


Mayoral Diary August 2018

Wednesday 1 August	<p>Council workshop Staff took us through workshops with regards to libraries, e-governance, online voting, communications, water and wastewater, three waters and national planning standards.</p> <p>Planning meeting Staff and I met to talk about the logistics of the meeting we have with Minister Shane Jones coming mid-way through August.</p>
Thursday 2 August	<p>Meeting with Business Owners CEO Don McLeod and I met with business owners currently based in Waharoa with regards to their business needs for infrastructure in the future and how they might partner with council.</p> <p>Meeting with Civil Defence Controller Julian Snowball is the new Thames Valley Civil Defence Emergency Management Controller for our district. I caught up with Julian and he gave me an overview of where things are at in the Civil Defence area.</p>
Monday 6 August	<p>Regional Transport Committee (RTC) meeting and workshop At this meeting held at the Waikato Regional Transport offices in Hamilton we discussed the Regional Road Safety Monitor Report (this is to provide an update on road safety issues and trends to keep the Committee informed on regional progress towards the actions outlined in national and regional road safety strategies, the Transport Choices Report, Transport Planning and Projects Report, and the Regional Public Transport Projects Update.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the meeting we went into a workshop which covered speed management and the key advocacy points that the RTC may wish to make on the pending National Road Safety Strategy.</p>
Tuesday 7 August	<p>Meeting with Council staff I met with staff to run through the presentation we will be making to Minister Shane Jones later in the week.</p> <p>Morrinsville Chamber of Commerce The Morrinsville ward Councillors and I were invited to meet with the chamber members at their monthly board meeting. Council staff member Rachael Singh along with Councillors and myself took note of the issues.</p>
Wednesday 8 August	<p>Volunteer Youth Ambassadors (VYA) We met at 7.30am at the Matamata-Piako Memorial and Civic Centre. We are just three weeks out to the VYA Awards being held at the end of August. Nominations are closing this week.</p> <p>Council meeting This month's meeting saw items on the agenda regarding the Hauraki Rail Trail extension, Road name amendments for Matamata subdivision, Resource Consent funding application, response to WRC LTP</p>

	<p>submission, and Waikato Plan update.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Paul Cronin and staff member Niall Baker took us through a summary of the recent Government Housing Symposium they attending and where things are headed in that space.</p> <p>Meeting with council staff I met with various council staff to progress projects and initiatives currently being worked through including the upcoming hearing on the Representation Review. We also finalised our presentation to Minister Jones for his visit on Friday 10 August.</p>
	<p>Hauraki Rail Trail Ground has been broken on the extension from Te Aroha to Matamata and contractors have been on site along Alexander Road and Manawaru Road Te Aroha. Fencing has been installed in preparation for further works.</p>  <p>Haruaki Rail Trail Manger Dianne Drummond and Mayor Jan on a section of trail where work has begun on Alexander Road Manawaru</p>
<p>Friday 10 August</p>	<p>Visit from Minister Shane Jones After engaging with the minister in Wellington at a function at Premier House I extended an invitation to him to visit our district so we could discuss a potential applications we might make to the Provincial Fund.</p> <p>I was thrilled to host the minister and introduce him to the district, in particular showcasing industry growth and the potential for more development in this area in the future.</p> <p>Many household branded industry leaders had already made or had designated Matamata-Piako as a place of choice to establish their companies.</p> <p>Our district is fortunate enough to house numerous well-known brands associated with food processing and other products including Inghams, Silver Fern Farms, Greenlea Meats, Fonterra and Open Country Cheese and Tatua Dairy Factory, all allocated within a small geographical footprint. Creating infrastructure to support these industry leaders such as developing on transport, waste water and making land available were all important markers to continue to grow industry in the area and that's where the provincial growth fund would be an asset for Matamata-Piako.</p>



Monday 13 August	<p>Meeting with racing connections I met with Debra Gates regarding her thoughts on racing and tourism in Matamata.</p> <p>Provincial Growth Fund Meeting Jamie Strange MP hosted Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development Fletcher Tabuteau at a meeting to discuss the Provincial Growth Fund. This was held at the Waikato University.</p>
Tuesday 14 August	<p>Meeting with Jason Grainger Minister Jason Grainger from St Marks Church in Te Aroha is moving on to take up a position in another area. Jason has been a pleasure to work with for our Anzac Day and other civic services. I was able to catch up with Jason and his wife for a coffee to wish Jason well in his new parish.</p> <p>Meeting with E-team To be updated on projects and strategic matters from management.</p>
Wednesday 15 August	<p>Representation Review Hearing We are required by law to review our 'representation arrangements' at least every six years to ensure our community is fairly and effectively represented. This includes reviewing things like the number of Councillors and wards we have, whether each Councillor represents roughly the same number of people in the district, and whether we should have community boards.</p> <p>We sought feedback from our community on the initial proposal from 20 June to 20 July 2018. In total we received 195 submissions.</p> <p>At the hearing we heard from 11 people present to their submissions.</p>
Thursday 16 August	<p>Matamata Citizens Advice Bureau Annual General Meeting I was invited and attended the AGM at the Matamata Bridge Club. There was a good number in attendance and I presented training and long service awards.</p>

	<p>Meeting with Jason Dawson I met with Jason Dawson, Chief Executive of Hamilton & Waikato Tourism, to discuss our potential application to the Provincial Growth Fund and how Hamilton and Waikato Tourism can assist with content of the application.</p> <p>St Andrews – Christian Women uniting I was an attendee to support our community and their guest speaker from Auckland and the challenges in their communities.</p>
Friday 17 August	<p>Meeting with Wintec (Mariana) I furthered discussion with Mariana and her guest from Finland, Laura, regarding the Circular Village concept.</p> <p>Provincial Priorities Business Forum Hosted by Tim Van der Molen at his Morrinsville Electorate Office, this was an opportunity to connect and share feedback and ideas with the Provincial Priorities Caucus Committee (PPCC) on their visit to the area.</p> <p>The PPCC electorate visits enable the MPs to learn more about local businesses and the specialized activities of provincial regions, including natural resources, technology, infrastructure and people.</p> <p>Meeting with Dallas Fisher Dallas Fisher chairs the Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency (REDA) establishment board, and I met with him to also discuss our potential application to the Provincial Growth Fund.</p> <p>60th Wedding Anniversary One of our Morrinsville Councillors brought to my attention the 60th wedding anniversary of Harry and Ria Van de Laar in Tasman Village. I popped in to congratulate them on their milestone. I had a lovely time with Harry and Ria and viewed their family photos and life story book.</p>
Monday 20 August	<p>Waikato Mayoral Forum Key items on this meeting's agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency from Dallas Fisher, Chairman, Waikato REDA Establishment Board • Waikato Plan Project Refresh update from Garry Dyet, Chief Executive, Waipa District Council • National Waterscape update from Tracey May, Director Science and Strategy, Waikato Regional Council • Three Waters Review update from Mayor Brian Hanna, Waitomo District Council • Waters Collaboration proposal from Don McLeod Chief Executive, Matamata Piako District Council and Dawn Inglis, Manager RATA, Waikato Road Asset Technical Accord • Waikato Regional Cycle Trails Network Programme Business Case, by Rachel Cook, Senior Policy Advisor, Transport and Infrastructure, Waikato Regional Council • Road Asset Technical Accord (RATA) Annual Report, by Mayor Brian Hanna, Waitomo District Council • Hamilton to Auckland corridor update, by Blair Bowcott, Director

	<p>Special Projects, Hamilton City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farewell for Craig Hobbs, Chief Executive, South Waikato District Council, by Mayor Jenny Shattock, South Waikato District Council • Round table discussion on Key LTP priorities for 2018/19 • Collaboration with new government Round table discussion to update on collective meetings and messaging <p>Meeting with Peter Maxwell & Neil Goodger Good discussion re Innovation Park and opportunities for Morrinsville.</p> <p>Farewell dinner I was invited to a farewell dinner by managers Noi & Pim from Thai Delight Morrinsville who are moving on to a new location. They have been wonderful hosts at this Morrinsville business and I wish them all the best for their new venture. It was a great networking evening with Morrinsville locals!</p>
Tuesday 21 August	<p>Provincial Growth Fund application I have been having several meetings with staff regarding the application we will soon be making to the PGF. It is important we capture and present a full and persuasive application!</p> <p>Meeting with Kevin Deane Kevin brought John Petry along to progress discussion on opportunities for economic development in Morrinsville.</p> <p>Dairy Goat Cooperative announcement The minister of Agriculture has announced \$12m support for a new \$30m project in the dairy goat industry.</p> <p>Farmers Kerry & Robyn Averill hosted the minister and local MP Tim Van der Molen at their property in Morrinsville for the launch.</p> <p>This investment will enable the primary industries in our country to innovate and grow.</p> <p>I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the goat farm operation and seeing the goats being milked!</p> <p>Morrinsville Business After Five (BA5) Hosted by Property Brokers, this month's meeting saw the usual strong turnout and support by local businesses. The networking at these events is very valuable to those that attend.</p>
Wednesday 22 August	<p>Corporate and Operations meeting The draft annual report, online voting, significant natural features, LTP audit, Waharoa tennis courts land, Ngarua and Waharoa Reserve and road designations were all items discussed at this months meeting.</p> <p>We also had two special presentations. The first was for a spotlight on safety award. This award recognises the 'good things' people are doing to keep themselves and others safe and is awarded quarterly.</p> <p>This month the award was presented to Electrico who were nominated</p>

by council's property maintenance team for their proactive approach to health and safety. Owners Andrew and Lynne Arts along with fellow owner Julie Smallwood were in attendance.

The second presentation was to council Health and Safety Manager Sandy Barnes for 30 years service to Council. We really appreciate the knowledge and expertise our staff with long service provide to Council. Congratulations Sandy.

The day concluded with workshops on our communications team strategy, the Provincial Growth Fund applications and some IT training.



Mayor Jan with Julie Smallwood and Lynne and Andrew Arts



CEO Don McLeod, Mayor Jan and Sandy Barnes

**Thursday
23 August**

Meeting with Tim Hampton and James Sainsbury

This meeting was regarding digital opportunities and staff accommodation pressures.

Phone interview with Nga Iwi FM

Today's interview with Rino was focused on our upcoming Volunteer Youth Awards being held next week. Always good to chat with Rino and our community.

Meeting with Council staff

Further discussion with council staff regarding the PGF application

Hobbiton Dinner

With the upcoming Waikato REDA summit just round the corner, I coordinated an opportunity for the Mayors, Chair and Elected Members of our Waikato Councils to come together for a dinner and night tour at Hobbiton. This was to enable communication and the opportunity to have conversations and networking with other Elected members which is important for the strengthening and wellbeing of our region.



**Friday 24
August**

Meeting with Council staff

The last of meetings with staff and external stakeholders regarding our PGF application took place in Morrinsville. The applications are taking shape.

Waikato University 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

Every year the University of Waikato present Distinguished Alumni Awards (DAAs) to alumni who have achieved significant success in their career and made outstanding contributions to their communities. Rex and I were invited as guests of this year's awards dinner.

The year six alumni were recognised who have made a substantial positive contribution to society in a personal and professional capacity.

The Honourable Dame Annette King, Former Member of Parliament, Bachelor of Arts 1982

Dr Sarah Calvert, Registered Clinical Psychologist, Bachelor of Social Sciences 1974, Master of Social Sciences 1975, Doctor of Philosophy, 1982

Jan Zijderveld, CEO, Avon Products, Bachelor of Management Studies 1987

Miriam Dean CNZM Q.C., Barrister, Bachelor of Social Sciences 1977

Professor Tom Higham, Professor of Archaeological Science, Deputy Director of the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit, Doctor of Philosophy 1995

Dr Shane Legg, Co-founder and Chief Scientist Google DeepMind,

	<p>Bachelor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences 1996</p> <p>The evening was a great success and Rex and I thoroughly enjoyed our table attendees I had a good conversation with Miriam Dean and Margaret Wilson.</p>
<p>Monday 27 August</p>	<p>Meeting with District Commander Waikato New Zealand Police Mayors Sandra Goudie, John Tregidga and I met with Bruce Bird and John Kelly to discuss proposed Police staffing structure and deployment plans for Waikato East.</p> <p>Site visit – Te Kuiti At the invitation and coordination of Sport Waikato, Councillors Adrienne Wilcock and Kevin Tappin travelled with me to Te Kuiti High School to look at their new sports centre. Leanne from Sport Waikato facilitated the visit.</p> <p>Alan Candy from Future Matamata attended along with Sheree and Matthew Hart and Matamata College principal Alan Munro.</p>
<p>Tuesday 28 August</p>	<p>Te Aroha Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Councillors Adrienne Wilcock and Donna Arnold also supported the CAB by attending the AGM.</p> <p>Meeting with Council staff I spent the afternoon in the Te Aroha office and met with a number of staff to discuss projects and community meetings and events I will be attending later that week.</p>
<p>Wednesday 29 August</p>	<p>Meeting with Matamata CAB president I met with Linda Hodge, president of the Matamata CAB, to have a catch up and discuss what the current issues the CAB are.</p> <p>Meeting at Morrinsville Pools Elected members met with council employee Bryan Turner to discuss maintenance and upgrade options for the Morrinsville Pool as budgeted for in the LTP.</p> <p>Meeting with Trust Waikato I met with Rongo, Dennis and Niwa from Trust Waikato with regard to a potential application to the PGF fund and how Trust Waikato may be able to partner with Council on a project.</p>
<p>Thursday & Friday 30/31 August</p>	<p>Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency Summit This summit is a major milestone in economic development in the Waikato and we used the two days to determine the priorities the new Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency will undertake. It's important we take the time now to discuss and prioritise those initiatives that will help all our communities.</p> <p>Volunteer Youth Ambassador Awards night This is the second year of holding the youth awards, and we were thrilled to have 180 people in attendance at the Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Hall. Guest speaker Mike King once again delivered a</p>

thoroughly interesting speech. Nine of our local youth walked away with awards from the various categories.



Amy Pollock was the winner of the Property Brokers Employee Award



Mike King with the VYA's