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MAYOR and COUNCILLORS REPORT

**Council Meeting Report
31 March 2021**

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**TARARUA DISTRICT
through the lens of our people**

In celebration of Tararua District's 30th Anniversary we asked the people to show us, in pictures, what Tararua District means to them.

The answer they gave us was simple... "Home".

TARARUA DISTRICT
through the lens of our people



We wanted our people to define Tararua District in pictures. The results spoke volumes about our people and our district. We received entries from all ages and all skill levels. For some it was a fun family project, for others it was an opportunity to travel to the far corners of our district. We had entries from train-spotters, bird watchers, beach combers, fishermen and bushwalkers. There was an abundance of sunrises, old farm buildings, cemeteries and windfarms, but the overall theme was life/love. The pictures spoke of an affinity and great pride for a district that is very much home to all those who entered.

This book is a collection of just some of the photographs we received.

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MAYOR TRACEY COLLIS

"Let the winds of the Ruahine and Tararua give you strength. Let the waters of the Manawatū nourish you, for we are the pounamu of Te Tapere nui o Whatonga!"

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tracey Collis
March 2021

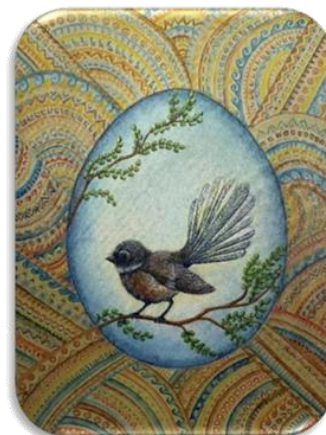


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1 – District Tour

We were accompanied by members of the Executive Leadership Team and our Waters team on a tour of the water and wastewater assets around the Tararua District. The commitment and knowledge of our staff was evident to us all. This was a very valuable exercise given the focus on the three waters reform. \$200,000 in funding has been transferred from our \$5.02m funding pool for further work in asset data. Further tours will be organised around other assets.



2 – Dannevirke Fire Brigade: 25 Year Gold Star Presentation

Tararua District Council are proud employers of seven Volunteer Firefighters throughout the Tararua District. We are grateful for all the other employers that support their staff as part of Fire and Emergency New Zealand to keep our communities safe.

Two of our staff members hold the role of Fire Chief; Peter Sinclair in Dannevirke and Eric Bonny in Woodville. It was with great pride that the Chief Executive and I attended the Gold Star Presentations for 25 years' service to Peter Sinclair and Craig Brown. We acknowledge their partners Tracey Sinclair and Jo Brown and their families that have both supported them and given up precious family time when they are training and on call outs.



Peter Sinclair works as Community Assests and Property Manager in Plant and Property and Craig Brown as a Water Treatment Operator in our Project Management Office. Both gentlemen serve their communities with their work for us also and are very valuable members of our Tararua District Council whanau.

On behalf of the Tararua District we thank you and acknowledge your outstanding service to Fire and Emergency NZ and extend our congratulations to you. Peter and Craig were both presented with a book and Tararua District pin for their exceptional service to us.

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3 – Tararua District Lindauer Art Exhibition

We entered Alert Level 2 which meant the numbers were not manageable for the planned opening of the Tararua District Lindauer Art Exhibition. This was disappointing for the organisers and artists and many sacrifices have been made by us all to keep Aotearoa safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. The exhibition was able to be open to the public for viewing as the numbers of people were manageable under the Level 2 rules. Many took advantage of being able to do this and numbers were up considerably with excellent sales, including myself again.

The Tararua District Book – through the lens of our people was launched and made available for sale. \$40 Hardcover and \$30 Softcover. This book certainly makes a great gift. Many of these photos will feature in our Long Term Plan Consultation Document and I am seeing our people and our places will encourage people to be engaged in key decisions for our next ten years.

The directional signage was creative art itself, however, please do not make this widespread as it is not really allowed. A huge congratulations to the team of organisers as this event has really grown and put Tararua on the map for art. We have some fantastic local artists.

The photo competition has inspired photography and the 2021 competition was launched – Historic, iconic, and much-loved buildings of the Tararua District.

While we are talking artists, I would like to acknowledge one of our young students from Tararua College. Sophey Jenkins exhibited her Excellence Folio at TeManawa Art Gallery. Sophey was awarded an NCEA scholarship and selected to be part of the MATA Excellence Exhibition for her Level 3 painting folio. She is now attending her first official year on campus at Massey University studying Social Work.

Ollie Bowie & Mayor Tracey Collis



The competition winner Ollie Bowie receiving a copy of the book with his winning picture on the front cover. Ollie was very proud and looking forward to the 2021 photo competition

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4 – NZ Rural Games

March is a hectic month for the Economic Development team with all our big events being held very close together. Thanks to the team of Councillors that supported staff at our NZ Rural Games Site. We experienced a very steady flow of people engaging in the site and very keen to take a copy of the walking and cycling trails guide. The change to domestic tourism was very much evident with people keen to plan their weekend outings and experiences. Visitors all enjoyed a very passionate and enthusiastic team promoting the Tararua District.

At the NZ Rural Games Sports Awards, Tararua featured again with Stephanie McNair winning the Young New Zealand Sports person of the Year category and went on to win the NZ Rural Sports Supreme Award. Stephanie lives in Dannevirke and has been placed in many competitions during 2020, featuring shooters from around New Zealand, including those that have competed in the Commonwealth and Olympic Games. She also had international wins against teams from Great Britain and the United States. She has a wonderful career ahead of her and we look forward to seeing her nominated for the Tararua Sports Awards.

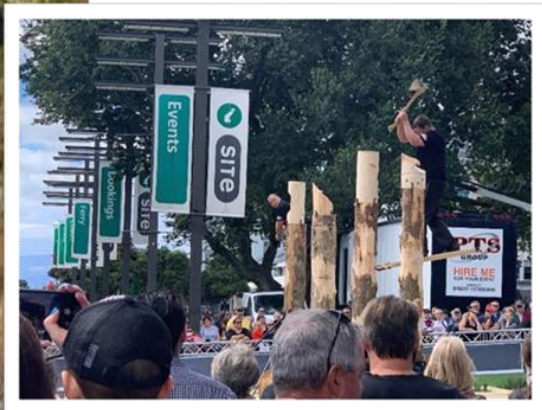


Mayor Tracey Collis, Cr. Shirley Hull and Mercedes Waitere-McCallum

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5 – Central District Field Days

March is a hectic month on the event calendar and again a thank you to the team of councillors that supported staff on the Tararua District stand at the Field Days. The weather was perfect and everyone was thrilled to take part in the Field Days as this event was cancelled last year due to Covid-19. The engagement was very good on the stand with the Walking and Cycling Trails guides winning out again. We were fortunate to be right beside local accounting firm MCI and Associates and had of our locals stop and chat to both. The team worked hard promoting all that the Tararua District offers and it is not easy being on your feet for eight hours and still smiling and actively speaking with visitors, especially over two days. Well done to everyone and we are all very proud to represent, work and live here.



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6 – Gwen Fairbrother QSM – 1st March 2021

Gwen Fairbrother sadly passed away on 1st March 2021. Gwen's service was held under Covid Alert Level 2 on Friday 5th March 2021, with limited numbers able to attend and many of her former students took to FaceBook to show their respect for Gwen as an inspiring teacher. The comments reflect the inspiration and support she gave individuals throughout their schooling life and in the community.

Gwen had a love of gardening and was the President of the Rose and Horticultural Society for 20 years. The society assisted with gardens in Dannevirke reflecting Gwen's passion for beautifying our town. In fact she was quoted "I have pleasure in endeavouring to make our community a more attractive place." A community Project we all drive by is at the northern end of town with the Welcome to Dannevirke signs and garden.

Gwen was passionate and involved in many organisations in Dannevirke. She cared deeply about the wellbeing of the Dannevirke Community and supported many projects. Her support included vehicles for the Cancer Society, the Health Shuttle, a water tanker for the fire brigade, buildings at the A&P Showgrounds, bus shelters and CCTV to make our streets safer. Gwen was Patron of the Dannevirke Brass Band and a passionate supporter of theirs.

Whilst she loved our community to look beautiful, she supported behind the scenes to ensure we were also safe and had access to essential services. From her support of the young with the Viking Playground to her care for those that needed large print books in our libraries, Gwen's generosity benefitted us all. In her civic nomination her unflagging dedication to provide care and attention to people in need was noted.

Her support for the town clock is well known and not by Gwen's choice – she noted to council staff that she did it because she wanted to, not to be acknowledged – her preference was that it was anonymous. Her stipulation was that it was made in Dannevirke.

Gwen was awarded a Tararua District Civic Honour in 2005 and a Queens Service Medal in 2011 for services to the community. Gwen's words on receiving these to Mayor Maureen Reynolds were: "I don't do these things to receive honour, I do them because I enjoy them".

Gwen was a very generous lady with her skills and her time. There are many good deeds known and as many unsung. I popped in to Eileen Mary to meet with Gwen and keep her updated with what was happening in council and the community – her interest in our people and our place never waned.

Gwen was proud of Dannevirke – the place she called home. "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die" and Dannevirke was family.



Don Stewart of Dannevirke St John receives the keys to a new shuttle vehicle donated by Gwen Fairbrother.



Gwen Fairbrother is pictured with Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand after receiving her Queen's Service Medal. (Photo/File)

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7 – Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Manaj Kumar and Sumit Kamboj on winning the Hawkes Bay/ Wairarapa Share Farmer of the Year Award. They farm in Eketāhuna and we wish them the very best for the nationals.

St John presented service awards and honours to the following volunteers:

Jan Fredrickson – 55 years, John Ross – 50 years, Mark Jackson – 40 years, Gillian Patterson and Heather Monk – 25 years, Debbie Patterson – 20 years, Tina Jackson and Glennis McDonald – 15 years, June Elmore and Robyn Mosen – 10 years, Mike Brown, Steve Hill and Katy Severinsen-Perry

We acknowledge not only their skill, dedication and service but also the support and sacrifice of their families. Particular awards presented were sanctioned by the Queen as head of the Sovereign order. We owe a debt of gratitude to these volunteers with over 200 years of service between them. They are there when our people are most vulnerable and having local people there for you means a great deal. Our trust in the people of St John is very high. Special mention was also made of the great job our Health Shuttle Service also carry out.



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8 – Events Attended by the Mayor

Mayor Tracey Collis: 2021

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry Committee
- Weber/Wimbledon/Herbertville Committees
- Citizenship
- Civic Honours
- Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs



Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25 February	District Bus Tour
27 February	Opening the Woodville Horticultural and Industrial Society Show Dannevirke Fire Brigade: 25 Year Gold Star Presentation: Peter Sinclair and Craig Brown
1 March	Rangitāne Tu mai ra trust introduction to the General Manager
3 March	Iwi meetings with Ngāti Kahungunu and Rangitāne Gwen Fairbrother Funeral and Eulogy
6 March	Tararua Art Exhibition
8 March	Mayor's Taskforce For Jobs Meeting Community Recovery Programme with MSD via Zoom Department of Corrections: Meet the new Community Liaison Advisor
10 March	Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting Economic Development Meeting Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce Social Function Guest Speaker with Chief Executive Bryan Nicholson
11 March	3 Waters Reform Programme Meeting – Palmerston North Mayor's Taskforce For Jobs Meeting
12/13 March	NZ Rural Games
15 March	St John Central Region: Tararua Awards Ceremony Introduction to Raelene Castle CEO Sport NZ
17 March	Works Liaison & Finance Committee Meetings Long Term Plan Workshop
18 March	The Trust Tararua Judging Children's Day Colouring Competition Wairarapa Needs Public Housing Meeting - Masterton
19 March	3 Waters Reform Programme Meeting - Wellington
20 March	Central Districts Field Days
22 March	South School Student Visit
23 March	Road Safety Committee Meeting
24 March	Grey Power Meeting Guest Speaker
25 March	Mayor's Taskforce For Jobs Core Group Meeting in Wellington
26 March	Cactus Dannevirke Mock Interviews St Joseph's School Year 8 Leadership Visit
29 March	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
30 March	Joint Standing Committee, Regional Transport, Climate Change, Regional Chiefs meetings at Horizons Regional Council
31 March	Tararua District Council Meeting

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9 – Letters of Support, Condolences and Visits

Letters of Support:

- St Johns Award Congratulatory Letters to Award Recipients
- Funding Support Letter for the Pahiatua Swimming Pool

Condolences:

- Gwen Fairbrother
- Faye Hemopo

10 – Councillors Portfolio Reports for February 2021

Deputy Mayor: Erana Peeti-Webber

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Dannevirke Community Board – Wheel Park and Multi Sport Meetings

Date	Event/Attendance
25 February	District tour
1 March	Community board meeting Rangitāne Tu mai ra trust introduction to the new general manager
3 March	Iwi meetings with Ngāti Kahungunu and Rangitāne
10 March	Strategy and policy Economic development meeting Te Maruata Meeting
13 March	Rural Games
17 March	Works liaison and Forestry meeting Long Term Plan Workshop
29 March	Audit and risk
30 March	Multi-sport steering group meeting
31 March	Tararua District Council Meeting

Carole Isaacson

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Safer Communities
- Norsewood/Ormondville Community Liaison

Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25 February	District Bus Tour
5 March	Gwen Fairbrother Funeral and Eulogy
10 March	Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting Economic Development Meeting
11 March	Safer CHB Planning Workshop
17 March	Works Liaison Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting Long Term Plan Workshop
23 March	Weetbix Triathlon TARARUA Schools Competing UCOL Graduation Ceremony Palmerston North TARARUA DC Attendee
27 March	Cancer Society: Relay for Life Opening
29 March	Audit and Risk Committee meeting
31 March	Council Meeting

Kerry Sutherland

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry
- Works Liaison Chair

Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25 February	Bus tour of district
3 March	Rate-Payer Meeting – Commercial Buildings
4 March	Works Liaison Agenda Meeting
5 March	Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting - Zoom
10 March	Strategy and Policy, Economic Development
17 March	Works and Liaison, Finance and Long Term Plan workshop
26 March	Licensing Committee Meeting
29 March	Audit and Risk committee
31 March	Tararua District Council Meeting

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Raylene Treder

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee Representations:

- Eketahuna Community Board

Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25 February	District Bus Tour
2 March	Woodville Districts Vision Meeting
3 March	Pahiatua on Track
8 March	Eketāhuna Community Board Meeting
10 March	Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting Economic Development Meeting
11 March	Eketahuna Our Town AGM
14 March	NZ Rural Games
15 March	Lunch with Raelene Castle – Sport NZ CEO
17 March	Works Liaison Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting Long Term Plan Workshop
21 March	Children's Day
25 March	Meet with David - Charge Net and Peter Wimsett in Eketahuna
29 March	Audit and Risk Committee meeting
30 March	Woodville Recreation Meeting
31 March	Tararua District Council Meeting

Alison Franklin

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Safer Communities
- Pahiatua On Track

Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25 February	Bus tour of district
1 March	Strengthening Families
3 March	Pahiatua on Track Meeting
10 March	Strategy & Policy Meeting Economic Development Meeting
11 March	Safer Communities Planning Workshop - Central Hawke's Bay District Council
17 March	Works Liaison Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting Long Term Plan Workshop
25 March	Connect Tararua Meeting
29 March	Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
31 March	Tararua District Council Meeting

Comment:

Report on Central Hawke's Bay District Council - Safer Communities Workshop – follows:

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Carole and I attended the “reset” of the CHBDC Work Plan for Safer Communities that had an injuries prevention priority focus and was based on community survey results that related to priorities for the greatest focus for the next 23 years.

Priority points for discussion included -

- Positive aging
- Understanding trends in data
- Injury and harm prevention in relation to -
 - Family and community violence
 - Road Safety
 - Mental Health and resilience
 - Fire Safety
 - Water safety
 - Safety in the workplace
 - Addiction, alcohol, gambling related harm

Peter Johns

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry: Lead
- Woodville Districts' Vision

Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25 February	District Bus Tour
2 March	Woodville Districts Vision Meeting
4 March	Pahiatua and Districts Children's Day
5 March	Rural & Provincial Sector meeting - Zoom
	Mangatainoka River Scheme Meeting
	Tararua Art Exhibition
11 March	3 Waters Reform Programme Meeting
17 March	Works Liaison Committee Meeting
	Forestry Committee Meeting
	Kumeroa Sheep Dog Trials
	Long Term Plan Workshop
29 March	Audit and Risk Committee meeting
31 March	Tararua District Council Meeting



Three wise men came to help from left Councillor Peter Johns, Kumeroa Club volunteer Neil Candy and Club Patron Graham Ramsden

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Sharon Wards

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Akitio/Pongaroa Community Liaison
- Strategy and Policy Chair

Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25 February	Bus tour of district
3 March	Review of policies by working group of Strat and Policy
3 March	Pongaroa the Way to Go monthly meeting
10 March	Strategy and Policy, Economic Development
17 March	Works and Liaison, Forestry and LTP workshop
18 March	Housing hui, Masterton
19 March	Central District Field Days (TDC stand) plus attendance at Connections forum on behalf of Mayor Tracey.
29 March	Audit and Risk committee
30 March	Housing summit, Palmerston North
31 March	Tararua District Council Meeting

Comment:

Central District Field day - This was a great opportunity to promote the Tararua District to “locals” across our region. Many new and familiar faces called by the site to say hello with an incentive to win a free pass to Pukāha if they could identify a “famous tower” within our district. A great effort from the Council staff and I personally acknowledge their enthusiasm and input to marketing Tararua.



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Shirley Hull

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

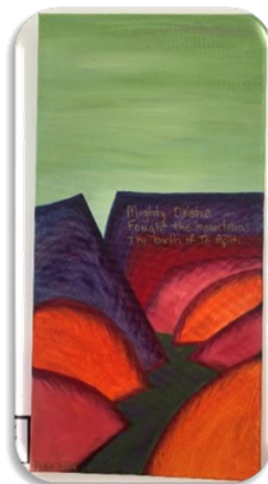
Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Makuri Community Liaison
- Pahiatua Upgrade Committee
- Economic Development Chair

Date: 2021	Event/Attendance
25th Feb	District Bus Tour
5th March	Woodville Art Expo
10th March	Strat & Policy/Economic Dev
11th March	Three Waters Program PN
11th March	Pahiatua Civil Defence mtg
12th March	Pahiatua Upgrade mtg/ Rural Games PN
16th March	Range Rd Residents mtg/Signage mtg/Pahiatua Network mtg
17th March	Works Liaison/Forestry/Long Term Plan
18th March	Mt with ED Team re Upgrade Story Boards
19-21st Mch	Covi Motorhome & Caravan Supershow Auckland
23rd March	Marae visit w Mayor Tracey Tangi for Faye Hemapo
25th March	Signage mtg Upgrade
26th March	CACTUS & ED Team mtg
29th March	Audit & Risk
30th March	Housing Symposium PN
31st March	Tararua District Council Meeting

Comment:

This month has been filled with meetings here and there about the Pahiatua Main Street Upgrade, as we come up with the final touch's preparation, its lovely to see the finish line in sight. I spent three days in Auckland, supporting Mark Maxwell and Angela Rule at the Covi Motorhome Supershow, it felt like the world wandered past, and many had time for a chat. Fantastic that we could promote the Tararua District to so many. Auckland was just out of another lockdown, those we spoke to couldn't wait to get away in their 'vans'!



Robin Pretty: The Birth of Te Apiti

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