

Council

**Wednesday, 27 November 2002
Commencing at 5.30 pm**

PART B

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
TO BE HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, 6 WAIPAREIRA AVENUE, LINCOLN,
WAITAKERE CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2002,
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RUDOLPH GIULIANI AND THE AMERICA'S CUP BASIN

M1

You might ask what has the Mayor New York got to do with Auckland's Viaduct Basin. In my mind a great deal. I have been reading the Mayor's book *Leadership*, a long and well-observed look of the fascinating look of Giuliani's terms as prosecuting attorney for New York and as that city's Mayor. It is more of a *how to do it* than an in-depth tell it all, and it only really makes riveting sense when Giuliani realises that New York is under a terrorist attack and that this is his real moment of truth. Even such an horrific and terrible moment appears exciting when a politician sees a once in a lifetime opportunity to be extraordinary - to lead, and do everything expected of him in a crisis. Giuliani had until then generated a somewhat messy media reputation with his marital life in tatters and his political career daunted by illness and scandal, then became America's and indeed the world's galvanising leader, as attached at page M1.

Both North Shore Mayor George Wood and I were reading *Leadership* together as we ruminated over the Bali tragedy. We had together raised concerns to central government that we felt that security around the Viaduct Basin was less than it should be. Although reassured by government and the Police, we still had an uneasy belief that the worst scenario could be delivered to the region because of the America's Cup magnet. After all, the Rainbow Warrior bombing happened a mere two wharves away.

We have repeatedly raised our concerns and in an e-mail to the Mayor of North Shore City, I said the following:

Dear George,

Like you I am reading "Leadership" by Rudolph Guliani and what a good read it is. I am reviewing it for National Radio and like you I am impressed by the way he keeps a watchful eye on catastrophe and chaos scenarios. We simply don't think of that here and we should. To be honest I believe as Mayors we live on borrowed time. If we survive in our terms then well and good but at the drop of a hat or strike of lightening our world can change. I don't think we are prepared for it at all. The recent Bali tragedy convinced me that it can happen anywhere at anytime. So many of my friends and colleagues say "oh New Zealand is OK, everyone likes us and we don't matter" well I think this is not necessarily true at all and when I was wondering round the viaduct basin on Saturday morning with the Mayor of Huntington Beach we talked of security as we watched Kayakers drifting round Larry Ellison's billion dollar boat with him inside.

Last night I was back at the viaduct basin again, full of people. Security was nowhere to be seen. If this isn't a target, I don't know what is. George, I am absolutely supportive of you in the role of chair of the Mayoral Forum and lifting our concerns. I also believe after reading Guiliani that we are not ready for (who is) the carnage and sheer awfulness of a tragedy. The description of both New York and Bali are often beyond comprehension. I think the stunned and dreadful trauma that affects people following such catastrophes leave nothing to the imagination and we do need some up skilling of our roles. It is 5 years since I have done any training on disaster and generally it consists of our Civil Defence ringing me occasionally to see how quickly they can get hold of me and it is also 25 years since I was on the ambulance and helicopter rescue squad. As a practising life guard I am at least often in the front row of rescue and survival and so I am up with CPR and cardiac but that is where it stops. I wouldn't think that our fellow mayors are anywhere near as aware to what is necessary and what we may be called on to do. IN New Zealand this is thought of as being over dramatic, just the way that I was somewhat ridiculed for having a VW on standby full of gas for the millennium burn out.



To be honest I also had a couple of horses for when the gas ran out as I was determined to get around the city for as long as it took and had no shame that I addressed the issue very seriously, arranging for schools to print a newspaper and food and other supplies when the supermarket ran dry. This all seems like a bit of a dream now, and that is the way it is when things don't happen, it is human nature but when they do believe me it is a different story. All of this is telling you that I couldn't agree more that security and awareness is necessary and cannot for one moment be frivolously put aside. Americas Cup is a signal, loud and strong and to ignore it is to ignore the basic rule of governance and leadership.

Please make my thoughts set out in this email, known. At least it is a record that two mayors are concerned and insist that when the next kayakers start drifting towards Mr Ellison's boat someone might ask their reasons.

I also believe we should ensure that when the Prime Minister, Governor General visits or has any official occasion in our cities that the police are notified and asked to conduct a sweep or surveillance of the site premises, etc.

I have just been involved for the last couple of years with a filmmaker who is doing a documentary on the Trade Hall bombing. It is a deeply moving doco but what is important is that the suitcase containing the bomb sat in the entrance of the Trades Hall all day and Pat Kelly and his assistant leaving the building saw the suitcase but as they were carrying armfuls of files did not reach down and pick it up. The caretaker if you will recall, did a minute later. It is that minute that makes a difference in our lives.

Bob Harvey

I had raised the issue with Assistant Police Commissioner Clint Richards, recently seconded to Auckland, during a discussion about general policing concerns in the Auckland region. He reinforced what our local Police Chief had said: that staff had been drawn from around the region and that there was sufficient security throughout the Viaduct Basin area.

Let me tell you from experience what I did on Sunday, 17 November. To test the security of the Viaduct Basin, I ask two friends who were travelling from Sydney to simply do the following:

Buy two newspapers, roll them tight, and bind them with sellotape.

Carry them with them on the plane (they would look like any ordinary commuter's newspapers).

Bring them through Customs in Auckland without fuss or surveillance.

They were able to carry out this simple task, but I had a greater plan afoot.

After I had dropped my friends at a local hotel, I asked them to bring their newspapers down to the Viaduct Basin.

We drove down to the checkpoint at the Team New Zealand base.

My friend, an American woman, simply leaned out the window and said to the guard, "I'm an American and I'd like to look around."

Without hesitation the guard simply waved us through.

We drove driving within forty metres of Larry Ellison's' multimillion dollar mega-boat, and right beside Team New Zealand, Prada, and the other entries. We had of course with us the newspapers (which were nothing more than that).

On the way through, the security guard admired the Mayoral jeep, unaware of who I was. I asked him had he taken my number and he replied no - why would he?



I use this as an example of what I have felt - we may look back on the months ahead as a time of great excitement and challenge as New Zealand defended the Americas Cup. But in this troubled world things might never again be what we expect. I don't wish to state the obvious, but the newspapers do that for us every day.

Terrorism is about terrorising, and we are now all living on the edge. I believe that Giuliani has a lot to say about leadership and rising to it, in good and bad times. We also have an opportunity to be cautious and to be wise before an event.

It is due to this new global security situation that I believe Waitakere City Council should support Whenuapai air base be retained as an operating air port for civilian and military use particularly to strengthen the civil emergency capacity of Waitakere City and the Auckland region, as per recommendation.

MILESTONES

WHAT A MONTH

VISIT BY MAYOR DEBBIE COOK

There is never a dull month at this City on this Council, but what a month it has just been. The arrival of the Mayor of Huntington Beach, Debbie Cook for the inaugural visit of one of New Zealand's oldest sister city relationships was a truly great event. Ms Cook turned out to be great company. She often referred to herself as the Jane Fonda of California politics, and there was more than a passing resemblance. But she was also a very fine ambassador for American local government.

Waitakere turned on a great welcome for her, cumulating in the fantastic Trash to Fashion event on the evening of Friday, 1 November, the event itself played out to an electrical storm complete with thunder, lightning and torrential rain.

M2 During the week the marae hosted a powhiri for the Mayor and it made an enormously lasting impression on our visitor, as attached at page M2.

VISIT FROM DELEGATION FROM NINGBO

The following week we were visited by an excellent group of business leaders from the Chinese City of Ningbo led by Mr Yikang Yu.

Ningbo is enthusiastic about our relationship, and each visit builds on the other. I have always felt that this relationship will continue to grow and develop in the years ahead. China and Chinese put great store on a relationship based upon friendship and trust, and I have no doubt that investment, both cultural and commercial, will come from this mutual understanding and genuine liking of each other.

WEST WAVE AQUATIC CENTRE OPENING

M3-M6 The pool opening provided an opportunity for worlds to intersect - the Ningbo delegation came to both the dawn ceremony and the official opening by the Prime Minister Helen Clark. It was an excellent opportunity to see the working relationship of this City, its people, visitors, and a delivery of a splendid and wonderful building, as attached at pages M3 to M6.

I would just like to praise and acknowledge the pool complex and the people that made this very successful opening happen, including in particular Simon Guilleman for leading the project to completion, Naomi McCleary Virginia King for coordinating and integrating the art in to the space, and Paul Evans and Doug Guthrie for taking the facility and the service of the pool complex to a new level.



At pre-dawn we gathered outside the pool, and through the darkened glass some small pilot lights lit the vast interior. We had gathered for a very special event - the blessing of a splendid and special building. Led by Te Warena Taua and members of the Te Kawerau A Maki iwi, we entered to karanga by the Reverend Judy Cooper, and the elders of Te Kawerau A Maki including "Auntie Sally" Ewe.



The Prime Minister and Auntie Sally tentatively try the great water stanchion to fill the pool.



.... and the great filling begins.



ABOVE: The Prime Minister Helen Clark, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Auckland Issues Judith Tizard, myself and Auntie Sally consider designs for art works to be placed over the Rata Street bridge.

M7-M10 I enclose also an excellent article featuring the integrated aesthetic of design, artwork and architecture that has become such a hallmark of the Council's civic projects, as attached at pages M7 to M10.

BLACKHEART

At the end of a great month, I attended the second luncheon for Blackheart, that group that has been set up to support Loyal, the Auckland campaign to keep the Cup. I felt that like many New Zealanders I had a part of the Cup, and the know-how that got us to win it twice. Every time I bought a Lotto ticket, a pair of red socks or a Team New Zealand t shirt I felt I was helping do something special for the team and New Zealand, And although it's considered a bit churlish in a sporting event to expect everything to go your way, I felt our former heroes running off with the secrets was a bit much.

I enjoyed the lunch, and particularly the wit of Mike King, Whenuapai born and bred. I spoke of the effort we had made to develop boat building as a key to the economic success of Waitakere and New Zealand. I was obviously much appreciated and was given a black heart flag with the request that during the America's Cup races in February we might find the odd flagpole to fly it from. They are also suggesting that we fly Loyal from another two symbols of pride and hope, and for us with a marine future, here's fingers crossed for victory, as per recommendation.



GE FREE MARCH

I am not great at emulating my predecessor Tim Shadbolt - it's dangerous country and often appears like the trapeze without a safety net, but I did agree to be one to the speakers at what turned out to be a very large rally at Aotea and later Albert Park. Tim was the first to truly hold sway with large protest movements, and had in fact liberated Albert Park from unnecessarily restrictive by-laws with his legendary protests thirty years earlier. This particular GE protest was formed at the urging of the wonderful MADGE group from Titirangi, Brendan Hoare from UNITEC, and many others from our City. And so on a rather damp Saturday afternoon I found myself following the Topp Twins on a makeshift stage before a crowd that I reckon was around 10,000, being roundly applauded for being the Mayor of the largest GE-free city in the world.

It was a triumph for sanity. I spoke of my nervousness about going overboard for GE, that not only Waitakere but also all New Zealand was not sure that field-testing was going to be in the best interest.

M11

I am enclosing some notes that make so much sense to me in recognising the danger of New Zealand being seen to be GE friendly. Image is everything, and our clean green identity is priceless. High in the Waitakere Ranges the wonderful village of Titirangi has a unique position and that is, it could easily be the GE free capital of New Zealand and I am urging them to seize this with both hands. Let me tell you why: it has a GE free friendly pharmacy, and organics store, GE bakery, and hundreds of GE free customers. A smart thinking community would make it happen, as attached at page M11.

MILESTONES

DIED Charlie McPhee

The legendary painter of black velvet images Charlie McPhee of Titirangi and Ladies Bay. Charlie had an extraordinary long and eventful life, the subject of much media, TV, documentary and countless articles one of which I wrote on his life for Metro. An Australian by birth, in his early life he held a number of weightlifting and bodybuilding records, and later went to the islands to paint. He was a fine watercolorist, but later developed a passion for oil and learned in Tahiti of layering oils on black velvet, creating images of glorious Polynesian beauties alluring and exotic. They sold to Americans and tourists for treble what McCahons and Woollastons were getting.

Charlie often painted the same image, his beautiful wife Elizabeth who he met and married in Tahiti. As Elizabeth aged, the pictures stayed idyllically young. They are now cult and sought after.

Charlie had a home in the steep cliffs of Davies Bay where Elizabeth and Charlie would throw some of the great parties of the sixties. They lasted often all weekend after starting on Friday night. Invitations were sought after. They were a great couple.

They moved to Titirangi in the early seventies, where their son Jean-Pierre was born. Elizabeth died in the eighties, and Charlie continued to party on regardless of the weather and his advancing age. Most Saturday mornings he would walk around the patrons of the Hardware talking about his life and times he was always absorbing.

I awarded Charlie a Millennium Medal of the City in 2000 to honour his commitment to a lifetime of art. He is survived by his two sons from his two marriages. This City and the Titirangi community that he made so very much his own, our deepest sympathy to his family.



DIED Father Roly Price

The jovial priest of Te Atatu who graced this Council often with an opening prayer, and who I last saw in Henderson only a couple of weeks ago, still working on his diet. A charming and loving man for the Catholic community, and much beloved by his local parishioners in Te Atatu. I and so many in Te Atatu will miss him greatly.

DIED Dan Brunt

He was a tireless youth advocate and Maori leader for youth affairs, and was one of the team that hired from the Council the Massey Community Centre to assist youth at risk. When I met with Dan and his team three weeks ago he told me he was terminally ill but his zest for life and superb fitness made me doubt that he would not continue his commitment to helping and stemming the marginalizing of young Maori. I was somewhat shocked to find that Dan had passed away so suddenly. He lay in state at Pirangataha Marae, and is sadly missed by wife Deline, son Daniel and daughter Carla.

LAUNCHED The Book of the Long Trail

M12 The Te Araroa Trust, which signed its Heads of Agreement here in Council with the Minister of Conservation the Hon. Chris Carter only last month, last week launched the book that translates roughly as *the long trail*. Geoff Chapple has found an idea that may well change the way all New Zealanders feel about and imagine the entire country. Here's to the birth of a great idea, well illustrated. Have a good look at this one, as attached at page M12.

RACED AND REPORTING BACK

M13-M14 From time to time I am asked to contribute something from the Mayoral Fund to help budding athletes. I enclose a report back from a duathlete who recently arrived back from the World Duathlon Championships, held in Atlanta, USA. He placed ninth in the world, which is a very creditable result indeed, as attached at pages M13 to M14.

THANKED

M15 Of the myriad of issues that I and the staff in my office face, occasionally you get some positive feedback. I enclose a letter from a satisfied customer, as attached at page M15.

GOING PLACES

Councillor Janet Clews, a regular contributor to my Mayoral Reports, notes that another of her graduates from her teaching days has gone on to serve at the highest levels. Mr Kit Penk of Glen Eden will shortly be taking up the position of Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General, Dame Sylvia Cartwright. He joined the Navy in May 2000, as a Direct Officer Trainee, having graduated Bachelor of Arts at the University of Auckland. He is currently serving on HMNZS Te Kaha. From Glen Eden Primary, Glen Eden Intermediate, and to Kelston Boys High School, he is certainly doing his family and community proud.



AWARDED

I want to offer a particular thanks to all the Te Taumata Runanga members and to Warahi Paki and Des Heke of the Council's Maori Issues team for the excellent celebration of Maori in the community who have simply done great things in the City over so many years. It was a pleasure to be there, and I hope that this is not the last time such an event is held. I enclose the names of those who were recognised.

Sharon Apanui

Contribution and Commitment to the Maori Community

Riki Bennett

Social, Education and Environment

Reitu Cassidy Robinson

Social and Education

Pete Dehar

Political, Social and Economic

Stella Gukibau

Economic, Environment, Spiritual, Political, Social and Cultural

Denis Hansen

Social

Maria Naber

Social, Education and Community

Rachel Paul

Cultural

Rachel Phillips

Cultural

Mary Rameka

Cultural

Martha Reihana

Social, Cultural and Spiritual

Debra Reihana-Ruka

Political, Social, Cultural, Environmental

Barry Renata

Cultural

Agnes Rihari

Social, Cultural and Spiritual

Tania Stanley

Social, Cultural and Spiritual

Linda Stealey

Social

Myrtle Steenstra

Social, Cultural and Spiritual

Breana Tatana

Social, Health and Education

Treasure Thomas-Egglestone

Social

Derna Trifilo

Political, Social and Cultural

Christine Waki Moses

Social, Cultural and Spiritual

Lynette Wharirau

Cultural

Gail Wilson

Social, Cultural and Economic

Lance Wilson

Social, Cultural and Economic

COLLABORATION CONFERENCE

M16-M22 This excellent follow-up to the conference earlier this year in which Waitakere City Council hosted many of the Cabinet Ministers and the Prime Minister, will be held on 2 December at the New Lynn Community Centre. I enclose a recent article that provides a novel and welcome measurement for considering the broad ranking of the wellbeing of New Zealand, provided by Arthur Grimes, as a contribution to the ongoing discussion. And so to bring the report full circle, I enclose the notes of a speech I gave to the Waitakere Area Principals Association, which links together some of the inspiration I found in Mayor Guilianini's book with the leadership of a City, a school, and of oneself, as attached at pages M16 to M22.



AWARDED THE WAITAKERE CITY BUSINESS AWARDS

On Thursday, 21 November 2002 I was delighted to be part of the wonderful awards celebration hosted by Enterprise Waitakere, acknowledging those who have worked and succeeded in business in Waitakere City. The category and finalist winners and show below but it was with real pleasure that I inducted Mick Shanahan as a Life Member of the Waitakere City Business Hall of Fame. As noted in last months Mayoral Report Mick has been a pioneer of professional services in New Lynn since the mid - 1950's. For many years he was the only Lawyer between New Lynn and K Road.

I would like to give particular thanks to the Board and staff of Enterprise Waitakere for an event that continues to grow from strength to strength every year.

Category	Winner	Finalist
Export Award	Queensberry & Company	Magnum Filters Limited
		Dimples by Jane Anne
Innovation Award	C-Tech Limited	Queensberry & Company
		McIntosh Dental Centre Limited
		Club Physical
Environmental Progress Award	Phoenix Organics Limited	Bethells Beach Cottages
Best New Business	Titirangi Village Organics	Complete First Aid Supplies Limited
		Moda NZ Limited
Tourism Award	Kiwi Valley Group	Bethells Beach Cottages
		AWOL Canyoning Adventures
Best Small Business	Causeway Distributors (2001) Limited	C-Tech Limited
		Dimples by Jane Anne
Excellence in Service	Henderson & Westgate Mitre 10	B H Heron Limited
		Protégé Hair Design
Contribution to the Community	B H Heron Limited	Henderson & Westgate Mitre 10
		Water Care Services Limited
		Club Physical
Supreme Award	Queensberry & Company	Henderson & Westgate Mitre 10
		Phoenix Organics Limited
		B H Heron Limited



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report of the Mayor be received.
2. That Waitakere City Council support Whenuapai Air Base being retained in order to strengthen the civil emergency capacity of the Auckland region and that this support be forwarded to government for consideration.
3. That Waitakere City Council fly the Blackheart flag during the days in which the America's Cup is being raced.

RA Harvey, QSO, JP
MAYOR OF WAITAKERE CITY

