Morrinsville News who is doing an article for an upcoming edition and wished to interview me.</p> <p><b>Anglican Selwyn Centre celebration</b> The Selwyn Centre in Morrinsville turned five and to celebrate they held a morning tea and drop in at the centre. Their oldest resident Harcourt (96 years young) invited me along. I was delighted to pop in and say hello to the residents and hear how things have been going for them. This is a wonderful little community of residents. Happy Birthday Selwyn Centre. I do hope you enjoyed your balloon and Mary's cake.</p>

**Friday  
28 September**

**Meeting with Mayor Jim Mylchreest**

Jim and I met in Hamilton with lawyer and director Cathy Quin of Rockridge. We discussed the proposed expressway and what it might mean for farm owners going forward. Cathy has been referred to the Waikato Regional Transport Committee which has a regional voice.

**Waikato Police Remembrance Day**

Each year the Waikato District Police hold their Remembrance Day where we respectfully remember and honour serving and retired police colleagues who have gone before us. This year the service was held at the Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter in Hamilton. Our Policemen killed in the line of duty were especially remembered for our Morrinsville Community.

**Saturday  
29 September**

**Voices 4 Waihou**

Evening spent with MP Scott Simpson I enjoyed a wonderful show and such talent. Well done to Les Munro and your committee.

