

November 2014 - Chief Executive's Report

TO Thames-Coromandel District Council
FROM David Hammond - Chief Executive
DATE 3 December 2014
SUBJECT **November 2014 - Chief Executive's Report**

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present an update of significant projects from the Chief Executive's perspective since the last Council meeting.

2 Discussion

The following outlines major project progress and meetings attended with any pertinent outcomes:

The Coromandel Great Walks Projects (Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua/Pauanui)

Lotteries announced the next round of Significant Project Funding would go ahead in 2015. TCDC's application will be submitted in mid-January ahead of the February/ March decision.

An application to Trust Waikato will also be submitted in January.

Staff held a public meeting in Hahei on the 29th November to discuss the Walks project. Over 120 attended, many were very opposed to the project for differing reasons.

A working group is being formed in Hahei to address the issues. This group will be widely represented to ensure a fair balance of opinions.

The project scope is complete and is now reliant on the outcome of external funding.

- Contact: Garry Towler
- Elected Member contact for Phases 1-2: Glenn Leach, with Project Team of TCDC, DoC and Iwi
- Next Major Milestone: Secure sufficient external funding for Stage 1a and 1b. Establish a governance body.

Coromandel Harbour Strategy (Area Manager Thames/Coromandel)

Sugarloaf expansion for aquaculture: The funding agreements and project structure arrangement with Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (CMFA) and Iwi are under development. The consenting and consultation strategy is being reviewed by TCDC and CMFA. The consent process is expected to take ~2years and the proposed LTP budget has been amended to reflect the timing of the consenting and physical works stages of the project.

Business Case for Furey's Creek half metre deep dredged channel and the Coromandel Wharf Dredged Basin is being developed internally with limited specialist contractors on board. The draft business case will be presented to Council in March 2015 and is intended to provide sufficient preliminary context to inform an investment prospectus for public and private sector release in 2015. Both projects will be signalled as objectives in the draft 2015-2025 LTP but no budget will be proposed.

- Contact: Greg Hampton
- Elected Member contact: Peter French and Tony Brljevic

- Next Major Milestone:
 - Sugar Loaf - Heads of agreement with CMFA to form basis of formal legal agreement for funding of Sugar Loaf.
 - Draft Business case for development of Coromandel Wharf dredged Basin - Fureys Creek dredged channel to be taken to the stakeholder working group in January 2015 and finalised for presentation to Council in March 2015.

Hauraki Rail Trail (Area Manager Thames/Coromandel)

The partnering Councils (TCDC/HDC/MPDC) have initiated a joint project team of senior staff to facilitate better communications and collaboration on HRT matters. The Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust (HRTCT) met in November 2015 and continues to focus on improvements to the operations and management of the rail trail. The Kopu to Kaiua stage of the rail trail is closing on completion of route details including easements to allow resource consent to be lodged in 2015. TCDC will contribute resource to assist with the preparation of funding applications due to be submitted in March 2015.

- Contact: Greg Hampton
- Elected Member contact: Sandra Goudie (HRT Trust Member)

Thames Indoor Sports Facilities (Area Manager Thames/Coromandel)

Preliminary design specifications have now been approved by the project and stakeholder groups and QS costings have confirmed sufficiency of the allocated budget subject to tender process. Outline plan application has now been submitted. Grant applications are currently under preparation, key date is 22 February 2015 for Department of Internal Affairs (Lotteries) application. Fundraising is making good progress towards targets with local business providing good support, current total as at 30 November 2014 is \$361,000 against targets for the full Sports Facilities Programme of \$455,000 Community/business pledges. This excludes two major corporate sponsorship deals currently under negotiation that if successful would result in an additional \$275,000 in pledges. These results are largely attributable to the efforts of the community fundraising Committee members. Key focus area for fundraising is now Public Grants: Targets \$105,000 for Skate Park, \$1,040,000 for the Indoor Sports Facility, current approved grants total \$50,000 (skate park).

- Contact: Simon Stephens.
- Elected Member contact: Strat Peters and Peter French
- Next Major Milestone: Establish Heads of Agreement with MoE for Lease/construction license before submitting Lotteries application February 2015. Receive result of Outline Plan application.

Hauraki Treaty Settlement (Strategic Relationships Manager)

The initialling of individual Iwi deeds of settlement in respect of the Hauraki Treaty Claims has commenced. The Crown now anticipates that this process will be near completion by the first quarter of 2015, with the Collective Deed of Settlement initialled soon after. A ratification process will then commence with the wider Hauraki whānui before the final signing of deeds of settlement, probably by the middle of the New Year. Included in the deeds of settlement will be legislation to enact the various facets of the agreements between the Crown and Iwi. In the meantime, final concluding negotiations between the Crown and the Hauraki Iwi Collective continue.

In August, the Crown set before the Cabinet the final form of the co-governance arrangements for the two rivers (Waihou and Piako) and the catchments of the Coromandel Peninsula. The final form of the arrangements reflect the lengthy discussions held with the Valley councils. Council still awaits an indication from the Crown as to the outcome of the Cabinet deliberations.

The Crown is also discussing with Council specific issues including matters relating to cultural and commercial redress. Direct tripartite discussions have been largely concluded between the Council, Crown and individual Iwi in respect of cultural redress matters particularly in relation to co-governance arrangements. These arrangements will be reflected in the Settlement legislation.

Council and the Office of Treaty Settlements are also developing a communications strategy to assist elected members to answer constituents' questions and to inform the community about the Hauraki settlement and the implications of the redress package components.

- Contact: Sam Napia and Peter Wishart
- Elected Member contact: Glenn Leach
- Next Major Milestone: Anticipated initialling of individual and collective deeds of settlement by the Crown and Hauraki Iwi.

Emergency Management Response Plan

Attached is a quick reference guide that will enable elected members and front end staff to quickly identify the phase of emergency and who is managing the parts. There is a 'tight five' group involved in TCDC emergencies they are the Controller, Public Information Manager (PIM), Operations/Logistics, Welfare and Intelligence. The titles and persons are linked with the CDEM framework so that if the emergency does progress to phase four and declaration these people and roles have been with the situation as it progresses. Also by utilising these designated roles it allows some experience to be gained on the smaller emergencies.

- Contact: Marion Smith

Meetings held 1 November - 3 December 2014

Date	Meeting	Pertinent Outcomes
4 Nov 2014	Mayoral Forum	Presentation of regional sport facilities priorities, and, Creative Waikato Arts Facilities report.
7 Nov 2014	Zone 2 Meeting	Outline of LGNZ issues including a recently completely 'reputation' study on local government.
20-21 Nov 2014	Rural Provincial Sector Meeting	Have emailed notes back from each day.
27 Nov 2014	Enlarged Rural Fire - Hauraki District Council	In line with a national workstream, discussed the pros and cons of rural fire being enlarged to take in DoC, and also, other TLA areas. Government to facilitate discussions with other TLAs around enlarging for our information.
1 Dec 2014	Sarah Nathan - Creative Waikato	Discussed the importance of an Arts Strategy for Coromandel and how we could go about this, and gave feedback that the facilities plan was not a comprehensive coverage of Coromandel issues.
3 Dec 2014	Ian Cathcart and Doug Dean (MD - Australia and NZ) - Veolia Water	Meet and greet the more international people involved in Veolia Water.

3 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Emergency Response Plan*

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