

# KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2009, IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

## AGENDA

1. *Apologies*
2. *Matters of Importance to be raised as Urgent Business*
3. *Open Forum – Session for members of the public wishing to comment on items included in this agenda.*

*The Council Meeting will adjourn following this item and will resume following the Finance and Policy Committee meeting.*

#### 4. Minutes to be Confirmed:

- *Council 16/9/2009* *page 58*

#### Reports to be Adopted:

- *Works & Services Committee 16/9/2009* *page 67*
- *Environmental Services Committee 16/9/2009* *page 69*
- *Finance and Policy Committee 16/9/2009* *page 71*
- *Social Services Committee 7/10/2009* *page 73*
- *Tourism & Development Committee 9/9/2009* *page 77*

#### Minutes to be received

- *Hearings and Applications Committee 18/8/2009* *page 81*
- *Hearings and Applications Committee 1/9/2009* *page 83*
- *Hearings and Applications Committee 15/9/2009* *page 91*

#### 5. *Matters arising from Confirmed minutes*

#### 6. *Minutes Action List Update*

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>BY</b>	<b>DATE ACTIONED</b>
	<b>18 FEBRUARY 2009</b>		
Council	Inform Council when submissions are due on Environment Canterbury's 1080 Resource Consent	District Planner	Report included in agenda refer page 20 of Environmental Services
	<b>15 JULY 2009</b>		
Council	Investigate future management of drains in the Kaikoura District	Asset Manager	In Progress
	<b>19 AUGUST 2009</b>		
Council	Investigate use of Youth Council Funds remaining from the Skate Park Project	Community Development Officer	Youth Council is awaiting confirmation of incorporation, prior to signatories being transferred and funds accessed.

**7. 11.30am NZ Police Update**

- An update from Kaikoura Police will be provided in Public Excluded

**8. Public Forum**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
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**9. Youth Council**

- A representative from the Youth Council will be in attendance at 1pm to present this item.

**10. Dog Control Report 2008/2009**

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**11. Tourism and Development Committee Request**

- At it's meeting of 14 October 2009 the Tourism and Development Committee resolved that it be put to Council that any future murals are passed by the Tourism and Development Committee for comment.

**12. Draft Submission on Law Commission Paper 'Alcohol in our Lives'**

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**13. Committee Updates**

**14. Mayor's Report**

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**15. Urgent Business**

**16. Council Public Excluded Session**

*Moved, seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely*

- Confirmation of Minutes of Council Public Excluded meeting on 16/9/2009*
- Confirmation of Minutes of Tourism and Development Public Excluded 9/9/2009*
- Rent Review Kaikoura Squash Club*
- Request for Reduction in Development Contribution Fees*

*The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

<b>General subject of each to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Grounds of the Act under which this resolution is made</b>
Minutes of the Council Public Excluded meeting 16/9/2009	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local Authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation.	<b>Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(a), 7(2)(i)</b>
Minutes of Tourism and Development Public Excluded meeting 9/9/2009	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local	<b>Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(a)</b>

	Authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation.	
Rent Review Kaikoura Squash Club	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local Authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation.	<b>Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(i)</b>
Request for reduction in development contribution fees.	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Local Authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation.	<b>Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(b)(ii)</b>

# Kaikoura District Council Dog Control Report 2008/2009

## Background

Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to report on dog control policy and practices each financial year. The report must include information relating to

- the number of registered dogs
- the number of probationary and disqualified owners in the district
- the number of dogs classified as either dangerous or menacing under section 31 and the relevant provision under which the classification is made
- the number of infringement notices issued
- the number of dog related complaints received and the nature of those complaints
- the number of prosecutions taken under this Act.

The Kaikoura District Council is also required to give public notice of the report by means of a notice published in one or more daily newspapers circulating in the district. Within one month of the report being adopted by Council a copy is to be sent to the Secretary for Local Government.

## The Proposed Decision

That Council adopt the Dog Control Report for the 2008/2009 financial year.

## The Objectives

To meet the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996.

## The Options

- Adopt the report
- Not adopt the report

### A) Adopt the report

SOCIAL	Positive effect
ENVIRONMENTAL	Positive effect
ECONOMIC	Nil
CULTURAL	Nil

People will be able to see how dog control is being implemented in the district.

The Council will meet their statutory obligations as outlined in the Dog Control Act 1996.

### B) Not adopt the report

SOCIAL	Nil
ENVIRONMENTAL	Nil
ECONOMIC	Nil
CULTURAL	Nil

People in the district will not be able to see how dog control is working in the community. The Council will not meet their statutory obligations as outlined in the Dog Control Act 1996.

*It is recommended that Council adopt the Dog Control Report for the 2008/2009 year.*



## **Dog Control Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2009**

### **1. Dog Control in the District**

There were 1031 dogs registered in the Kaikoura District for the year ended 30 June 2009. The majority of the dogs in the district were working dogs in rural areas.

The Kaikoura District had one Animal Control Officer who dealt with all complaints, impounding of dogs and infringing of dog owners.

### **2. Dog Control Enforcement Practices**

A number of complaints received over the year were related to dogs roaming unaccompanied, one hundred and seventy eight were of this nature and a patrol was sent to the area and attempts were made to locate the dogs. Of these complaints sixteen were impounded, twenty seven were located and returned to the owner when they had been just outside the address or reported to dog control as missing. The remainder were unable to be located by patrol.

One hundred and thirty three complaints were received in regard to barking dogs, most of these related to on going issues. One owner has had an abatement notice issued under the Resource Management Act and further requirements for the property are under way as a result. A number of complaints were resolved by the Dog Control Officer visiting the address and working with the owner as to ways to prevent the dog/s from barking.

Four complaints were received in regard to dogs attacking another dog, or rushing people. These were either dealt with by way of infringement notice, or formal warnings being given.

Five matters regarding dogs and stock were reported. Two dogs was destroyed by the owner prior to the Dog Control Officer's attendance after they had attacked sheep. One other was caught after and subsequently destroyed. In the remaining cases the offending dogs were not located.

### **3. Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas**

Twenty one people were spoken to when their dogs were in prohibited areas. Three people were spoken to after being found with their dogs not on a leash in the West End.

### **4. Dog Registration**

Dog registration fees for the year ended 30 June 2009 remained the same as the previous year. The Council offered a set rate for owners with three or more working dogs. A discounted rate was offered to owners with responsible dog owner status and owners with dogs which were neutered or spayed. Late fees were applied to owners who did not register their dog before 1 August 2008.

### **5. Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners**

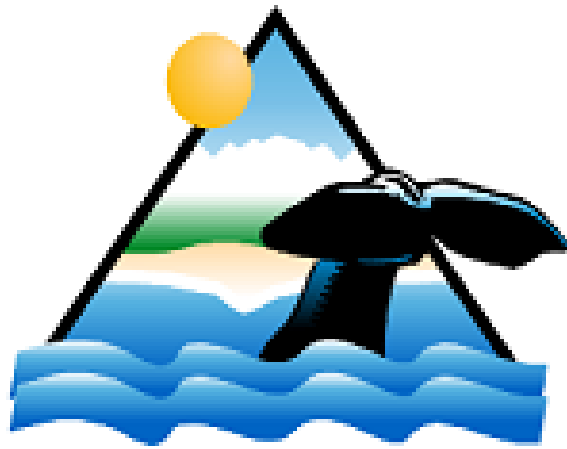
The Kaikoura District did not classify any dog owners as probationary or disqualified during the year.

### **6. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs**

At 30 June 2009 1 dog in the Kaikoura District had been classified as menacing or dangerous which is registered and 1 dog classified as menacing or dangerous which is unregistered/transferred or dead.

Statistical Information:

Category	As at 30 June 2009	For Period 1/07/2008-30/06/2009
1) Total #Registered Dogs	1031	
2) Total # Probationary Owners	Nil	Nil
3) Total # Disqualified Owners	Nil	Nil
4) Total # Dangerous Dogs	Nil	Nil
5) Total # Menacing Dogs	2	Nil
6) Total # infringement Notices		8
7) Total # Complaints Received		320
8) Total # Prosecutions Taken		Nil



## **KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SUBMISSION ON LAW  
COMMISSION PAPER  
“ALCOHOL IN OUR LIVES”**

## **SUMMARY OF KAIKOURA:**

The Kaikoura District is located along the east coast of the South Island. The District is located in the Canterbury Region and shares its boundaries with Marlborough and Hurunui District Councils. The District stretches from south of the Hurunui Bluffs to a point just north of the Kekerengu settlement. The total land area of the District is 2048km<sup>2</sup>, and boasts an approximate population in excess of 3621 people. Kaikoura is a popular tourist destination, last year seeing in excess of a million visitors to the area.

Kaikoura District Council has a total of 46 licensed premises across the district which are categorised as the following:

<b>TYPE OF LICENCE</b>	<b>NUMBER IN DISTRICT</b>
• <b>ON LICENCE</b>	<b>27</b>
• <b>OFF LICENCE</b>	<b>12</b>
• <b>CLUB LICENCE</b>	<b>5</b>
• <b>BYO LICENCE</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>

Kaikoura has a typical mix of licensed premises as detailed above. This ranges from bars, taverns, hotels, lodges, clubs, restaurants, diners, Café's and take away outlets.

The District Licensing Agency at Kaikoura District Council fundamentally consists of full council where all determinations at local level are heard. In addition to this, a Liquor Sub Committee (consisting of three elected councillors) sit on occasions where necessary and appropriate, to make the necessary approvals or determinations prior to being approved by full Council. It would be at the sub committee stage where robust decisions in accordance with policy and legislation are made.

Kaikoura is similar to Selwyn District Council in that part of the liquor function namely the District licensing Inspector role is contracted to an outside organisation Food & Health Standards (2006) Limited. The contractual arrangement between Council and Contractor works extremely well, providing a seamless approach to enforcement, service delivery and professionalism. Furthermore, it ensures that service delivery is performance based, and the whole decision making process is completely independent of Council staff, transparent, autonomous and impartial.

## **SUBMISSION OVERVIEW:**

Kaikoura District Council recognises the importance of changing the culture of New Zealanders alcohol drinking, particularly with regard to under age drinking, alcohol availability Alcohol in New Zealand.

This current review is the most extensive overhaul and review of alcohol sales, licensing and enforcement since the introduction of The Sale of Liquor Act 1989. The proposed changes will dramatically shape this Countries drinking culture for years to come, introducing a completely re-written Sale of Liquor Act.

The emphasis of the proposed changes clearly aim at shifting the responsibility for compliance from the Liquor Licensing Authority to the District Licensing Agencies, which by definition will undoubtedly be required to become more accountable with greater powers of enforcement and responsibility.

This Submission document refers specifically to the Law Commission's Alcohol in Our Lives, An issues paper on the reform of New Zealand's liquor laws. This paper specifically identifies problem areas throughout the Country, but specifically suggests a range of options that would be applicable in most District Councils.

Kaikoura District Council welcomes this review process, embracing the positive changes that may influence the effective sale and consumption of alcohol within its District. Kaikoura District Council also recognises the important of the consultation and submission process.

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## **BODY OF SUBMISSION:**

As already indicated above, Kaikoura District Council encompassing Kaikoura District Licensing Agency recognises the importance of the submission and consultative processes, wishes to make submission focussing on the two key topic areas as detailed in Chapter 13 of the Law Commission Report – Alcohol in our Lives; namely (i) Supply and Control, (ii) Problem Limitation.

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### **SUBMISSION**

#### **(a) SUPPLY & CONTROL**

## 1. **Purchase / Drinking Age Options:**

Kaikoura District Council supports the Law Commission in its view that there should be a split in the purchase age. It is of the opinion that, although the minimum purchase age at on-licences should remain at 18, the Agency believes that the minimum purchase age at off-license should be increased to 20 years.

## 2. **Individual & Parental Responsibility for Young Peoples Drinking Options:**

Kaikoura District Council has reviewed all of the options presented in the Law Commission report and supports the proposal to make it a legal requirement for adults supplying alcohol to minors (i.e. any one under the age of 18 years) to supervise the consumption of the alcohol. This will require parents and guardians to take much more responsibility for minors who are permitted to consume alcohol either at home or on licensed premises. This must go one stage further to control the availability of alcohol to minors by parents or guardians and prevent situations of 'pre loading'.

In addition to this the Agency believes that there should be a base line minimum age limit for the consumption of alcohol that is provided to a minor by its parent or legally appointed guardian.

## 3. **Licence:**

Kaikoura District Council supports the Law Commissions view that there should be an Increase to the licence fees that better reflect the costs that the granting of a particular licence is likely to generate.

There is a need to clarify the requirements for managers and temporary managers, further detailing the need to require multiple managers for large licensed premises. The Agency also recognises the need and importance to specify individual suitability requirements that Temporary Managers and Acting Managers must demonstrate before being approved.

Kaikoura District Council supports the view that a graduated licence fee structure be created to better reflect the risk posed to the community by the relevant licence. A more expensive licence for high-risk operations, late night premises, problem premises and poorly performing premises should be actively imposed.

Kaikoura supports the view that there needs to be an increase the whole alcohol education process, specifying age limits and criteria for minors on licensed premises, and enhancing the specific training requirements for all managers and door staff working in licensed premises.

Kaikoura District Council recognises the need to legislate effective cost recovery mechanisms specifically to allow for monitoring of poor performing premises, late night monitoring or additional surveillance of premises following complaints and control purchase operations. Furthermore, the Agency actively supports the need to legislate for cost recovery of special licensed events, shows and premises that require a Alcohol Management Plan as part of the specified conditions within the licence.

Kaikoura District Council supports the introduction of a set yearly licence fee for all premises (similar to food registration), that allows for funding of monitoring, inspections and general additional enforcement roles as necessary. All premises would still be required to pay an application fee for any new licence and renewals thereof.

#### **4. Liquor Licensing Authority Options:**

Kaikoura District Council supports the Law Commissions view in **retaining** the Licensing Authority as the specialist regulator but give it enhanced powers and functions that may include some power to enforce fines (as in the District Court).

These additional powers must include the following:

- Monitoring and reporting on trends and adjusting aspects of sale policy like promotions,
- Awarding costs to Agencies at hearings and court cases,
- Imposing fines on licensees, managers and staff of licensed premises for breaches of any of the provisions of the Act,
- Regulating and enhancing the flow of data from inspectors, police, District Licensing Agencies (DLAs), Medical Officers of Health, and Licensees,
- Implementing quality control of DLA output and compliance.

#### **5. District Licensing Agency options:**

Kaikoura District Council strongly opposes abolishing District Licensing Agencies and incorporating their functions in a central body. Every Local Authority must have the ability to manage legislation and statutory functions at local level, thus maintaining a consistent approach to enforcement and performance.

Council recognises that DLA's powers and functions are outdated and need enhancing specifically requiring a higher level of performance and overall reporting at local level. This must be supported by a robust mechanism of benchmarking, standard setting and competency of all persons involved within each Agency.

Council would support legislative changes allowing local authorities to keep the fines imposed as a result of their prosecutions, hearings or court cases.

Council also supports the requirement for mandatory training for all District Licensing Inspectors (to Unit Standard Qualification) thus standardising and benchmarking the individual Agencies and Inspectors nationally.

Furthermore, as part of the DLA training, it would be paramount for the DLA representatives, of which there should be a minimum of three persons sitting at Agency Level, receive specific training into alcohol related matters, the Act and the specific powers of the DLA in oppositions, granting of licences, reporting to the Authority, and making robust decisions in accordance with adopted policy and legislation

Council supports the Law Commission in the view that each DLA must be capable and indeed responsible for independently setting of fees for the issuing of licences to allow the DLAs functions to be performed more cost effectively. This would include the role of the investigating office and administrative personnel who currently are funded by other means.

As already detailed in this submission, Kaikoura District Council supports the Law Commissions viewpoint that particular membership for DLAs need to be detailed in statute.

It is our opinion that a minimum of three persons sit on the DLA represented by Councillors that are capable of making informed decisions based on legislation. It should be noted that Kaikoura has a Liquor Licensing Sub Committee of three Councillors determine necessary issues before presenting findings and full reports to full Council for approval.

## **6. Licence Criteria and Objections Options;**

Kaikoura District Council actively welcomes the Law Commissions report recommending law changes to allow the licensing decision-maker to refuse licences on wider grounds than at present. This included factors such as;

- Whether the overall social impact of the licence is likely to be detrimental to the well-being of the local broader community,
- Taking into account matters such as the site of the proposed premises,
- The density and type of other premises in the area, and the health and social characteristics of the local population.

Council support the view that granting of any licence must be consistent with the object of the Act. The amenity, quiet or good order of the locality must not be lessened or compromised by the granting of the licence. The licence must be consistent with the relevant local alcohol policy, District Plan criteria and any other relevant policy or resource consent requirements.

Council agrees that there must be a better more enhanced definition on suitability of applicant. This must be supported and strengthened by clear criteria that every applicant (including all types of managers, licensees and holders of special licences) must be capable of demonstrating.

## **7. Hours Options;**

Kaikoura District Council supports the view of the Law Commission Report in recommending that there should be a nationwide blanket opening hours restriction for all off licence premises, limiting them to the hours of 10am to 10pm inclusive.

Council would also support the need to nationally control the closing times of on licensed premises, supporting the need to restrict the lateness of operation and suggests a blanket closing for all rural authorities of 2.00am nationally.

Urban and city authorities should by definition be permitted to operate to 4.00am nationally.

Council also supports the need to allow District Licensing Agencies to impose one way door policies on late night premises commencing from midnight in rural areas and 2.00am in urban / city locations.

Allow each territorial authority to specify policies regarding opening hours and conditions around opening hours in a local alcohol policy, and require the licensing decision-maker to take

this into account in licensing decisions. This must be based on geographical location, population, and the individual performance of licensed premises, must be administered at local level as deemed appropriate through policy and bylaw agreement.

## **8. Prohibited Days Options**

Council supports the Law Commission by maintaining the status quo with regards to prohibited days, but specify the hour at which the prohibition begins, for example, 2am.

## **9. Types of Off-Licence Premises options**

Council supports the view that irrespective of the type of premises, allow an off-licence to be issued provided the application meets the general licence criteria (for example, the overall social impact of the licence is not likely to be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community).

## **10. Off-Licence Options**

Council supports the view to allow the licensing decision-maker to restrict the type of alcohol products able to be sold as a condition of the licence, noting that every off licence premises must meet any legislative requirement in terms of conditions imposed therein.

## **11. Options on Product Labelling and Serving Sizes**

Council supports the need to provide a regulatory power to require licensed premises to offer standard measures of wine, beer and spirits.

Council recognises the need and requirements that health-warning labels must appear on alcohol products.

## **12. Licence Renewal options**

Kaikoura District Council does NOT support creating a permanent licence for licensees who have shown there are no issues with their performance, ability to manage the licensed premises and its specific conditions on the licence.

Council however DOES support the need to provide for three-yearly applications for renewals of licences, but remove the requirement to advertise the application for renewal unless changes to the licence conditions are sought.

Council also supports the need to be able to restrict the renewal time period for specific problem premises within its districts, thus having the ability to issue renewals for 1 year only in circumstances of poor performing licensees and premises.

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### **(b) DEMAND REDUCTION:**

For the purposes of this submission issues surrounding demand reduction, excise tax, pricing options and advertising of alcohol are not relevant.

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### **(c) PROBLEM LIMITATION**

## **13. Enforcement and Penalties Options**

*Kaikoura District Council supports the recommendation to increase penalties for breaching of licence conditions, making it easier for a licensee to lose a license.*

*There clearly needs to be an increase in the penalty on licensed premises and Licensees for non-compliance, poor performance and overall disregard for legislative requirements.*

**Council actively supports the following recommendations:**

- Provide the police and licensing inspectors with the ability to request an urgent hearing with the Licensing Authority if there are serious concerns or repeated breached of the Act to expedite the Licensing Authority's consideration of the matter.
- Provide for infringement notices to be issued for any technical or minor breach of the Act or a licence condition by the Licensing Inspector and Police.
- Provide a legal definition of intoxication for the purposes of enforcement in any new legislation.
- Remove requirements for licensing inspectors to identify themselves when entering licensed premises.
- Make it an infringement offence to present fake evidence of age documents to a licensee
- Empower licensees to confiscate fake evidence of age documents including driving licences, and hand them to the police.

#### **14. Alcohol in Public Places**

Kaikoura District Council supports the recommendation to provide the Police with the Power to issue an infringement offence for breach of a liquor ban, with a reserve power of arrest for the purposes of safety of persons.

Council supports the view to re-introduce the offence of being drunk and incapable in a public place.

Provide power for the police & DLA to ban specified persons from entering or remaining in an area or on specific premises within an area.

Provide that where the Police have reasonable cause to suspect that a beverage contains alcohol that it is alcohol.

## **15 Transport Options**

Kaikoura District Council supports the lowering the blood alcohol limit from 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, to 50milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood for those over 20 years of age, and lower the blood alcohol limit to ZERO for those under the age of 20 years.

Furthermore, banning the possession of alcoholic beverages in an open container in a moving or stationary vehicle is seen very much a welcome approach by the Police and Inspectors.

Kaikoura District Council also supports introducing a legal blood alcohol limit for a person in charge of a pleasure craft, for example, a yacht.

## **15. Treatment Options**

Council is aware that there are many treatment options that could be incorporated into local Alcohol Policies and Management Plans, some examples are:

- More alcohol free alternatives.
- More alcohol free activities and events for young people.
- Family events to be alcohol free.
- Education and awareness to the risks associated with alcohol.
- Support Harm Reduction Initiatives.
- Improved collaboration with Police.
- Local treatment/Counselling services–Victim Support–Women’s Refuge–Drug and Alcohol service–Pastoral care of youth.
- Club Mark.
- Mentoring/positive role modelling.

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### Conclusion

It has been well documented and indeed reported over the years that New Zealand’s drinking culture must change.

The current objective of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 is “to establish a reasonable system of control over the sale and supply to the public with the aim of contributing to the reduction of liquor abuse, so far as can be achieved by legislative means”.

Clearly any review and or revision of Liquor Licensing laws within New Zealand must incorporate and encompass robust legislative standards that assist in reducing the detrimental effects that alcohol has, particularly relating to minors.

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Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve this submission (subject to any amendments or changes) so that it can be forwarded to the Law Commission by the given deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

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**Mr David. J. Shovel**  
**Environmental Health Officer & Liquor Licensing Inspector**  
**Kaikoura District Council.**

# Mayor's Report

Mayors Report-October 09

All has been relatively quiet on the Eastern Front since my last report.

Publicly, it is the new medical facilities that are dominating public/this Office conversations.

Again it is the signal that a green-field site is preferred by the CDHB that is causing concern to some. Nostalgia & History, I believe is driving these concerns and again I believe it is a minority that opposes any alternative site for any new facilities.

Nonetheless, there is a robust consultative process to undergo, led by the CDHB in the first instance, if this was to be the preferred direction.

I am concerned that any delays in the current journey could have a significant impact on progress.

It will be essential that all parties are honest and transparent with their intentions to ensure a new and appropriate facility for our district.

**Attached** is a letter that is fairly generic that I have been basing my correspondence on when replying to written enquiries or concerns. **Also attached** is the correspondence that the CDHB is sending on request.

As discussed last month, I have written to the Tasman Mako's Board of Directors outlining my (and others) concerns regarding the lack of public promotions etc and any inclusion of the Kaikoura catchment area in the Franchises' touring and promotional programme. **Attached** is that letter and the reply from their CEO. That reply will be forwarded to the KK.Rugby Club for their information.

Meetings and forums attended over the past month include:

- Kaikoura Education Trust – receiving a proposal from KKHS regarding their community / college ( hospo training) concept.
- The final of the 3 Economic Forums headlined by Peter Townsend of CHCH Employers & Business Association.(?). Thank you to those that could attend these forums- I believe that they were a success in that the feedback received was all positive and a number of individuals that attended went away with an increased knowledge of the worlds', national's', regional's' and local situation and predictions in things economic. It has been suggested that a regular forum of current topical interest could be of value. Your ideas would be gratefully accepted.
- Stuart & I met with Dave McKee, as one of our PHO reps, to get a clear understanding of their role and to help us with a letter of support they have requested of us regarding their role in rural Canterbury. As a consequence, that letter of support has been dispatched.
- I met as a member of the Regional Transport Sub-Committee to work on the public consultation document and processes regarding the Canterbury Transport Strategy release. It is planned to hold a "ChCh Square" launch of the consultation.
- I continue to support the Youth Project with regular meetings of the Youth Governance Group. The programme has been tweaked somewhat to allow some flexibility of outcome timing and type and to allow personnel involved to have their role re-assessed. Susi continues to lead this from Council.
- The Kaikoura Pre-Summer Road Safety Forum was held on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. Involved were Policing personnel from Nelson, Marlborough and Nth Canterbury, NZTA, Trucking Rep, TNZTA Education, ACC and ourselves. Andy Clifford is taking a leading role representing Kaikoura as the new Road Safety Coordinator.

From that meeting it was made clear that although funding for Policing roads had diminished, it was considered that Kaikoura Highways are still a priority to the Police and there presence will continue through the summer. Assistance from Nelson will be here for the Race weekend and "party buses" will be scrutinised through Nth Canterbury-as per last year.

From the time of writing to the time of reading, I intend to

- meet with the mayors of Canterbury again to discuss common interest items.
- Attend a full regional transport committee meeting
- And look forward to the inaugural Community Facilities Trust meeting.

In the light of the recent change of route that E-Can has taken when applying opossum control to areas within our District, I would like to give notice that at November's Council meeting I intend to present a recommendation that we as a Council formally ban the use of 1080 within the Kaikoura District.

During the ensuing month, I intend to research the processes other Councils have followed to accomplish this and to gather as much relevant information in support of such a recommendation.

Can I ask that the next month be ample opportunity for Councillors to undertake their own research and to gather their thoughts together so that any discussion will be relevant and informed.

I am happy to organise a workshop before that meeting and invite interested parties of both persuasions to address us, if that is the wish of council.

Attached:

- Copy of letter to Jim Abernathy as discussed thanking him and his team re: the Old Wharf works completion
- Archetypical letter from me regarding Hospital relocation issues.
- Ditto from CDHB rep
- Correspondence with Tasman Makos franchise as discussed.
- Copy of letter to KK Lions Club re the walkway works to the Seal Colony.

Happy reading.

Cheers

Mayor Kevin.