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REPORT

Council Meeting Report
April 2021

Love Local TARARUA

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

April 2021



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1 – Connect Tararua: Powering Up the Towers Celebration

It is exciting that, due to the efforts of our amazing community, Tararua had its final tower erected and the whole network is now powered up, bringing the \$13 million project to a close.

On Thursday, 8 April 2021, Minister Damian O'Connor, Local MP Kieran McNulty, Connect Tararua, the Rural Connectivity Group, Crown Infrastructure Partners, Connect Kumeroa, as well as our community champions, came together to celebrate at the Friel site in Kumeroa.

The tower is in a high priority site and will be closely monitored, as it links the four towers in the south through to Dannevirke, providing coverage to an additional 650 rural homes in Tararua.

All three telecommunications companies, 2 degrees, Spark and Vodafone, are able to fix to these towers.

Many commented on the difference connectivity made in their lives, through learning, working or staying in touch.

Already, we are receiving feedback of how this digital technology is improving people's lives and enabling us to be connected locally, regionally and globally.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our connectivity efforts and it was great to celebrate this fantastic achievement.

We certainly showed the country what could be achieved by ground-truthing information, working together and partnering with communities and Government to achieve success.

It's a great start and if you are still struggling to get coverage, be assured we will continue to work together to understand the gaps, and work with others, including Government, on solutions for these.

The Connect Tararua Team are: Chair Tim Poulton, Mel Poulton, Mavis Mullins, Callum Skeet, Sharon Wards, Richard Murfitt, and representing Council Cr Alison Franklin and previously Allan Benbow.

We owe this team a debt of gratitude for their commitment, determination, and the incredible workload it has taken to reach this achievement and we are not finished yet. Thanks also to all our community champions that helped ground truth data in their local areas. We would like to nominate this project in the 2022 LGNZ Awards.

A special thanks again to everyone who has contributed to this success.



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2 – Cactus: Graduations

2021 CACTUS programme runs in both Tararua College and Dannevirke High School including students from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Tamaki Nui A Rua and Totara College.

Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit – this is an eight week programme of challenging physical activities which aims to help build confidence skills and personal belief. CACTUS challenges participants physically and mentally, encouraging them to stretch their own potential. Young people gain a sense of belonging, develop mind and body discipline and a belief that they have choices about their future and are comfortable with their own identity.

Thanks to the Executive Leadership Team, members of staff at council that supported by taking part in mock interviews along with Cr Hull and myself and especially to Cr Sharon Wards for her many years of involvement assisting them prepare CV's and prepare for a job interview. It is an experience they really value.

Our thanks to the amazing members of our communities that make this happen each year and the generosity of sponsors. This year the Dannevegas to Herby 4x4 donated a whopping \$7500 to this great cause and a great event that attracted many visitors to Tararua.

Top Student from Tararua College was Logan Rankin and from Dannevirke High School Tama Ngati-Ruaporo – Congratulations to you both.

Logan Rankin



Tama Ngati-Ruaporo and Mayor Tracey



**Congratulations to all
CACTUS 2021 Graduates**

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3 – Long Term Plan Consultation Roadshow

The Long-Term Plan consultation is officially open.

Running from Monday the 12 April until 12 May, this consultation provides our residents with an opportunity to provide feedback on a range of priorities such as recycling services, community development, debt repayment and road reserves.

We want to hear from residents about any of the issues highlighted, or anything to do with the LTP such as budgets, services and projects.

Online copies of the consultation document can be found on our Tararua District Council website (www.tararua.govt.nz/LTP)

As part of this consultation we are hosting roadshows across the district. Mayor Tracey will be hosting these joined by Councillors and subject matter experts from the Council.

At the Dannevirke roadshow we took 50 Consultation documents, and these were handed out along with many conversations on a wide variety of topics with Cr Kerry Sutherland, Cr Sharon Wards, Deputy Mayor Erana Peeti-Weber and members of the council team.

Woodville was a cool day and quieter, but some very good conversations took place, especially around growth. Cr Peter Johns and Cr Sharon Wards had it well in control and Mayor Tracey visited some of the businesses with copies of the consultation document. Mercedes Waitere-McCallum and Kimberley Stevens have been doing a great job setting up and on the BBQ. It was great to have Mark Maxwell join us in Woodville, on hand to discuss growth and opportunities.

We are all looking forward to the rest of the town visits.



Kimberley Stevens and Deputy Mayor Erana Peeti-Weber



Long Term Plan Consultation Roadshow Dates:

Pongaroa	Community Hall	29 April	10am - 12pm
Herbertville	Herbertville Hotel	29 April	2pm - 4pm
Eketāhuna	Main Street (next to Kiwi)	3 May	11am - 2pm
Pahiatua	Harvard Park carpark	5 May	11am - 2pm

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4 – Zone 3 Conference - Hastings

We attended the annual Zone 3 Conference in Hastings, many thanks go out to our hosts, Hastings District Council (HDC). A fantastic two days of hospitality and collaborative work with our Zone 3 districts.

The issues faced by all councils are similar across the country with housing, the three waters and enough capacity and capability in the environmental compliance, planning and building functions of councils. Lack of emergency and temporary housing stood out as comparisons were made between districts and cities across the Zone.

As part of our Long Term Plan consultation, we are discussing Community Development. With the return of the four well-beings (social, economic, environmental, and cultural) we are establishing a new activity to support our communities.

We were privy to a sobering visit to Havelock North's Ground Zero, the site of the drinking bore contamination which caused widespread campylobacter with 40% of Havelock's residents affected. Post the subsequent Government inquiry and these have led to changes in the way Council's deliver safe fresh drinking water. Major upgrades of all water facilities in the Hastings District are already well underway and we have continued this journey with our water treatment upgrade in Pahiatua initiative.

The Mayors and Chief Executives of the Manawatu Whanganui region sent a briefing paper to all MP's of the region with a request to meet and introduce them to us and the opportunities and issues we face. Unfortunately, Hon Meka Whaitiri and MP Kieran McAnulty were late apologies. Each mayor spoke on sections relating to the region. Mayor Tracey addressed rural issues banking, forestry, rural support issues and connectivity. Mayor Helen Worboys highlighted housing very well. The regions MP's have agreed to visit the region at a regional chiefs meeting and a date has been proposed.



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5 – HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh State Memorial Service

I have signed the condolence book for HRH Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh at Parliament with a message from the Tararua District.

An online book of condolences is available at the Royal Family's website <https://www.royal.uk/>

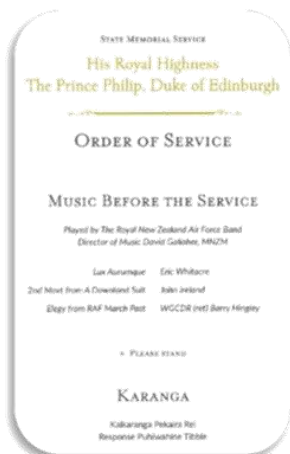
If you would like to write a message, you can also leave this at any of our council offices and we will ensure it is added to the condolences.

Cr. Shirley Hull and I attended the state memorial service in Wellington with a number of other dignitaries to show our respect.

Heartfelt sympathy to her Majesty and the Royal family.

Moe mai rā

Rest In Peace Prince Phillip 1921-2021



Mayor Tracey Collis

6 – Ruahine Kennel Association: Championship Show

Over 400 exhibitors from around New Zealand were in town for the Ruahine Kennel Association 125th Anniversary show that was held on Saturday 10th April and in conjunction with the Hawkes Bay Kennel Association who hosted the Sunday Champ Show. Beautiful dogs were on their best behaviour at the Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds.

125 years is an outstanding achievement that many have contributed to. A wide range of breeds took part in the show.

We gave a warm welcome to all the visitors that attended the show. We hope you enjoyed your time in Dannevirke.



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7 – ANZAC Day: We Will Never Forget

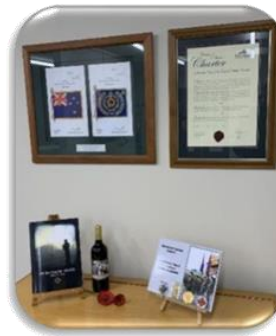
Anzac Day commemorates all New Zealanders and Australians that served in all wars, conflict and peacekeeping operations. When our men and women returned, many memorials were built and the Tararua District has a wide variety of cenotaphs, memorial halls, memorial gates and even a special memorial bridge at Kaiparoro, each with its own community story.

Each year the New Zealand Pacific Studio have an artist in residence called the ANZAC Bridge Fellowship. The 2020/2021 artist was Esther Bunning from Greytown. Esther focused on the special bond between soldiers and horses. The Eketāhuna Mounted Rifles stood at the service where Esther shared the full collection of flags. The horse and rider image is our very own Denyse Clifton from the Eketāhuna Community Board on her horse Sahara.

Three flags are on display courtesy of the Eketāhuna Mellenskov Museum in Eketāhuna War Memorial. These flags will be shown to the Community Boards and Committees throughout Tararua to gauge their interest in the project. A record crowd of over 350 were present at this service. NZ New Pacific Studio also donated to us a copy of *Living in Kaiparoro* which is now out of print which features “Stories of a Tararua Community and its ANZAC Memorial Bridge by Kay Flavell. Here is a lovely piece from the book:

A few years ago they also donated a very special picture to us. Kathleen Claps, Bridge of Memories was commissioned by Friends of ANZAC Bridge to presented to Kay Flavell by the first artist in residence at NPS in April 2006, and I share the poem the waiata that accompanies it:

*One day a concrete bridge
Was built at the old ford
Memories of ANZAC
And distant battles
Travelled to and fro
Across its one-way path.
Eight men, one woman
Lie in northern graves
By other rivers,
Away from the surfbeat
Of the great Pacific
A kite flies free*



Both the book and picture reside in the Mayors office and have been recorded.

Our 1st Battalion supported ANZAC services throughout the Tararua District, however their numbers were lighter due to the role they play in protecting our borders from Covid-19. We are grateful to them for protecting us still.



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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
6 April	Wairarapa Times Column – Banking IcePak (Halls) Oringi Business Park Meeting with CE Bryan Nicholson
7 April	Extraordinary Tararua District Council meeting
8 April	Safeplus Auditors meeting Connect Tararua: Powering Up the Towers Celebration
9 April	Tararua College Celebration Dinner CACTUS
10 April	Ruahine Kennel Association: Championship Show
11 April	CACTUS: Graduation Dinner – Dannevirke CACTUS
12 April	Long Term Plan Roadshow: Dannevirke meeting
13 April	Regional Chiefs meeting at Parliament
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting Covid Vaccination Planning zoom meeting MidCentral DHB
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference - Hastings Hairspray: The Broadway Musical - Dannevirke High School
19 April	Te Ahu a Turanga: Filming in Woodville Long Term Plan Roadshow – Woodville
20 April	Tararua Sports Awards – Facilitator Metalform Visit with Bryan Nicholson, CE
21 April	HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh State Memorial Service: Wellington
23 April	Te Ring Kaha Kapa Haka meeting: Sports Awards Eileen Mary Residential Care Centre ANZAC Service Rahiri Care Home ANZAC Service
25 April	ANZAC Services: Dannevirke Dawn Parade, RSA breakfast and Dannevirke Civic Ceremony and Norsewood with Kaiparoro Ceremony
26 April	Woodville Radio interview
27 April	Jobs for Nature Governance Group meeting – Palmerston North
28 April	Tararua District Council meeting
30 April	Accessing Central New Zealand meeting – Palmerston North



Bonny Bodley and Eros Olsen at
Rahiri Care Home



Mayor Tracey & John Bray
Eileen Mary Residential Care Centre



Bill Ingram and Mayor Tracey

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9 – Councillors Portfolio Reports for April 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
1 April	1 st Ruahine School Production
6 April	Dannevirke Community Board Meeting
7 April	Extraordinary Tararua District Council meeting
12 April	Long Term Plan – Dannevirke
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee
	Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference – Hastings
20 April	Recreation Meeting
	DCMI meeting
	Emergency Management Response meeting – Pahiatua
21 April	Works Liaison and Finance Meeting
22 April	Infometrics Monthly zoom meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at Wimbledon
	27 th Tararua catchment waterway monitoring field day
28 April	29 th Dannevirke Multi Sport Steering Group Meeting
	Tararua District Council meeting
	30 th Community BBQ at the Skate Bowl

Comment:

The sun certainly shone over Wimbledon's Anzac Day ceremony.

Brian has been organising Anzac at Wimbledon for over 40 years and I felt very privileged to speak to a crowd of over 200 people.

This Anzac was a bit more special than normal as they unveiled a new plaque at the WWII memorial in front of the swimming pool. Pat Walshe accompanied me as the Dannevirke Community Board donated \$1000 towards the plaque.

The plaque had six names G.M Buchanan, Trevor G Rowlands, Graham Speedy, R.A Ray Ross, Alan M Speedy and Phil Speedy. All men who returned from war to farm in or were from the Wimbledon area. Each family had a turn to tell the story of their loved one. It was truly special.

It has got to be one of the best Anzac services I have been too. It incorporated so many from the community.

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou

We will remember them.



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Alison Franklin

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Safer Communities
- Pahiatua On Track

Date	Event/Attendance
1 April	Strengthening Families Meeting - Dannevirke
8 April	Connect Tararua: Powering Up the Towers Celebration
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference - Hastings
21 April	Works Liaison and Finance Meeting
22 April	Infometrics Monthly zoom meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at the Pahiatua Dawn Parade
28 April	Tararua District Council meeting
30 April	Abbeyfield Visit – Palmerston North

ANZAC Pahiatua Dawn Parade



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Carole Isaacson

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Safer Communities
- Norsewood/Ormondville Community Liaison

Date	Event/Attendance
6 April	Extraordinary Tararua District Council meeting
13 April	Creative Communities Funding Round i-Site Woodville
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee
	Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference - Hastings
21 April	Works Liaison and Finance Meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at Norsewood, Ormondville, Makotuku and Whetakura Ceremonies
28 April	Tararua District Council meeting
30 April	Abbeyfield Visit – Palmerston North

Anzac: School Commemoration held on the 16th April because the school holidays.



Cenotaph: Ormondville Church, Norsewood, Whetakura, Makotuku: Northern Ward



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Kerry Sutherland

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry
- Works Liaison Chair

Date	Event/Attendance
8 April	Works Liaison Agenda meeting
12 April	Long Term Plan Roadshow - Dannevirke
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference - Hastings Long Term Plan Roadshow – Woodville
21 April	Works Liaison and Finance Meeting DCMI Meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at the Dannevirke Dawn Parade and Civic Ceremony
27 April	Tararua Catchment Waterway Monitoring Field Day
28 April	Tararua District Council meeting



Anzac concert: Kim Spooner-Taylor and Pat Walshe,
Dannevirke Community Board



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Peter Johns

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry: Lead
- Woodville Districts' Vision

Date	Event/Attendance
6 April	Dannevirke Community Board Meeting Woodville District's Vision Extraordinary Tararua District Council meeting
7 April	Pahiatua On Track meeting
8 April	Connect Tararua: Powering Up the Towers Celebration Works Liaison meeting
12 April	Eketahuna Community Board meeting
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference - Hastings Long Term Plan Roadshow – Woodville
20 April	Tararua Sports Awards – Judging Panellist DCMI meeting Emergency Management Response meeting – Pahiatua
21 April	Works Liaison and Finance Meeting
22 April	Infometrics Monthly zoom meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at the Woodville Dawn and the RSA Ceremonies and the Woodville Civic Ceremony
28 April	Tararua District Council meeting
30 April	Abbeyfield Visit Palmerston North

Anzac Day
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Raylene Treder

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillors schedule

Committee Representations:

- Eketahuna Community Board

Date	Event/Attendance
7 April	Extraordinary Tararua District Council meeting Pahiatua On Track meeting
8 April	Connect Tararua: Powering Up the Towers Celebration Tararua College CACTUS Graduation Dinner
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference - Hastings
21 April	Emergency Management Response meeting – Pahiatua Works Liaison and Finance Meeting DCMI meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at Pahiatua Dawn Parade, Hauma, Eketāhuna and Kaiparoro Services
28 April	Tararua District Council meeting
30 April	Abbeyfield Visit – Palmerston North

Comment:

Eketahuna proudly have a very special relationship with the 10th Transport Company, this year celebrates 30 years. The 10th Transport Company have been in attendance with us for Armistice Day and ANZAC day, they have also helped in our community every year with some special community service. A couple of projects the 10th Transport have helped with are the cliff walk totara seat, the RSA cemetery and have helped complete projects at Eketahuna School with the children love having them visit. The next project the 10th Transport Company are helping the community with is the competition of their fitness track located at the Eketahuna Rugby grounds. The 10th Transport is very much apart of our community. It is significant that we as a community celebrate and embrace our special relationship and continue to grow and flourish. Once again, we thank you for your service to Eketahuna.



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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	Event/Attendance
1 April	Strengthening Families Network
6 April	Extraordinary Tararua District Council meeting
7 April	Adoption of the Long-Term Plan
8 April	Connect Tararua: Powering Up the Towers Celebration
11 April	Tararua College CACTUS Graduation Dinner
12 April	Long Term Plan Consultation - Dannevirke
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting REAP AGM
15 – 16 April	Zone 3 Conference - Hastings Long Term Plan Roadshow – Woodville
20 April	Emergency Management Response meeting – Pahiatua
21 April	Works Liaison and Finance Meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at the Weber and Pongaroa Ceremonies
28 April	Iwi/Tararua District Council Governance Committee meeting Tararua District Council meeting
30 April	Abbeyfield Visit – Palmerston North

Comment:

The Connect Tararua Go Live event was a celebration of many hours of hard work and advocacy by a governance committee, champions across the district, Council, RCG and other government agencies. As part of the community celebration a small group of key members travelled in side-by-sides to the tower atop Friels property in Kumeroa. This photo shows the team gearing up and having their safety briefing prior to setting off. Go Connect Tararua!!!!

At the ANZAC service at Pongaroa there were two special items placed around the cenotaph. In the cemetery in Pongaroa there are a couple of pines that were planted following the First World War using seeds from the lone pine destroyed at Gallipoli. Those trees are being removed shortly. Several years ago, the cones from those trees were planted and the two seedlings from those have grown and were displayed at the service. Heather Monk read the story behind these pines at the Pongaroa ANZAC service. Quite a moving and special addition to the parade and service held in that community.



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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	Event/Attendance
6 April	Extraordinary Tararua District Council meeting
7 April	Pahiatua On Track meeting
8 April	Connect Tararua: Powering Up the Towers Celebration
14 April	Strategy and Policy Committee Economic Development and Marketing Committee meeting
20 April	Emergency Management Response meeting – Pahiatua
21 April	Works Liaison and Finance Meeting HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh State Memorial Service: Wellington
22 April	Infometrics Monthly zoom meeting
25 April	ANZAC Service attendance at the Woodville Civic and the Pahiatua Dawn Ceremonies.
28 April	Tararua District Council meeting
30 April	Abbeyfield Visit – Palmerston North

Comment:

In April I was honoured to be invited to the Memorial Service for HRH Prince Philip at St Paul's Cathedral in Wellington. We will remember him as a true leading light for the Monarchy, who will be sorely missed.

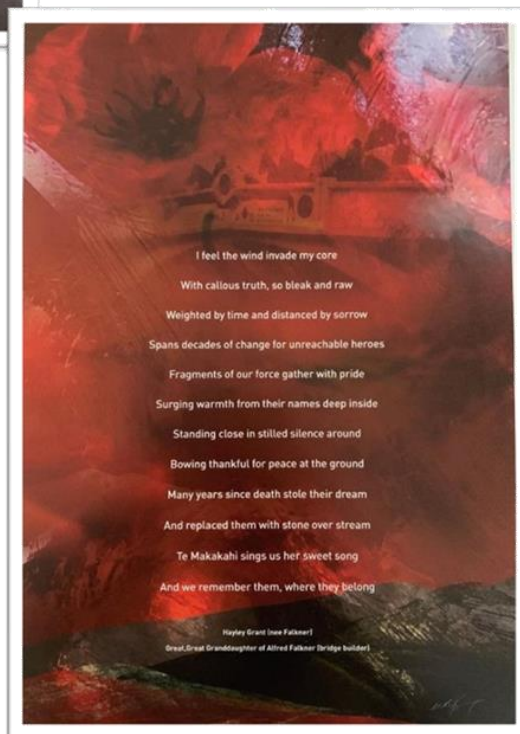
In contrast I attended the Woodville Races, this facility is such an asset to our community. Hundreds of people turned out for a marvellous day, with lots of races, glee and enthusiastic shouting for winners...such fun.



TRIBUTE TO HRH THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Given by Her Excellency the Right Honourable
Dame Patsy Reddy, GNZM, QSO, DSJ,
Governor-General of New Zealand

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