

Mayoral Diary

1 November 2011 to 30 November 2011

1.	<p>Fonterra</p> <p>I attended a reception at Hamilton City Council with my fellow Tight 5 mayors. Guests were Fonterra directors, Sir Henry van der Heyden, John Wilson, Ian Fairelly and Jennifer Kerr. The purpose of the evening was for the mayors to converse with the Fonterra Board on common issues. The distribution of dairy cows in the Waikato is:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>MPDC</td> <td>295,706 cows in 1030 herds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waikato DC</td> <td>215,633 cows in 688 herds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waipa DC</td> <td>188,007 cows in 580 herds</td> </tr> </table>	MPDC	295,706 cows in 1030 herds	Waikato DC	215,633 cows in 688 herds	Waipa DC	188,007 cows in 580 herds										
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2.	<p>Civil Defence</p> <p>I attended a forum in Wellington conducted by Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management where civil defence controllers throughout the country came together for a one day seminar. Topics covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationships and Responsibilities Engaging in Readiness Challenges of Public Information Is that mayor an asset or liability Co-ordination of external support Impact assessment & situation awareness Lessons from Christchurch 																
3.	<p>Ron & Helen White</p> <p>Ron White retired as manager of the Thames Valley Combined Civil Defence EOA after 21 years service. Helen also retired after several years of service especially welfare related issues. I met with Ron and Helen on their last day to express my thanks and shout lunch.</p>																
4.	<p>Youth Statistics</p> <p>The latest youth statistics as at 30 September 2011</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>DPB related</td> <td>191</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid</td> <td>48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non Beneficiary</td> <td>58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Benefits</td> <td>66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sickness Benefit</td> <td>68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unemployed Benefit</td> <td><u>45</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td><u>476</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last months total</td> <td>471</td> </tr> </table>	DPB related	191	Invalid	48	Non Beneficiary	58	Other Benefits	66	Sickness Benefit	68	Unemployed Benefit	<u>45</u>	TOTAL	<u>476</u>	Last months total	471
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5.	<p>Corporate Greed</p> <p>It was interesting that our old protester Mayor Tim Shadbolt sent a letter to all mayors seeking a nationally coordinated approach to stop long term occupation by protestors in urban areas. Tim stated "The essence of democracy is our right to protest but this seems more philosophy and it has no leaders."</p>																
6.	<p>Morrinsville Fireworks Spectacular</p> <p>The Morrinsville Promotion Association again held a very successful fireworks</p>																

	display at the Morrinsville Recreation grounds. This is a high profile event undertaken by the Morrinsville Promotion Association where a storm on the night can result in a significant cash loss. The weather this year was fine.
7.	Morrinsville Kiwanis I attended the Morrinsville Kiwanis club night as their guest speaker. The club had several visitors present so I outlined all the attractions of our district, the people, the industry, farming and everything else that makes this such a great place to live. The meeting also recognised the service of Barry Wells who has been a leading member for the last 25 years.
8.	Te Aroha College I attended the Senior Prizegiving at Te Aroha College. This is always a well run celebration where a highly successful ex student is invited back to inspire the students. This years guest speaker was Lee-Anne Arnold. The College Dux was Jessie Bottcher and Sarah Maetzig, joint winners.
9.	Matamata Piako District Sports Awards I attended the annual Matamata Piako District Sports Awards run by Sport Waikato. Once again there was a sell out crowd to support the various outstanding sports people in our district. Sports person of the year went to Triathlete Rebecca Kingsford (Morrinsville Wheelers Cycling Club). Murray Mexted was a very entertaining guest speaker.
10.	Friends of Waipa I attended the annual "Friends of Waipa" Christmas function. Business and community leaders from within Waipa together with outside supporters are invited to a presentation from the Mayor and Chief Executive officer highlighting significant achievements over the last year. Included are district statistics, building permits, resource consents, new development etc.
11.	Zone 2 Our November Zone 2 meeting was hosted by Tauranga City Council. Agenda items included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Tauranga City Slowdown in growth \$100m take out of budgets New sports centre completed \$40m Treaty claims 90% settled • Mayors Taskforce update • Maritime NZ report on salvage operation for Rena • Civic Assurance update • Armistice Day – significance and recognition • Hauraki Gulf Forum update • Dealing with the media during an election • Local Government New Zealand update In attendance was the new Chief Executive Officer for SOLGM, Morrinsville person, Karen Thomas
12	Matamata Rotary Club

	<p>I attended the Matamata Rotary Club as guest speaker along with police Sergeant Vic Sneddon. We provided an update on the Matamata Piako police person of the year which is a partnership between Matamata Rotary, Morrinsville Rotary, police and mayor.</p>
13.	<p>Hauraki Rail Trail I attended the Joint Committee of the Hauraki Rail Trail held in Paeroa. The meeting confirmed the appointment of the Principal Trail Operator. We also discussed the legal documentation for the formation of the Trust who will be responsible for overseeing the Management Contract between Hauraki District Council as Lessee and the Principal Trail Operator as the daily service provider.</p>
14	<p>Rural Provincial I attended a meeting of Mayors and Chief Executive Officers from both the Rural and Provincial Sectors held in Wellington.</p> <p>Agenda items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Local Government New Zealand • Civic Assurance update • Financial Assistance Review for roading • Emissions Trading Scheme • Managing rising community expectation • Federated Farmers presentation • Remuneration Authority update • Upper North Island Strategic Alliance
15.	<p>Paul and Pinot for Pohlen I attended the Pohlen Hospital fundraising evening held at the Matamata Golf Club. Paul Henry was the main speaker and he discussed several interesting parts of this life for over an hour. He also willingly answered questions from those attending. An excellent and entertaining evening with a sell out crowd.</p>
16.	<p>Te Aroha Units Together with Don and Council staff I met with John Harris, owners representative, Mike and Fiona Ryan, owners solicitors and at a separate time the owners of the Jubilee Flats themselves. We discussed the current situation and agreed on possibilities for both a short and long term policy change. We will be meeting again before Christmas.</p>
17.	<p>Morrinsville Business Association Council was invited to attend a public meeting hosted by the Morrinsville Business Association to discuss the proposed Eynon Road rezoning proposal. I discussed the political history from original purchase of the Council land to where we are today and Marius Rademeyer outlined the planning and control conditions proposed</p>
18.	<p>Silver Fern Farms Together with several Councillors I attended the roof shout for the new Silver Fern Farms Meat Works at Te Aroha. The new facility was very impressive and certainly the latest state of art in design. Silver Fern Farm Management see it as their flagship site and have included a glass viewing area for visitors.</p>

19.	Family Violence I attended a meeting at Morrinsville College where 20 plus motorbike members of the Hauraki Chapter of Patriots (ex army, navy, air force personnel) sponsored by the Families Commission were riding the length of the North Island stopping at local communities, all delivering the message family violence is not ok. A large number of college students were there to listen to the speakers and then discuss the make and engine noise of the various bikes. An excellent way to engage with a younger audience.
20.	Te Aroha Hospital I attended the Annual General Meeting for Te Aroha and Districts Community Hospital Trust. The new manger Nikki Close working with the Board Chair David Bullen and the Board Members has completely turned the overall management and financial results around. The income was up for the year and expenditure was down. The nett result was a \$276k turn around from last year.
21	Tight 5 Don and I attended the regular Tight 5 meeting held in Hamilton. Agenda items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamilton Airport – Shareholders Representative Group • Hamilton Airport – Appointment of Directors • Hamilton/Waikato Regional Tourism Operation possible formal structure • Shared Services possibilities within the Tight 5 Councils • Working with Region NB: Our annual Tight 5 combined Councillor meeting has been scheduled for Friday 24 February 2012.
22	Regional Land Transport Committee I attended the November meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee. Agenda items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme for submission • The Draft Stork Truck Effluent 10 Year Implementation Plan received for feedback • New Zealand Transport Association programme update • Road Safety update Interesting points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The State Highway 1 wire rope at Te Kauwhata is struck by a vehicle on average every 7 ½ days.
23	Waikato Triennial Form Don and I attended the November Waikato Region Triennial Agreement Forum. Agenda items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Strategic Collaboration • Improving the RMA policy making

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24	<p>Civil Defence – Joint Committee I chaired the November Civil Defence Joint Committee meeting.</p> <p>Agenda items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of 2011-2015 Group Plan • Local Controller appointments • Ministry update • Restructure/Work Programme <p>The committee adopted a new group operating structure. Under previous arrangements the group was staffed by Environment Waikato staff.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>i. Group Manager</td> <td>30% of his time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii. Admin Support</td> <td>30% of time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii. Project Admin</td> <td>70% of time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv. Senior Emergency Manager Officer</td> <td>1.0% of time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>v. Team Leader</td> <td>1.0% of time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Full Time Equivalent</td> <td>3.3</td> </tr> </table> <p>The new structure is to form and stand alone business unit reporting to the Coordinating Executive Group. Staffed as follows</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>GEMO Manager/Controller</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Emergency Manager Officer</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EMIS Co-ordinator</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exercise and Training</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lifelines/Outreach</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team Leader</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Admin Support</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full Time Equivalent</td> <td>7.0</td> </tr> </table> <p>The new budget to support the increased staff and work programme is \$985,000 per year which is an increase of \$515,000</p>	i. Group Manager	30% of his time	ii. Admin Support	30% of time	iii. Project Admin	70% of time	iv. Senior Emergency Manager Officer	1.0% of time	v. Team Leader	1.0% of time	Total Full Time Equivalent	3.3	GEMO Manager/Controller	1.0	Senior Emergency Manager Officer	1.0	EMIS Co-ordinator	1.0	Exercise and Training	1.0	Lifelines/Outreach	1.0	Team Leader	1.0	Admin Support	1.0	Full Time Equivalent	7.0
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