

PART B

Council

**Wednesday, 29 October 2003
Commencing at 5.30 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, 29 OCTOBER 2003, COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM.

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METHAMPHETAMINE AND GOVERNMENT RESOURCING

Ever since I highlighted this as a growing problem in the Mayoral report of December 2002, the situation has seemed to get worse. So many of the most violent crimes that we have seen on our television screens and newspapers appear now to have stemmed from "P". Certainly this is not the drug with the greatest cause of chronic (long term) harm in the community: alcohol abuse is. But "P" is so acute in its harm and as a cause of violence that it is demanding our attention and time.

Since appearing on Holmes about Police resourcing to stem the tide of this growing epidemic, I have been less than impressed with the response of the Police senior management to our concern. It seems the Minister just wants to hear the good news - unfortunately on this issue there is little to be found. However it is clear that there *is* a resourcing issue, and this is why I have invited Greg O'Connor, the head of the Police Association, to this Council meeting to speak about the impact methamphetamine is having upon the stress and wellbeing of the frontline Police staff who have to deal with this issue every day.

M1-M2

I also said that it was clear that the Police needed help. Attached at pages M1 to M2 is an article I wrote for the New Zealand Listener in 1997 on how Councils could take a much more active part in the security of their local area, with the cooperation of the Police. This is an idea that has been around for some time.

However there are other ways to deal with the problem. I have been impressed by the willingness of Te Whanau O Waipareira and Hoani Waititi marae to embrace this issue holistically. Certainly it is a problem large enough to be considered through enforcement, through community networks, through education, through inter-agency cooperation, and through health.

As the clearest demonstration yet that other arms of government need to be involved, the Ministry of Health has recently approved two full-time workers to be coordinated by Waitakere City to coordinate the efforts of all agencies in Waitakere City about this - including the Police, clinical help and referrals, Waitakere Hospital resources, Waitakere City staff, community rehabilitation and other initiatives. This is a significant leap forward in pulling all of the powers and efforts within the community to one purpose: to push the entire market for P down. This added frontline resource in service coordination is not the end, but it is a start, and indicates that other parts of the government are starting to respond.

JOG A DOG

This amazing occasion has all the hallmarks of being a new event that will simply grow and grow. As the Dog Control Bill moves closer to reality and local authorities are further required to enforce harsher penalties, good dog owners and their dogs will be looking for ways to have fun together in events that the City helps organise. Jog A Dog, I am sure, is destined to be one of those. Below is a picture of the happy owners and their pets marching through the glades alongside Henderson Creek. About 500 people attended what was a wonderful event.



I understand that Councillor Fenton took her two dogs - Max the Scottish Terrier and Andy the Laotian Cross - along as well. Watch out for the big, formal National Dog Show next year, to be held at the Waitakere Trusts Stadium.

WATERCARE POWHIRI IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

At an operational level, relationships between WaterCare Services Limited and Waitakere City have not been without their tensions, so it was a welcome moment when last week the full Board of Watercare and their senior staff met together with Waitakere City Councillors. Unlike a traditional board meeting, in which one envisages groups of businessmen in severe suits and ties exchanging robust views, this meeting had the Waitakere difference wrapped around it.





As demonstrated in these two photographs, the Council chamber was turned into a *paepae* (the ground of the marae in which two parties greet each other and exchange views with some formality). This may not sound like much in and of itself, but for me, who eats and breathes about 700 meetings every year on average, the difference in what was achieved was far better than would have been otherwise. Watercare Board member Sir Douglas Graham was particularly mindful of the Treaty of Waitangi - stationed in our Chambers right above the seat of the Mayor - as he delivered his address to us all. The re-establishment of an open and fruitful dialogue about the guardianship of the waters was an important new step forward that the two organisations took together. Below Chief Executive Harry O'Rourke hongi with representatives of Ngati Whatua Kaipara who were part of the Watercare delegation. I would like to thank Te Warena Taua for his oratory skill and Fraser Delamere for his welcome and to our team for making it all possible.



VAUDREY MILLER YACHT LAUNCH

The launch of the Grey Lady on 9 October at the Viaduct Basin is one of the finest vessel this company yet produced. The relocation of Vaudrey Miller to The Concourse a year and a half ago has seen this company taken a huge step forward in their production capacity. I was delighted to be part of the official celebrations at the viaduct viewing in a raging storm I want to pay a special tribute to the team of craftsmen and women who have spent over a year dedicating their working lives to producing this one very beautiful yacht. Grey Lady will sail the waters of the Caribbean, its owner is a Chicago businessman.





M3-M14 There were a few who saw the loss of the America's Cup earlier this year as the end of a dream for the boat building industry, whereas in fact the industry has gone from strength to strength. The yards at Vaudrey Miller are incredibly busy. A problem that the Council must now face is that the road itself is under such heavy wear and tear from both garbage trucks and very heavy yachting vehicles that we need to have it regularly repaired - perhaps even upgraded. This is a welcome problem generated by sustained sector growth. Below is a shot of just a small part of their very busy yard. Their brochure is attached at pages M3 to M14.



SENSATION YACHTS LAUNCH

On 28 October at 10.00 am, a publicity-suppressed launch at Sensation Yachts will be under way. This vessel, under construction for over two years, will be 40% bigger than Sensation's previous largest vessel the Aria, and will be the largest pleasure craft ever built in New Zealand. In marine imperial measurements it will be 185 foot long, weight 500 tonnes, with a further 200 tonnes for the cradle and travel-lift, and all up will be \$70 million to complete. I would think that it will not be easy to keep something this big a secret. In the meantime, it is the best single piece of economic delivery from one of Waitakere City's key industry clusters, and will I am sure further enhance the reputation of the industry here.

ADVENTURES IN DEMOCRACY - PART ONE

We have all learned to hate emails as they are such a risky form of communication; half way between letters and speech - see enclosed legal opinion. And yet the Local Government Act 2002 has charged us all with finding new ways of allowing people to consult with us about matters that the Council is working on. For this first clinic, I simply promised that I would be at my terminal for two hours on a given day. Believe me it's a lot faster than trying to get a face to face meeting earlier than two months in advance with my diary. I also considered an internet chat room or bulletin board, but major servers are increasingly wary of these and many plan to pull them as a service altogether.



So with three assistant typists ready to draft replies for me, last Thursday I sat down. We had suggested that they might want to be on topics such as the GE moratorium, or Whenuapai it turned into an avalanche.

The results made me think that the next time I attempt another one of those clinics, I will have at least one more assistant on standby. We logged 35 messages in the first ten minutes, and it did not let up from there. Even now, days after the event, messages are still coming in. Over sixty messages concerned Whenuapai, with one third negative and two thirds very positive about our idea for a commercial airport continuing the services already there. Together we cleared over 200 e-mails in two hours, which is not bad going. Even the reporter from *The Aucklander*, who was there to report on the event, was roped in to type up a draft or two!

There were also a great many messages about methamphetamine and crime in general - clearly there is a great depth of feeling in the community, and some alarm, about this issue.

ADVENTURES IN DEMOCRACY - PART TWO

M15-M49 The enclosed edition of Issues of Democracy explores some of the ground that is uncovered by the email workshop, and also explores some of the issues that have arisen following the methamphetamine debate around creative police resourcing, as attached at pages M15 to M49. The two articles of particular note are: *Using E-Government: Effects of the Digital Revolution*, and *Public Safety in an Unsafe World*.

PORTAGE LICENSING TRUST CERAMIC ART AWARDS

This award, the premier art award in the Waitakere area, was a celebration of the ceramic and clay arts of New Zealand. Each year they seem to grow in daring, elegance and beauty. The winner of the Premier Award for 2003 was Penny Ericson, whose work is pictured below.



For all the budding potters and perhaps part time enthusiasts, it's worth working and planning on an entrance piece. Even if you don't get the premier award of \$10,000 the first time, it is definitely worth your while to go for the merit award of \$3,000, or the Emergent Artist category worth \$2,000, or the special Waitakere Artist award of \$1,000. Don't leave it to the career professionals - get in there and give it a go.



NEXT STOP - HENDERSON HUB / WAITAKERE ONE / CRANWELL CENTRE

Before we get caught with a name we don't want for this project, such as "Civic Centre Project" or "Henderson Hub", may I suggest that the new centre be called Cranwell, after that great although largely unheralded genius Lucy Cranwell. Dr Cranwell was a woman of real integrity and a leading researcher of her era. Let's just remember that if we don't decide on a name, it will be done for us. Does anyone except those in the Council use the name Harbourview Park (Ohinarangi), when all along it has been promoted as The People's Park?

ENTERPRISE WAITAKERE BUSINESS AWARDS

The finalists for this event will be announced on 3 November. While entries closed on 24 October, I would hope that all businesses in Waitakere City aspire to be a part of this event - it is the greatest industry networking event held in the City, and I hope to see you all there. You can get tickets from Liz at Goode Public Relations telephone 480 9948.

DEAN NURALLI MEDIA STAR

From time to time some members of the staff manage to steal the limelight in the media. Over the last two months, that well know television empresario Dean Nuralli has done more than most to increase the profile of the City. You may well recognise him from his detailed inspection of local massage parlours, on *The Filth Files*. He appears to have a guest star role in that show. You may also have caught him live on Holmes regarding a certain swimming pool owner. Others seem too numerous to mention and it is encouraging to see such media confidence and style growing. Just stay by the phone for that call from *Celebrity Treasure Island*, Dean.

FORUM OF MINISTERS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In early October, the Mayors of the Auckland region were invited, together with senior officials, to a meeting at Premier House in Wellington to discuss major issues of concern with senior Ministers and the Prime Minister Helen Clark. This was a welcome opportunity for the political leaders of the Auckland region to unite together and present our concerns as one, particularly on the pressing matters of Police frontline numbers and the manufacture of the drug methamphetamine, issues of sustainability in cities, and transport funding.

M50-M55 Ably Chaired by Minister of Local Government Hon. Chris Carter, this was the first time in quite a while that we had been able to express our concerns at a political level to a large contingent of the Cabinet and their Ministerial officials. Enclosed are the notes rinsed and cleared for public consumption, as attached at pages M50 to M55.

While Chatham House Rules (no reportage of the content of discussions) applied in this situation, all of the discussions were full and frank, and some views and positions between the parties were agreed to be released.

"Chatham House rules" is such an odd phrase that, in the best traditions of National Radio's Kim Hill show on Saturday I thought I should clarify it. The Chatham House Rule of Confidentiality was established by the Council of the Institute of St. George's House in June 1927. In order to bring the Rule into line with current practice where many meetings are now held "on the record", in a resolution of the Council adopted in October 1992, the application of the Rule was clarified and its wording strengthened as follows:

"Meetings or gatherings may be held 'on the record' or under the Chatham House Rule. In the latter case, in accordance with the Chatham House tradition, it may be agreed with the speaker(s) that it would be conducive to free discussion that a given meeting or gathering, or part thereof, should be strictly private and thus held under the Chatham House Rule.



When a meeting or gathering, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed; nor may it be mentioned that the information was received at such a meeting or gathering."

The influence of the rule has been so considerable that it has become common parlance in other institutes where confidentiality is required for the chairman to use an expression such as "We are holding this meeting (or part of this meeting) under Chatham House Rules".

So now you know.

GE MORATORIUM AND WAITAKERE

M56-M62 Well, it came, it went. Welcome to the new order and pass the potatoes. I enclose a short written opinion from John Sheppard, Partner at Brookfields law firm, on the matter, as attached at pages M56 to M62.

MILESTONES

DIED - BRIAN HATHAWAY

M63-M64 Brian was a great leader among the Christian community of Waitakere City. A resident of Te Atatu for over 25 years, he saw the entire peninsula change from being an isolated suburb connected to the rest of the world by a motorway, to an upmarket destination. He put so much effort into leading his church at Te Atatu Bible Chapel, from a small Open Brethren grouping to one that embraced social justice, actively helped the poor and dispossessed, and carefully nurtured the lives of the ever-growing parish. The over 700 people that attended the funeral service at the Greenlane Christian Centre were a testament to the lives that he has touched. His leadership of the New Zealand Bible College has also seen that institution retain and strengthen its position as the leading training ground for evangelical Christianity in New Zealand, gaining accreditation and providing constant innovation in a rapidly secularising world. In such a man, the faith was definitely truly still alive, as attached at pages M63 to M64.

AWARDED - DOROTHY FERNANDEZ

Mrs Dorothy Fernandez of Henderson High School was recently awarded a Multi Service Education Trust National Education Award for the splendid contribution she has made to education in New Zealand. Mrs Fernandez has worked with all five Principals since 1960s and is now in her 43rd year at the school. The award will be presented at a special ceremony at the Aotea Centre on 31 October.

PRAISED - THE CITY'S ETHNIC RELATIONS

M65 After the tensions generated by Paul Holmes, and with appalling headlines such as that generated by the front page of the New Zealand Herald on 20 October ("Racial Attacks Stun Old Chinese"), it was encouraging to see Waitakere City congratulated by the race Relations Commissioner for setting up of the Waitakere Ethnic Board, as attached at page M65. Congratulations to the whole team for bringing it all together.



FREYBEG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

M66-M68 This was a wonderful event supported by a strong local community, together with so many pupils past and present. For over forty years it has served its dynamic, diverse community better than many others. I applaud the school, its staff and its pupils past and present. It is a wonderful milestone to achieve and this City salutes you. I would like to mention the remarkable Nigel Langston, founder Principal and one of the legends of New Zealand's education system. Nigel brought together former pupils, staff and Board to celebrate the occasion and invited the Hon. Phil Amos, the former Minister of Education. It was Nigel who persuaded Mr Amos to turn Freyberg primary into one of New Zealand's pioneer community schools. I enclose the speech notes of Phil Amos that he presented on this occasion, as attached at pages M31 to M33.

JANET CLEWS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF REPRESENTING THE WEST

M69 On September 1963, Janet Clews was first elected to public office, as attached at page M69. It was as Councillor of Glen Eden Borough Council. Since then she has held public office as Mayor of Glen Eden Borough Council (two terms, from 1983 to 1989), and since that time as Councillor of Waitakere City. I would defy anyone in New Zealand to show a longer or wiser career in public representation. It almost goes without saying that this is an astonishing record of public service. This Council meeting is the 40th anniversary of her first election to office. Janet, on behalf of the Council and all you have served, congratulations and thank you for everything you have done and continue to do.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report of the Mayor be received.
2. That the Council decides to call the new transport centre "Cranwell" or "Waitakere One".

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MAYOR OF WAITAKERE CITY