

Mayoral Diary April 2019

Monday 1 April	<p>Consultation meeting – Grey Power Te Aroha CEO Don McLeod, Councillors Teena Cornes and Ash Tanner and myself attended the monthly Grey Power meeting to discuss the policies and bylaws we are consulting on. It was an excellent opportunity to answer other questions of interest from the Grey Power members.</p> <p>ANZAC Day meeting I met with Tim and Wendy Watson to go over the running of the Walton ANZAC service later this month.</p>
Tuesday 2 April	<p>Te Aroha racing club dinner In the week leading up to the annual breeders stakes race day the club hold their sponsors Fibre Fresh dinner. Rex and I thoroughly enjoy engaging with the club and they make us feel most welcome. They have a strong committee of members driving their club.</p>
Wednesday 3 April	<p>Conversation Café Te Aroha Councillors and I were available to discuss the policies and bylaws we are consulting on outside Ironique café in Te Aroha. Members of the public could drop in for a cuppa or piece of slice and talk and ask questions of their elected members.</p> <p>Morrinsville Federated Farmers I was invited to attend the AGM of Morrinsville Fed Farmers where I was able to discuss the policies and bylaws we are consulting on. This meeting was held at Walsh Tractor Museum.</p>
Thursday 4 April	<p>Waikato Airport function John Spence has been chairman of the Waikato Airport board for 12 years and has now stood down from the position. The board hosted a farewell function for John, and I was able to thank him on behalf of our council for the work he has done. John has been an exceptional chairman of our Waikato Airport. Thank you John for your contribution over these 12 years. John Spencer Lane is very appreciated.</p>
Friday 5 April	<p>Waikato Regional Airport Ltd (WRAL) board meeting A half yearly shareholder meeting was held at the airport with updates on half yearly financial results, the outlook for the next six months including an update on aeronautical, property and tourism initiatives.</p> <p>Tatuanui School The school was celebrating it's 100 year jubilee and I was able to call in to wish them well for their weekend ahead. The students performed several items which were thoroughly enjoyed. Congratulations Tatuanui School, your growth and future looks very secure.</p>
Saturday 6 April	<p>Waharoa community consultation - playgrounds Council, in conjunction with Sport Waikato, held a consultation meeting with the Waharoa community to gauge what they would like to see in the way of playground and sports equipment. There was good turnout with some good ideas put forward. Follow up to these are now underway.</p>

	<p>Te Aroha Races Rex and I enjoyed our race day at Te Aroha. We were able to add value with visitors who had been attending for 10 years. A credit to our local racing club, and main sponsor, Fibre Fresh.</p>
Monday 8 April	<p>Opening of Waikato Regional Council satellite office The regional council opened new offices in Paeroa and a ribbon cutting was held. I joined invited guests from our region for the ceremony which concluded in a tour of the new facilities. An excellent resource and base for East Waikato particularly in the Civil Defence space.</p> <p>Grey Power consultation – Morrinsville Councillor Donna Arnold and I attended the monthly Grey Power meeting to discuss the policies and bylaws we are consulting on. As well as the consultation topics general discussion and questions were answered and issues are being followed up.</p> <p>Te Aroha Business Association consultation I attended and spoke on our policy and bylaws. Good to see new faces and business operators at the meeting.</p>
Tuesday 9 April	<p>Gumboots for hope display Councils Volunteer Youth Ambassadors got in behind the Gumboots for Hope campaign lead by Mike King. All the painted gumboots from youth in our district are on display at the Wallace Gallery in Morrinsville. You can see a short video of the display on Council's Facebook page. Go and check them out for yourself! Well done VYA's you are supporting your peers.</p> <p>E-Team meeting I met with CEO Don and his executive to discuss Council issues, items and projects.</p> <p>Morrinsville Business After 5 (BA5) Hosted by Piako Mitsubishi. Councillors and myself attended the BA5 function for networking.</p>
Wednesday 10 April	<p>Council meeting Items on this agenda included Local Government Conference attendance, Road Naming, Civic Financial Services Annual General Meeting, Notification of Potential Elected Member remuneration for 2019, Representation Review – Local Government Determination, and the Mayoral diary for March.</p> <p>Matamata Business After 5 Hosted by Scene newspaper. Councillors and myself attended the BA5 function for networking.</p>
Thursday 11 April	<p>Volunteer Youth Ambassadors (VYA) This month's meeting was held at 7.30am in Matamata. The groups focus continues to be on the youth awards later in the year. VYA Chair Ruby Stevens continues to run an excellent meeting with many work streams underway.</p>

	<p>Interview with Nga Iwi FM Rino and I talked on air about the consultation period coming to a close and Gumboots of Hope, YVA's helping their peers to talk about depression, as Mike King says it is like walking through mud in your gumboots.</p> <p>Grey Power meeting – Matamata We met with the third of our town's Grey Power groups who provided Council with a list of questions prior to the meeting on a number of subjects. Along with answering and discussing these questions we highlighted the consultation period on our policies and bylaws. A good robust engagement.</p> <p>Meeting with WINZ I met with representatives from WINZ, Trish Wenn and Catherine Henderson, to discuss opportunities within our district for work placement and ready for work programmes.</p> <p>Morrinsville RSA I attended and unveiled a plaque at the Morrinsville RSA to commemorate all soldiers from WW2 onwards. The thought provoking plaque, one of the few in New Zealand, was a great initiative by our Morrinsville RSA.</p> <p>Re-opening of Matamata Mitre 10 I was honoured to say a few words at the re-opening of the refurbished Matamata Mitre 10 store. I am impressed with the new drive-thru area, expanded garden area, new show room areas and extension of retail space.</p> <p>Mitre 10 are working well with their neighbour Matamata Club and what a great trade asset Mitre 10 is for all the building and industry in Matamata, not to mention the home gardener and handyman. There is no need to go out of town! We have it all. In fact I am sure Mitre 10 and our local shopping precinct is attracting neighbouring communities to our Town of Matamata.</p> <p>Well done Matamata Mitre 10 you are strengthening our economic base, you are a valued business and employer in Matamata.</p>
Friday 12 April	<p>Te Manawheua Forum workshop A workshop was held with the forum members on Papakianga and councils Te Reo policy. This was run by Norm Hill Boffam Miskell and external consultant Dr Tom Roa.</p>
Monday 15 April	<p>Meetings with council staff I met with council staff to discuss and plan meetings we are having next month for the PGF governance groups and our first business/industry breakfast for the year.</p> <p>Citizenship Ceremony It was my pleasure to welcome our new citizens and their families to our district with councillor Donna Arnold in support. A delightful ceremony,</p>

and aren't we a diverse district!



**Tuesday
16 April**

Meeting with Matamata Business Association Committee

CEO Don McLeod and I were invited to join the monthly Committee meeting. They were seeking information on the district's future economic development plans and cycleway update, along with general discussion on policy and bylaws.

ANZAC meeting with NZ Police and RSA's

In light of the tragic event in Christchurch on 15 March extra consultation has been had with NZ Police in the lead up to our ANZAC Day services. Our Services are following the same format as previous years, to honour our fallen.

Farewell function

Harvey Brookes invited Rex and I to attend his farewell function in Hamilton. Harvey has served us well as acting CE for Te Waka. Harvey will now be working for Martin Jenkins so will still be actively engaged in the Waikato.

**Wednesday
17 April**

Council Workshop

A full day of workshop topics which included cultural awareness training, CBD upgrades, and a presentation on a business proposal for the Morrinsville Ward.

**Wednesday
24 April**

Corporate and Operations Meeting

Items on this agenda included Plan Change 51 and 52, proposed Matamata stadium, Building Act delegation amendments, Health and Safety report, Smokefree Outdoor policy, Classification of reserve land, and the CEO report for March.

My Tuia Rangatahi Taine Wilson also joined us in the boardroom where I was able to introduce him to my fellow elected members. Taine has attended one wananga in Te Kuiti and will be flying to Christchurch for his 2nd of five wananga in May.

**Thursday
25 April**

ANZAC Day

Matamata

I attended the RSA dawn service which was held at the Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre. There was good attendance from the community and many of our returned servicemen and our uniformed personnel were present. I was pleased to march with the parade.

Councillor James Sainsbury lead the 9.30am Civic Service at the centre with the service being held in front of the Roll of Honour and Cenotaph. Matamata Brass supported all services including Walton civic service on the day. Walton was lead by Councillor Adrienne Wilcock.

Te Aroha

I was pleased to lead the civic service in Te Aroha marching with our RSA and members of the public. Musician Marian Burns sang her composed ANZAC song 'Beautiful Soldier' at the conclusion of my address.



LWT Ross Youngman, Royal New Zealand Navy

Morrinsville

Deputy Mayor James Thomas lead the Civic Service in Morrinsville held at the memorial in Howie Park. This service also had good attendance by both servicemen and members of the public.

Rex and I made our way over to call into the Morrinsville RSA on the afternoon of ANZAC day to catch up with president Allan Plaisted and returned servicemen still socialising at the RSA's

Our head students from all three colleges made outstanding contributions in their speeches. VYA members Ruby Stevens and Emily Novells contributed to our services with the calling of the names for wreath laying in Morrinsville and Matamata, and my Tuia Rangatahi Taine Wilson in Te Aroha.

I would like to make special mention of our Communications staff who

	supported our elected members on the day, and worked with our RSA's to put so much effort into preparing these important annual civic services. Thank you team. A lot of time and effort go into making these four services very special for remembrance across our district.
Monday 29 April	Waikato Mayoral Forum This meeting included items and discussion on Waikato Regional Arts Navigator update, WRC online hazards portal, Three Waters review, Waikato Alcohol and other drug treatment court, Waste to Energy, Regional Water Services Collaboration, Waikato Plan, Te Waka, Hamilton to Auckland Corridor and Collaboration with new government.