

PART B

Council

**Wednesday, 17 December 2003
Commencing at 4.30 pm**

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL



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, 17 DECEMBER 2003, COMMENCING AT 4.30 PM.

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IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

If you know the words to the song you can start humming it now. A little Bing Crosby never went astray at Christmas even though it's not as white as it could be. We thought in the Mayoral Suite a run through of the year's highlights would refresh your fading memories and jaded palates and so if we've taken some liberty with the truth you'll forgive us. As we pored through the Western Leaders and that other publication which we can't remember, it seemed it hasn't been too bad for this Council.

So for the dubious awards of 2003, how about these:

January

"Look Wally I've got too much publicity recently I'm just going to the Sub Antarctic Islands for a few days with Carter and Shadbolt."

- E-mail from Mayor Bob Harvey

(Wally's response unprintable.)

Result of trip on HMNZS Canterbury:

An embarrassing photograph of two mayors in long johns looking overweight in freezing cold water with a waving, suntanned gay Minister surrounded by Hooker sea lions. Negative destroyed.

- New Zealand Herald, Front Page

"Mayor suffering from hypothermia."

- TV1 News

"Keep the Base for Aviation"

- NZ Herald Editorial

"Harvey Tips Another Airport by Christmas" - NZ Herald

"Ex-PM to Battle Moth Spray"

- Central Leader

"Waitakere City Mayor Bob Harvey enjoys the ride and the concept of the regular cleanup of the Waitemata Harbour."

- Western Leader

"The Spray Is Safe. Yeah Right"

- Tui Beer billboard, North Western Motorway

February

"The Mummy Returns."

- Cr Janet Clews on Her 40th Year in Local Politics

"Last night I went out dancing with Mark Ford."

- Cr Penny Hulse, Yearly Catholic Confession

"I think that the member can rest assured that the Prime Minister will not be following Mayor Bob Harvey's suggestion about Whenuapai airport."

- Hansard Parliamentary Record



"The government has yet to form an opinion and the defence won't move out until 2007 - the project was always going to be long term."

- MP David Cunliffe, West Weekly

"Ms Grimmer of Te Atatu auditions for Lord of the Rings"

- E Grimmer, Western Leader

March

"The main pool and dive pool areas at the West Wave Aquatic Centre will close on Monday for three months so maintenance work can be completed."

- Western Leader

"Council Move Confirmed."

- Western Leader

"Councillor Prosecuted for Sweat Shop"

"Councillor Nash denies having a team of Vietnamese seamstresses trapped in her basement. 'I'm sorry it's an electronic sewing machine.'" The Department of Labour are investigating.

- NZ Herald

Mayors for Action

"Weakness has never prevailed in the pursuit of global peace. From time to time in history, the strong have to stand up against the bully of the weak and this is precisely what the Americans are doing with the support of Australia."

- John Banks

Mayors for Diplomacy

"Wars have a habit of spreading beyond imagination or reason We may in a small way show that peace does start in the heart of the local community. - Bob Harvey

- NZ Herald

"Councillor Not Down in Dumps at Landfill Job."

- Western Leader

"Ms Grimmer Auditions for Return of the King Battle Scene."

- Te Atatu Peninsula

April

"A chlorine gas leak forced the evacuation of a West Auckland pool complex last night - the second at the pool in three months."

- New Zealand Herald

"A Tomb With A View"

- Western Leader

"Mayor says Hoof It."

- Western Leader

"I've come up with this study jointly written by the University of Ouagadougou and Byeloruss Baltic Technical College which shows the net benefit of comparing long range bonds to lowertki's will increase your variability and the way this council report is written shows that the long bond holders over five years close to Whenuapai airport and the film studios will alter the economic forecasting of the number of boats available to Bill Lloyd and his fabulous steam about the conference call with the Ministers policy directive.

- Councillor Gary Russell, In Full Flight at the April City Development Committee



May

"Yes I'll pay for that \$5,000 unbudgeted project out of the Mayoral Fund, no problem."

- Bob Harvey, Quoted at Any Random Civic Event
in 2003

"The Annual Plan Process is the highlight of my year."

- Waitakere City Council Chief Executive Harry
O'Rourke

June

"Henderson's West Wave Aquatic Centre is heading for a \$1 million loss after only four months of operation - plus a possible \$375,000 bill to replace its leak prone chlorine gas treatment system."

- NZ Herald

"Porn Movie Without Resource Consent Sprung Shooting on West Coast Beaches"

-NZ Truth

"Porn Leader!

.... Harvey said the Council has no beef with Crow. The Mayor said he might even be able to recruit some local talent for the film. "My mates in the surf club are miffed that we did not get asked," he said of the previous film. The only thing that would stop him and his mates from appearing in the new movie would be the west coast sand "Which has a habit of getting into everything."

- NZ Truth

"Pool Staff Accused of Drug Taking and Theft"

- Sunday Star-Times

"Mayors back Call to Put Brakes on Speed."

- Northern Advocate

"Bad language ban by Council"

- NZ Herald

"Yeah well this Council can go and get *****"

- Anti-privatisation protester, after being unchained
from the Council balcony in protest at the
language ban on another protester.

"Ms Grimmer Receives Rejection Letter from Peter Jackson - Too scary!"

- Variety

"Mayor Invited to Join Croatian Mafia - the Fear Factor Team. Mayor Goes into Serious Training"

- Croatian Times

July

"Maori Reservation Planned for Peninsula Land"

- West Weekly

"Electoral Police Launch Inquiry Into Missing Councillor

The New Zealand electoral police have launched an inquiry into the sustained absence of Councillor Owen Hoskin from Council meetings or events. "We have posted a reward of a million dollars two months ago but strangely no one has claimed it. Tonight we are sending out teams in a line three kilometres wide to search the surrounding area."

- Boganville News



August

"Tree felled where boy suffered severe shock.

"On Sunday he climbed a tree and on to a platform on a Vector power pole Today Vector said the issue of responsibility (for trimming the tree) had yet to be decided.

"Vector's service delivery general manager said "It is not a clear cut issue."

- NZ Herald

"Picture it. A fenced off 2.5 hectare patch of gorse surrounded by beautifully planted parkland at Te Atatu Peninsula"

- Western Leader Editorial

"Race Relations Office Called On

A Formal Complaint has been lodged with the commissioner by Mayor Bob Harvey who says he is acting on behalf of Holocaust survivors and "all those who fought against the Nazi Swastika."

- Western Leader headline

"Mayor Proposes Private Police Force" - Otago Daily Times

"What's the story with the private police force idea Bob - do you have any support for this idea?"

"The problem Paul is the exponential growth in P in our community and police resources are clearly not coping with it."

- Holmes Show, TV1

"Mayor forced to eat worms and dress as Xena and get a number one haircut."

"Croatian Mafia happy with Mayor's performance but doubts endurance."

- Croatian Times

September

"I offered them a packet of minties if a six year old could climb over that fence and get near my pool."

- Graeme Osborne, to Mayor Harvey.

"Councillor Loses 90 kilos in year"

"I just don't know where it went and now I'll have to stop before I disappear entirely."

- Councillor Annette Fenton on Her Dramatic Weight Loss

"Croatian Mafia wins Fear Factor and receives restaurant Voucher and Small Tree. Team Awarded for Enduring the Mayor."

- Croatian Times

"Mayor Harvey and local poet Sam Sampson team up for slide/poetry reading piece for Going West - show stopper - rest home audience applauds wildly, Going West a huge success"

- Mayor Harvey email

October

"In recognition of the long, professional and warm relationship between the Waitakere City Council and Watercare Services Limited."

- Plaque on trophy in form of large mounted valve with operational wheel presented to Waitakere City Council by Watercare Board.

"Which just goes to show Watercare can mount and screw anything."

- Unnamed City Councillor

"Hercules boots sold to Bryan Heron at Don Oliver Auction - Bryan uses them for work boots"

- Henderson Tatler



"Mayor does 10km fun run, not a pretty sight - looks for other Councillors, raises \$10,000 for Don Oliver Trust"
- Hawkes Bay Mirror

"GE March in Queen Street draws out Mayor Harvey, Councillor Hulse, former Mayor of Auckland Christine Fletcher and approximately 5,000 others - doesn't work"
- Email from Helen Clark

November

DEBATE - KELSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE - Local Government versus Central Government
The moot: Why Waitakere Should be the capital of New Zealand

For: Messrs Carter, Pillay and Cunliffe

Against: Mayor Harvey, Councillors Hulse and Fenton

"The reason the capital should be shifted up to Waitakere is that the Olympics could be held in the new stadium, with the hurdles meaning you have to carry a microwave in one arm and a stereo in the other and if it's a world record attempt they set the Police dogs after you, and of course school standards would increase I mean how could the top bureaucrats and diplomatic staff contemplate sending their children to Wellington Girls, Stotts College and St Joseph's when they've got the likes of Henderson High, Kelston Girls and Rutherford College to choose from?"
- MP David Cunliffe

"Put your clothes back on Bob."
- MP Chris Carter, at the same debate.

"If they shifted the capital to Waitakere, Trash to Fashion would be the new name for the candidate selection process."
- Mayor Bob Harvey, at the same debate.

"Beached Whale Found Near Jonathan Hunt's Beach House - some confusion arises."
- DOC Newsletter

"We can say that in general terms, when a genuine mistake of a purely clerical nature and resulting in little or no damage occurring, our own instinct would be towards leniency."
- Council Spokesperson, on a Council Mistake, Western Leader

"There's social engineering going on here."
- Minister John Tamihere, on Waitakere City Council, in Western Leader

"It was a great relief to see contractors starting work on a long-awaited footpath at the bottom of the street this week We are grateful."
- Western Leader Editorial

Tau Henare given Chair of Marae Committee
- Western Leader

Tau Henare not given Chair of Marae Committee
- Western Leader

"Jonathan Hunt turns 65, throws three parties"
"Mayor Harvey turns 63, has a drink with Councillors"
"Councillor Battersby turns over a new leaf, Councillor Yates turns 30"



December

"The Bah Humbug Award Goes to Wayne Brown

To be honest, back in 1992 we thought calling a hospital "Starship" was pretty wacky - it was a Bob Harvey idea after all - but then we kind of got used to it When famous ex-virgin Petra Bagust was moved to an expletive-laden outburst ("I just don't *jolly* well like it") we knew Brown was defeated."

- Metro

"Where is the management? Where is the accountability? Where is the representation? Where is the democracy?"

- Letter in Western Leader

"The Western Leader is regarded as a bad virus. E-mails from the Western Leader will be automatically deleted. May God be with you and bring you into the light."

- Te Warena Taua in Western Leader

"Mayor Harvey gets invitation to Return of the King premiere - threatens to wear Mayoral Robes on the red carpet, thinks better of it"

- Dominion

"So the nicotine Nazi's are at it again Let's hope whoever is proposing and supporting this smoking ban is not in charge one day of deciding on the eligibility for voluntary euthanasia."

- Letter to Western Leader

"Hulse Has Haircut

Councillor Penny Hulse, recently described by MP Lynn Pillay as "Miss Swanson 1961", has had her bi-annual haircut. "On a relatively small majority this is a brave thing to do and I am sure we will wish her well in her new career."

- Vanessa reporting in Boganville News

"Return of the King opens in West City, Mayor Harvey is inspired to announce he will run again in October, sees movie 5 times to get campaign ideas"

- TV Week

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

DATES TO REMEMBER

I have been reminded by the Minister of Local Government Hon Chris Carter that central and local government representatives must meet together more regularly. I have taken the liberty of proposing the following dates for 2004 in order that we can diaries them and that we can all work our electorate and civic appointments around them.

12 March 2004	4.00 - 6.00 pm
14 May 2004	4.00 - 6.00 pm
16 July 2004	4.00 - 6.00 pm
10 September 2004	4.00 - 6.00 pm
12 November 2004	4.00 - 6.00 pm
17 December 2004	4.00 - 6.00 pm

And on a serious note, some thank yous. For working together, respecting each other's point of view, enjoying probably some of the most spirited debate and not hold grudges or grievances. This has been one of the most enjoyable years and we have achieved a great deal together. We have planned well for the future and have agreed on many of the important issues and direction of this council and city. I would like to especially thank the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stone, the Chairs of the Council, the Chief Executive and Senior officers, Managers and the staff of Waitakere City. I would like to also thank sincerely the enormous commitment that has been put in by Mr Bryan Mogridge on the Whenuapai project, ably supported by Mr Fraser Henderson.



I would like to acknowledge the support of Mr Harry O'Rourke and the quality advice from the Directors Group.

It is appropriate that I also acknowledge with gratitude my staff Dr Alan Rodgers-Smith who will be leaving my office and Miss Vanessa Sherer who has been a valued and committed Personal Assistant over the last 18 months.

To Allan McGregor a sincere thank you and best wishes for his new role. We will miss him and this Council records with gratitude and respect the excellent and professional working relationship that we have had with Allan over the years.

On a sadder note we will miss our dear friends Owen Hughes, Lionel Collard, Cameron Duncan and Don Wright.

Finally to anticipate the New Year, congratulations to GD Taylor from IT for the safe arrival by emergency c-section of Trinity Alex Taylor, at 1.36 am on Wednesday 10th, weighing 5 lbs. Mother and Daughter (and GD) are all doing fine.

May I wish all Councillors a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report of the Mayor be received.

RA Harvey, QSO, JP
MAYOR OF WAITAKERE CITY