

KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2011, IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

AGENDA

1. *Apologies*
2. *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.

3. *Matters of Importance to be raised as Urgent Business*

4. **Minutes to be Confirmed:**

■ *Council 16/2/2011* *page 77*

Reports to be Adopted:

■ *Works & Services Committee 16/2/2011* *page 85*

■ *Environmental Services Committee 16/2/2011* *page 88*

■ *Finance and Policy Committee 16/2/2011* *page 91*

■ *Social Services Committee 2/3/2011* *page 93*

■ *Tourism & Development Committee 9/2/2011* *page 98*

Minutes to be received

■ *Hearings and Applications Committee 10/2/2011* *page 105*

5. *Matters arising from Confirmed minutes*

6. *11.30am NZ Police Update*

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

7. *Public Forum*

<i>TIME</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>SUBJECT</i>
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8. *Youth Council*

- **A representative of the Youth Council will be in attendance at 1.00pm to present this item.**

9. *Environment Canterbury Update*

- **K Heays from Environment Canterbury will be in attendance at 1.15pm to present this item.**

10. *New Zealand Walking Access Commission*

- **C Tonkin and R Cullinane will be in attendance at 1.30pm to present this item.**

11. Earthquake Update Civil Defence

- **The District Emergency Management Officer will be in attendance at 2.00pm to present this item.**

12. Stock Control Bylaw 2011

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14. Peninsula Water Tank Mural

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15. Committee Updates

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17. Urgent Business

18. Council Public Excluded Session

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

- a. Confirmation of Minutes of Council Public Excluded meeting on 16/2/2011*
- b. New Zealand Police Update*
- c. Forestry*

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:

General subject of each to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds of the Act under which this resolution is made
Minutes of the Council Public Excluded meeting 16/2/2011	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.	Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(c)(ii), 7(2)(h).
New Zealand Police Update	The exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which a person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	Section 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(c)(ii)
Forestry	The exclusion of the public from the	Section 48(1)(a)

	whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	and 7(2)(h)
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Stock Control Bylaw 2011

The existing Kaikoura District Movement of Stock Bylaw 1995 is no longer valid and a new draft Stock Control Bylaw has been developed. The main objective of the draft Bylaw is to control the management and movement of stock on roads within the district, in order to protect people, traffic and stock, while safeguarding the condition of the road and applies generally to all roads under the care, control and management of Council.

The draft Bylaw does not apply to State Highway 1 roads under the care, control and management of New Transport Agency, unless Council and New Zealand Transport Agency enter into a formal agreement for the control of stock on those roads

It is recommended that Council adopts the draft Bylaw for consultation and that it formally considers its adoption after considering and deliberating on submissions received.

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STOCK CONTROL BYLAW 2011

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BYLAW Pursuant to the powers vested in under sections 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act 2002, Section 72 of the Transport Act 1962 the Kaikoura District Council makes this Bylaw.

ENACTMENT

The Kaikoura District Council hereby ordains as follows:

SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

- a) The short title of this bylaw shall be the Kaikoura District Stock Control Bylaw 2011.
- b) This bylaw shall come into force on the 2011

OBJECT OF THE BYLAW

The object of this Bylaw is to control the management and movement of stock on roads, in order to protect people, traffic and stock, while safeguarding the condition of the road.

APPLICATION

- (1) This Bylaw applies generally to all roads under the care, control and management of the Council.
- (2) This Bylaw does not apply to SH1 roads under the care, control and management of New Zealand Transport Agency, unless the Council and New Zealand Transport Agency have entered into a formal agreement for the control of stock on those roads.
- (3) Nothing in this Bylaw limits the application of any other Act or any rules or regulations made under any other Act, for example, and without limitation:
 - (a) the Impounding Act 1955;
 - (b) the Land Transport Act 1998.
- (4) This Bylaw, does not apply to:
 - (a) any stock which is being led or ridden or which is drawing a vehicle; or
 - (b) any stock which is being transported in a vehicle.
- (5) A reference in this Bylaw to any Act, regulation or rule, unless the context otherwise requires, includes a reference to all subsequent Acts, regulations or rules, made in amendment or substitution, and for the time being in force.

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PART 1

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:

Authorised Officer includes the Chief Executive Officer and or any officer or other person appointed by the Council to perform duties required under this Bylaw.

Council means the Kaikoura District Council and includes any person authorised by the Council to act on its behalf.

Hours of Darkness means:

- (a) any period of time from 30 minutes after sunset on one day until 30 minutes before sunrise on the next day;
- (b) any other time where there is insufficient daylight to render clearly visible a vehicle or person at a distance of 100 metres.

Hours of Daylight means any period of time that does not fall within the definition of "hours of darkness".

Footpath means a path or way principally designed for, and used by, pedestrians; and includes any footbridge.

Landowner includes the owner and/or occupier of the property and includes any agent or employee or other person acting or apparently acting in the general management or control of the property.

Owner in relation to any stock includes every person who:

- a. keeps or harbours stock or has stock in their care for the time being whether the stock is at large or in confinement; or
- b. occupies any property or farm or premises in which the stock is usually kept or permitted to remain;

- c. any agent, employee or other person acting or apparently acting in the general management or control of the stock.

Race includes any permanent road crossing.

Road includes a street; and includes any place to which the public have access, whether as of right or not; and also includes all bridges, culverts, ferries and fords forming part of any road, street or place as aforesaid.

Road Margin includes any uncultivated margin of a road adjacent to but not forming part of either the roadway or the footpath.

Roadway means that portion of the road used or reasonably usable for the time being for vehicular traffic in general.

Stock includes livestock and means:

- a. any live horse, cattle, sheep or swine that is not in a wild state; and
- b. any deer, goat, rabbit, opossum or other animal that is kept within a fence or enclosure for domestic or farming purposes.

Prescribed Sign means any traffic control device (such as a traffic sign) referred to in the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

2. DELEGATION

In this bylaw, where the written permission of the Council is required, such permission may be given by the Chief Executive, and the Chief Executive may delegate all or part of that function to any other officer of the Council.

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PART 2

2 - STOCK DROVING

2.1 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 2.1.1 No person shall allow stock under his control or charge to loiter in any public place and every person being the owner or having the care, custody or control of any stock shall keep and prevent the same from wandering or being at large without proper guidance on any public place.
- 2.1.2 No person shall drive or permit the driving of any stock on any road unless the stock shall at all times be under the control of one or more persons and otherwise in compliance with clauses 2.2 and 2.3 of this bylaw.
- 2.1.3 No person shall tether or otherwise put in place any stock for the purpose of depasturing or grazing the same on any public place without the written permission of the Council.

2.2 MOVEMENT OF STOCK

- 2.2.1 No person shall move stock across or along a road where that person can reasonably move the stock along private land or a race.
- 2.2.2 Where it is not reasonable to move the stock along private land or a race that stock may be moved across or along a road provided that:
 - (i) the stock are attended by a drover stationed on the road to ensure the continuous progress is made towards the destination at a reasonable speed at all times so as to achieve a distance of at least 2 km in an hour provided that travel over the same ground shall not be included in the calculation of such distance; and
 - (ii) the stock are driven in such a manner and use only such points of access and exit to and from the road as will ensure that danger to other road users and damage to the roadway and road margin will be minimised; and
 - (iii) during the hours of darkness that sufficient warning is provided and maintained by the person driving the stock by the use of lights or other effective devices or means to ensure that other persons using such road or

part thereof shall have adequate notice of the presence of such stock on such roadway or part thereof; and

- (iv) the owner of such stock shall forthwith cleanse the roadway of any such debris or matter of any kind deposited or brought onto the roadway by the stock which may cause any inconvenience to road users, or any damage to the roadway surface; and
- (v) any person being the driver of any stock on any roadway or part thereof shall where reasonably necessary to allow any vehicle to proceed along such roadway or part thereof take all reasonable practicable steps at the request of the driver of such vehicle to make or allow a way for such vehicle to pass through such stock.

2.3 DAIRY CATTLE ON ROADS

- 2.3.1 No road, or part thereof, shall be used by any person or persons for the purpose of regularly moving dairy cattle from one part of a farm to another part of the same farm for milking where such road or part thereof does not intersect that farm PROVIDED that where one farming unit is split into two or more parts, and those parts are not adjacent to each other or are separated by a natural barrier or other obstruction the nature of which renders it impracticable to move the dairy cattle from one part of the farm to the other part of the farm without using the road, dairy cattle may be moved from one part of the farm to another part of the same farm along the road for the shortest practicable distance.
- 2.3.2 Where a road intersects a farm and it is necessary for dairy cattle to cross the road for the purpose of milking, the Council may by written notice require the landowner to use only such points of access and exit as are as nearly practicable opposite each other PROVIDED THAT the points of access and exit shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the landowner can continue to conduct farming operations in an efficient manner.
- 2.3.3 A notice shall only be issued under sub-clause 2.3.2 after the Council or a duly authorised officer thereof had discussed or made reasonable attempts to discuss the matter with the landowner concerned in an effort to reach agreement on points of access and exit.
- 2.3.4 A landowner may, within thirty (30) days of the receipt by registered mail of a notice under sub-clause 2.3.2 hereof lodge an objection against that notice to Council. The objection shall be in writing, shall state the grounds of the objection, and shall be addressed to the Council. The address for service of the objection shall be at the office of the Council.
- 2.3.5 Every party shall have the right to be heard personally or by Council.

- 2.3.6 In determining the objection the Council may uphold the objection wholly or partly and may abandon or modify the notice accordingly or may dismiss the objection.
- 2.3.7 Every determination on an objection shall include reasons for the decision and shall be given as soon as practicable after such objection has been determined.

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PART 3

CONSTRUCTION OF RACES OR CROSSINGS

3.1 PRIOR APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT RACE/CROSSINGS

- 3.1.1 No person shall construct a race/crossing for the purposes of moving stock along a roadway or road margin or to regularly move stock across a roadway or road margin except with the prior written approval of the Council.
- 3.1.2 The Council by resolution may set any terms and conditions from time to time as it sees fit for the construction and use of any such race and those conditions shall form part of that approval.
- 3.1.3 The Council after consultation with such parties as it thinks fit may alter the terms and conditions of any such approval by notice in writing from time to time and any such alteration shall be deemed to form part of the original approval.
- 3.1.4 It shall be an offence against these bylaws to construct a race/crossing without approval as set out in clause 3.1.1 or to construct and/or use a race/crossing that does not comply with the terms and conditions under which the approval was given (including any alterations made pursuant to clause 3.1.3 herein).
- 3.1.5 The applicant shall be responsible for all costs of construction, maintenance and removal of any such race/crossing.
- 3.1.6 The Council may at any time by notice given in writing to the landowner require the fence and race or the crossing to be removed and the roadway or road margin reinstated to its original condition.
- 3.1.7 It shall be an offence against these Bylaws to fail to comply with any Notice issued under clause 3.1.6 within three months of the date of service of the notice.

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PART 4

PENALTIES

4.1 PENALTY

Every person who breaches this Bylaw commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000, as set out in the Local Government Act 2002 and where the breach is a continuing one to a further fine not exceeding \$50 for every day or part thereof on which the failure continues.

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PART 5

5.1 REVOCATIONS AND SAVINGS

- 5.1.1 The Kaikoura District (Movement of Stock Bylaw 1995) is hereby revoked.
- 5.1.2 Any approval, permit or other act of authority which originated under The Kaikoura District (Movement of Stock Bylaw 1995) that is continuing at the commencement of this Bylaw, continues to have full force and effect for the purposes of this Bylaw, but is subject to the application of any relevant clause in this Bylaw.
- 5.1.3 The revocation of any of The Kaikoura District (Movement of Stock Bylaw 1995) under subclause (5.1.1) does not prevent any legal proceedings, criminal or civil, being taken to enforce that bylaw and such proceedings continue to be dealt with and completed as if the that bylaws had not been revoked.

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GUIDELINES for a approval under Clause 3.1

ROAD CROSSINGS/

- A direct route perpendicular to road alignment shall apply;
- Gates shall be erected at the race entrance on each boundary, and also, 50 metres back from the race boundary;
- Entrance and race itself shall be constructed of hardfill material with a cambered free draining profile for at least 15 metres from the edge of seal or road formation on each side of the road;
- Obstructions impairing road user visibility of full width of road reserve shall be avoided where at all possible;
- Crossings shall be sited to permit effective, safe stopping sight distance for road users relevant to the speed environment of the road;
- For heavy use crossings, Council may require a financial contribution limited to 50% of the cost, towards the installation of a durable road pavement, eg Concrete. Maintenance shall also be apportioned at 50%, except cleaning, which shall be the responsibility of the landowner;
- Stock shall be held back 50 metres from the road exit point prior to entering race or crossing the road;
- Warning Signs of a suitable standard shall be erected and maintained by the Landowner, such warning signs being collapsible, and displayed only when stock is being moved.
- Gateways entering the roadway shall be as wide as is practicable, to allow rapid movement of stock.

RACES ON ROAD MARGINS

- Size

Maximum length of 1.5km, minimum 3m wide and maximum 5m wide

- Fence Construction

No waratah standards or similar steel posts shall be used.

Electric fences shall be constructed of wooden battens/posts, small decimetre or plastic electric fence standards. Must give regard to all road users (including pedestrians).

- Pavement

Shall be hard fill.

Shall be to the satisfaction of the Council Works and Services Manager or his delegated representative.

- Proximity to Road

No fence or race shall be constructed closer than 2 metres from the edge of the roadway.

- Water Tables/Drains

Construction and use of the race shall not encroach into or foul water tables or drains.

- Underground Services/Drainage Structures

The applicant shall be responsible for locating, avoiding and if necessary repairing underground services and culvert drainage structures.

- Hours of Darkness

No stock will be left in the race during the hours of darkness.

- Road Crossings

The conditions relating to Road Crossings shall apply to any race constructed on a road margin.

- Effect on Other Properties

The effect of the construction and use of a race on properties fronting the road reserve shall be taken into consideration and other landowners must be consulted before approval is given.

- Visibility to Other Road Users

Reflective markers shall be installed, one at each end, and at intervals of not more than 100 metres on the fence nearest the road edge.

GENERAL EXPLANATORY COMMENT

This document is a draft proposal for Bylaws to control the movement of stock in the Kaikoura District.

A bylaw is a rule or regulation made by a local authority which affects the public, which orders something to be done, or not to be done, as the case may be.

A bylaw provides penalties for non-compliance, including fines that may be enforced by a District Court. Additional measures to enforce bylaws include court orders, or in some cases, direct intervention by a council to demolish or remove nonconforming features.

These bylaws deal specifically with the Kaikoura District, to improve the safe and reasonable movement of stock, and to help protect the roads from unnecessary damage.

The bylaws have been drafted using the Kaikoura District Movement of Stock Bylaw 1995 and sample bylaw from the Christchurch City Council.

Plan Change 1 and 2

Issue

Kaikoura District Council has been involved in two plan changes being:

Plan Change 1 – Ocean Ridge Limited. The Plan Change provides for the following changes:

- An additional 56 residential allotments:
- Residential Area A will be reduced from 95 residential allotments to up to 74.
- Residential Area B will be reduced from 86 residential allotments to 56.
- Residential Area C consisting of up to 35 residential allotments remains unchanged.
- Residential Area D will be reduced from 24 residential allotments to up to 14.
- Residential Area D(i) consisting of up to consisting of up to 40 residential allotments remains unchanged.
- A new residential Area E consisting of up to consisting of up to 47 residential allotments.
- A new residential Area F consisting of up to consisting of up to 37 residential allotments.
- A new residential Area G consisting of up to consisting of up to 13 residential allotments.
- Expansion of the land zoned for Mixed Use Area and modification of the activities permitted to allow for “Personal Care” including facilities such as a day spa, hairdressers, gyms, dentists or doctors offices.
- Changing the threshold limit for providing access to Green Lane. Currently the Plan requires that access be formed when the 140th residential allotment is created.
- Rezoning of 8.09ha of rural land to a low density residential area within Ocean Ridge Comprehensive Living Zone.

Plan Change 2 – Minor Corrections.

The purpose of this Plan Change was to make the District Plan clearer to users. This will be done through modifying unworkable definitions, anomalies and written rules and legal requirements that affect the Kaikoura District Plan. The proposed Plan Change was necessary for the efficient implementation of the District Plan and to give greater certainty to the District Plan users.

These are the first two plan changes since the District Plan was made operative on 23rd June 2008.

This report is to outline the process the Council is to go through to make Plan Changes 1 and 2 formally operative. The operative date has been notified as today being 16th March 2011.

Discussion

Both Plan Changes 1 and 2 have been through the consultation and a public notification process. Formal decisions have been released by the Planning Committee and these decisions provided to all submitters. No appeals have been made to the decision of the Planning Committee. The plan Changes are therefore technically operative, however the Council is yet to affix the seal to the plan changes.

Clause 17 of the first schedule of the Resource Management Act (The Act) states:

“(2) A local authority may... approve part of a policy statement or plan, if all submissions or appeals relating to that part have been disposed of.

(3) Every approval under this clause shall be effected by affixing the seal of the local authority to the proposed policy statement or plan.”

As no appeals have been made on either Plan Change 1 or Plan Change 2, the Plan can be approved by Council. The Plan will be updated on Council’s website however reprinting has been delayed due to the Christchurch earthquake. The update for the website takes into account all the amendments required by the Plan Changes. The coversheet of the District Plan has been reformatted to reflect Plan Changes 1 and 2. Therefore, the process is simply a case of the Council determining the plan changes

are approved and fixing the seal to the Plan. A resolution that the Plan is approved by Council shall be signed by Mayor Winston Gray and Stuart Grant, and the seal shall be affixed.

The Kaikoura District Council is required to publicly notify the date in which the Plan Changes become operative at least 5 days prior to the Plan Changes becoming operative. The Act states that an approved policy statement or plan shall become an operative policy statement or plan on a date which is to be publicly notified. Notification has occurred and following the formal approval of the Plan by the Council at this meeting the plan will be operative.

Conclusion

From the discussion outlined above, it is considered that Plan Change 1 and 2 can be approved by the Kaikoura District Council on 16th March 2011, and deemed to be fully operative from the date of the approval.

Recommendation

With due consideration of the above, it is recommended that the Council make the following resolution:

Resource Management Act, 1991

It is hereby certified that the Kaikoura District Plan, Plan Changes 1 and 2 are approved by the Kaikoura District Council and deemed to be operative in accordance with Clause 20, First Schedule of the Resource Management Act, 1991.

The common seal of the Kaikoura District Council was affixed on the

16th day of March 2011,

in the presence of:

Winston Gray

Mayor

Stuart Grant

Chief Executive Officer



Peninsula Water Tank Mural

At its meeting on 9th February 2011 the Tourism and Development Committee resolved “that the Committee recommend to Council that the Basking Shark on the reservoir tank on the peninsula be readdressed and if it was possible for the Basking Shark to be removed then it should be”.

That recommendation was made without any reports having been prepared or issues discussed. It is understood that the chairman of the Committee and new Councillors had received a letter from a commercial operator requesting the Basking Shark be removed although no letter had been received by the Council prior to that meeting.

Attached is a letter received from Encounter Kaikoura relating to the peninsula mural, also attached for Council’s information are reports and minutes of previous meetings at which the mural was discussed along with a timeline of events relating to the mural as well as articles from the local newspaper covering this particular issue at that time.

The last resolution of Council relating to this mural prior to this report was at its meeting of 16 September 2009 wherein the Council resolved that it decline the request to remove the Basking Shark and that it reconsiders such a request if a substantial adverse economic impact was demonstrated and proven to be affecting local Kaikoura businesses.

As can be seen the issue of this particular mural has polarized the community in so far as a few commercial operators somehow see the Basking Shark as a threat to their particular businesses whereas those whom have supported the Shark demonstrate it is a reminder of what used to be seen in the water off Kaikoura and raised the profile of the plight of this particular species.

The letter from Encounter Kaikoura has suggested that should the Council remove the Shark then the company’s foundation could assist with the cost of removal and assist with the redevelopment of that particular area. While the offer is a generous one in that Council always like to seek external funding for upgrading projects different readers of the letter could see the offer in differing lights.

From a visual perspective any mural on the water tank is better than a tank covered in graffiti. Having said that Council considered arguments both for and against the particular mural and on balance chose to include a Basking Shark. One may agree or disagree with having a shark of any sort on a mural but having made that decision should the decision to change be purely as a result of pressure from a pressure group or should it be made for the right reasons. To date there has been no valid reasons put forward as to why the Basking Shark should be removed from the mural. It is understood that the operators have not been financially affected by this Shark being in place. There is no information to suggest that prospective users of marine operator services have specifically not used those services as a result of seeing the mural and like most art it comes down to taste.

The fact that both the Council and the Tourism and Development Committee are even debating or discussing the issue of a mural on a water tank suggests that we have taken our eye off the ball in terms of what are the key critical issues in relation to the economic viability and sustainability of this community. There is a lot of good work going on by a lot of people trying to develop events and stimulate business activity within Kaikoura. The issue of a shark on a water tank is for all intents and purposes a side show issue. There is no question that the area adjacent to the water tank could be beautified and improved but having said that the repainting of a mural should not necessarily be the catalyst for that to be undertaken.

In light of no economic hardship having been demonstrated by the operators by having the mural in place over the last 18 months,

It is therefore recommended that Council consider the beautification of that area but reconfirms its resolution of 16 September 2009.

Agenda Report 15/4/2009

6.0 Painting of the Peninsula Water Tank

The old mural on the water tank had been covered with graffiti and I Woodward painted over it with a grey paint. Since then, more graffiti was drawn on the southern side of the tank. Fortunately Ralph Hogan kindly volunteered to paint out the graffiti, Council supplied him with the paint and he did a great job of wiping out the graffiti.

Now there is a blank wall, the engineering department have been looking into options for painting the tank. One of them has involved talking to Jono More.

As part of a nation wide conservation effort to help raise public awareness for the Hector's and Maui's dolphins, Jono More has been responsible for stencilling dolphins on walls and fences throughout New Zealand. His work has gained media attention with articles in many newspapers as well as on national television. Jono has found this form of art to be a useful tool in communicating ideas to the public.

Being in an area of marine importance, as well as being in the public eye, the Kaikoura water tank is a top location for a Hector's dolphin mural and Jono is keen to pursue this as his next canvas. He has suggested several options for what could be done on the water tank:

OPTION ONE: Dolphins on original water tank background.

This would be the quickest and most cost effective option for putting the dolphins on the water tank as they would be spray painted on the original water tank surface (grey concrete).



From the water tank measurements given (17m x 3m, 7m x 3m & 5m x 3m), it has been estimated that between 20-30 dolphins could be spray painted in this space (the final number of dolphins will depend on the composition made closer to the time of painting).

A cost of \$1700 should cover this option. This price has been judged from the time it will take to create the dolphin stencils as well as spray paint them on the tank. It also covers the cost of the paint (approx 20 spray cans), the artists travel costs and also the additional assistance required (someone will need to help out in the stencilling process).

OPTION TWO: Dolphins on a plain painted background.

If the dolphin stencils on a plain concrete background is not desired, there is an option of painting the water tank first, most likely with a colour which fits with dolphins in the marine environment and does not look out of place on the Kaikoura peninsula.



This cost of this option will depend on the amount of exterior paint it will take to cover the tank as well as the time it will take to get it painted. This option will also include the \$1700 (as above) to stencil on the dolphins.

OPTION THREE: Dolphins in a sea-scape.

This will involve the whole water tank being spray painted to incorporate the dolphins into a marine environment scene which will also include fish and the possibility of other sea life.



(Please note that this is just a rough example)

This would obviously be the most time consuming and spray paint consuming option but will perhaps have the most desired effect in the long run. \$3000 should be able to cover all the spray paint and the hours involved in spray painting and stencil making.

BASKING SHARK PROJECT

The basking shark is the biggest fish in New Zealand waters, and seasonally frequents areas around our coastline. Unfortunately, due to by-catch in our trawling industry and the shark fin trade in Asia, the local basking shark population is dwindling and each year, fewer and fewer of these ancient sharks

are seen off our coast. Jono's next public awareness project is to get the basking shark and the conservation issues which surround it more into the public eye. With this in mind, another option for the water tank mural is that as well as dolphins, it could also include one or two life sized (7-8m) basking sharks. If this option were to be pursued, Jono would be happy painting the basking shark/s for no extra charge.



If Council were to support this option, then funding could be sought through sponsorship for the mural by local companies.

Minutes 15/4/2009

Peninsula Water Tank

The old mural on the water tank had been covered with graffiti and Council staff had painted over this with grey paint. More graffiti had been drawn on the southern side. R Hogan had painted over the graffiti with paint supplied by Council. The Engineering Support officer advised this was now a blank wall and advised options had been investigated for painting the tank.

The Engineering Support Officer advised J More, as part of a nation wide conservation effort to help raise public awareness for Hector and Maui dolphins, was responsible for stencilling dolphins on walls and fences throughout New Zealand. He advised J More was happy to come to Kaikoura and had provided three options for painting the tank which were; dolphins on original water tank background, dolphins on plain painted background; dolphins in a seascape. The Engineering Support Officer also advised J More's next public awareness project was the basking shark. He advised if Council wished to have one or two life sized basking sharks on the mural, J More would paint these at no extra cost.

The Engineering Support officer also advised he had been approached by the community service work organiser who had advised one of the current participants was a superb artist. He also suggested sponsors be sought for the mural. Councillor Woods felt this was an excellent idea and believed basking sharks needed to be highlighted in Kaikoura because there had not been any sightings here for a long time. She felt the price was irrelevant if sponsorship was obtained because it would cost the ratepayer nothing. Councillor Macphail enquired if this would help eliminate the graffiti. The Engineering Support Officer believed children tended to respect murals. He advised a new product was currently being trialed which allowed graffiti to be washed off with soap and water. Council staff would paint the product on the over bridge in Churchill Street to see how well it worked. Mayor Heays felt if \$1700 was the full cost Council should go ahead with the mural and suggested the local community service work participant help which would provide some ownership.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that a seascape mural be painted on the Peninsula Water Tank by J More.

Discussion

The Chief Executive Officer enquired if Council did not mind what type of marine mural was painted on the tank. Councillor Macphail felt if the design did not deviate from dolphins and whales which was a common coastal scheme he would be happy. Councillor McChesney advised she would like to see the local artist through community service work paint the toilets at the Northern Entrance to town. The Engineering Support Officer agreed the talent should be used however Council had no paint at the moment. Councillor Woods advised if the seascape mural was sponsored there would be no cost.

Agenda 20/5/2009

4.0 Painting of the Peninsula Water Tank

Jono More has visited the site and is now drafting a final design. Sponsors are now being sought for the project.

Minutes 20/5/2009

Painting of Peninsula Water Tank

The Engineering Support officer tabled sketches of the proposed mural for the peninsula water tank which had been produced by J More. Local business who may potentially sponsor the project had wished to view the designs.

Agenda 17/6/2009

5.0 Painting of the Peninsula Water Tank

The mural is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Minutes 17/6/2009

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 20/5/2009

Peninsula Water Tank

Councillor Woods advised the mural on the water tank was beautiful. Educational material should be available on site to enhance the worth of the mural. She advised she would prefer to see this painted on the mural rather than a plaque. She felt the description on the blank spaces of the mural may deter graffiti. The Asset Manger advised he could ask the artist about this next time he was in Kaikoura.

Councillor Macphail advised he had feedback from operators who had advised they were unhappy with the basking shark on the artwork but were happy with the artwork itself. Councillor Macphail liked the artwork but believed Council needed to appease the concerns of operators. Councillor Macphail advised operators had expressed their concerns to the Engineering Support Officer but these had not been passed to Council. The Asset Manager advised the concerns had been raised following Council's approval to proceed with the mural.

Agenda 15/7/2009

23.06.09

Kaikoura District Council
PO Box 6
Kaikoura

Attention Kevin Heays

Dear Kevin

Re: Water Tank Mural

As you will be aware, the featuring of a basking shark on the water tank has raised some concerns as to its appropriateness, given the prominence of its location and relevance to Kaikoura. We, as business owners and residents of Kaikoura, would like to bring the featuring of a basking shark to the council's attention with a view to asking for a review or rethink of this decision.

While we are more than supportive of the overall mural and agree that it is a huge improvement on what was there previously, we are dismayed that the most significant and iconic feature is a basking shark. Our main concerns are these:

- A basking shark has no relevance to Kaikoura
- A mural in such a visible and visited location should be focused on promoting and highlighting what is iconic and unique about Kaikoura
- The majority of visitors and marine enthusiasts that visit Kaikoura would not distinguish a basking shark as being a non threatening species
- Kaikoura is renowned for its water based activities of swimming, surfing, diving and snorkeling. It is also one of the world's most popular destinations where visitors can take tours to swim with dolphins and seals. The prominent display of a shark is totally inappropriate and insensitive to the feelings and fears of many that associate the open water with sharks
- We believe the location of the lookout will directly associate viewers with 'what is out there,' and reinforce the perception that the sea is a feeding ground for sharks
- Even if an interpretation plaque is added, not everyone has the time to read an explanation or has English as their first language. The mural should tell its own story
- Kaikoura is now a location famed for whales and dolphins and that is what we would like to see reinforced to our visitors
- If there was an intention to feature endangered species, then the southern right whale would have been more in keeping with Kaikoura

As mentioned, we are extremely disappointed that there was no effort to consult with interested parties as to what should feature on the mural and we struggle to understand the rationale for supporting the inclusion of a basking shark. Had there been discussions with interested parties, such as tour operators or even the Tourism and Development Committee, we are confident we would not be in the unenviable position we now find ourselves.

We would like to have an opportunity to discuss this issue with you, or better still, have the decision made to replace the basking shark with something that is appropriate to our area and unites us as a community rather than divides us. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Kauahi Ngapora

Whale Watch Kaikoura

Dennis Buurman

Encounter Kaikoura

Neroli Gold

Spey Creek Trophy Hunting

Vanessa Chambers

Seal Swim Kaikoura

Dave Armstrong

Kaikoura Helicopters

Mandy Fissenden

Manager Kaikoura I Site

From: BV Kaikoura [mailto:bvkaikoura@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 July 2009 9:02 a.m.
To: Kevin Heays
Subject: A Disclaimer from KITI

Hello Kevin,

I understand the Council has received a submission regarding the water tank "mural". It has also come to my attention that The I-Site Manager, Mandy Fissenden is a signatory to this submission. This email is to clarify KITI's position on this issue. As the Chairman of the KITI Executive I want to assure you and your Council that Mandy's signature does not represent the view of the KITI Executive. This particular issue has never been debated nor included on the KITI Executive agenda at any time. Therefore it goes without saying that as an Executive we have no intention of being involved in this issue.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further clarification on this.

Regards

Don Macphail
Chairman
Kaikoura Information and Tourism Inc

Minutes 15/7/2009

11. PUBLIC FORUM

Water Tank Mural – D Buurman 1.15pm

D Buurman, L Buurman, D Armstrong and G Chambers were in attendance to present this item. D Buurman advised the featuring of a Basking Shark on the water tank had raised some concern as to its appropriateness, location and relevance to Kaikoura.

He advised in terms of the mural the water tank looked fantastic except for one aspect. He believed most people would not be able to determine a Basking Shark. He further advised last season 2680 clients had visited Kaikoura with Magic, Kiwi and Stray bus companies and the first place they visited was the look out. They did not spend a lot of time there and information was of no benefit to those who only had a few seconds.

L Buurman believed the impact of the mural would be increased questions and advised it was not about dolphin encounter but surfing, snorkeling and swimming. She questioned whether a Basking Shark was relevant to Kaikoura in the minds of tourists, given most visitors were of international origin. She advised N Gold had commented whilst she was glad to see a proactive approach she did not feel a Basking Shark fit with the town's image.

G Chambers provided comment on behalf of V Chambers of Seal Swim Kaikoura. He advised whilst marine enthusiasts would recognize the Basking Shark as harmless, to many people a shark was a shark and did not believe consideration had been given to impact on swimming operators. He advised travellers often sighted their irrational fear of sharks and how safe a client felt impacted on the enjoyment they got from their experience.

D Armstrong advised the mural had made an eye sore into a picturesque water tank. He advised any time a Whale Shark was seen at sea they put a shiver

down peoples spine and advised a picture spoke a thousand words. He advised the Basking Shark on the mural had been discussed with Council staff prior to painting however input had been ignored. D Armstrong requested Council replace the basking shark with something more appropriate.

Councillor Woods enquired when a Basking Shark had last been sighted in Kaikoura waters and how many other sharks had been seen during this time. D Buurman advised a Basking Shark had been seen a couple of years ago. Blue Sharks were quite common in the summer and occasionally Mako sharks were seen.

Mayor Heays enquired what the groups' collective request was. D Buurman advised they would like the Basking Shark removed and replaced with something more applicable. It was noted that photos showing the water tank were often featured in tour guides.

Councillor McChesney enquired if the artist was asked to change the mural would there be any monetary support from the community regarding the change. D Armstrong enquired why the artist needed to be consulted and felt it was a lot easier to take the Basking Shark off than it was to put it up. He advised there had been no discussion regarding money to put the mural in place and did not see why this should be put back on the people who would like the Basking Shark removed. He suggested as part of a school project children could draw what they see in Kaikoura. L Buurman advised she was not opposed to more discussion regarding the issue and believed the artist should be consulted because artists had a passion for their work.

Councillor Woods advised education regarding endangered species was lacking in New Zealand and around the world and pretending it was not an issue was not going to protect endangered species. D Buurman advised there were many endangered species and the set net ban was the best thing that had happened regarding the survival of the Basking Shark.

Mayor Heays advised the issue would be discussed and debated. It was generally felt a workshop should be held and background information provided on options available, an analysis of costs and the artist's views should also be sought.

Minutes 19/8/2009

2. OPEN FORUM

Basking Shark Mural

P Turner, I Winstanley and K Roberts were in attendance and wished to speak to this item. P Turner advised he was against the removal of the basking shark from the reservoir mural. He advised we lived in a marine village and there had never been an attack by a basking shark and believed an informative sign was needed. He further advised there had never been reports of people being harassed by basking sharks however there had been reports of dolphins harassing people in the North Island recently. Basking Sharks were a tourist attraction in Australia and the United Kingdom.

P Turner support the mural and believed the basking shark was a part of Kaikoura's history and advised at one stage the basking shark had been hunted and he believed the public would like to be able to vote on the issue.

K Roberts advised as the basking shark was currently depicted it could be interpreted the shark was hunting dolphins when it was living amongst them. Mayor Heays advised Council would be indulging in another workshop to discuss the issue.

Agenda 16/9/2009

Peninsula Water Tank Mural

At its meeting on 15 April 2009 Council resolved that a seascape mural be painted on the peninsular water tank by J More. At that meeting Council had been advised that J More, as part of a nationwide conservation effort to help raise public awareness for Hector and Maui dolphins, was responsible for stencilling dolphins on walls and fences throughout New Zealand and that his next public awareness project was to raise the profile of Basking Sharks as these had once been seen around our coast but were now seen less often than previously. At that time Council considered that the drawing of such a mural on the tank would be a positive replacement for the previous mural that had had some graffiti tagging done to it and subsequently had been painted out leaving a grey tank.

The mural was completed in late May and in June the Mayor received a letter signed by a number of local business people and tourist operators advising that while there was general approval of the mural on the tank and it was a marked improvement on what had been there previously, there was concern that the image of a large Basking Shark would convey the wrong message to visitors to Kaikoura and those who were uninformed about various shark species. Consequently the group requested that the Basking Shark be removed from the mural. Council received the delegation of the signatories at its meeting in July and agreed to further consider the issue of the removal of the Basking Shark from the mural. It is now two months since receiving that delegations and Council should now make a decision on whether the Basking Shark remains as part of the mural or is painted out and/or replaced with something else.

It is fair to say that the inclusion of the Basking Shark on the mural has caused some lively debate within certain circles of the Kaikoura community with views ranging from a Basking Shark has not been sighted in Kaikoura for a number of years therefore has no association with Kaikoura, to the fact that the shark used to be seen frequently around the Kaikoura coast and is part of Kaikoura's history and therefore should remain. Views tend to be polarized either you are happy with the shark remaining or you think it needs to be removed at all costs.

The issue had been raised through the Kaikoura Star which had called for a survey of residents to gauge their views on the issue. Perhaps the overall lack of response to the request for feedback was an indication that the whole issue is not such a big deal within the community but is a major issue for some specific individuals or organisations one way or the other. If Council believes the Basking Shark has no association with Kaikoura then it should remove the Basking Shark. If on the other hand it believes it does have an association or did have an association prior to the numbers being substantially reduced then there is no reason why it should not stay.

In their letter to the Mayor dated 23 June 2009 the group requesting that the shark be removed from the mural identified eight key points in their argument for the removal of the shark. Their eight points were;

1. The Basking Shark has no relevance to Kaikoura.

As Council knows this statement is factually incorrect, Basking Sharks have been caught in Kaikoura waters in the past and parts of that body have been commercialized. It is definitely fair to say however that the sightings have been substantially reduced in the last few years. In fact it is believed one has not been seen for a couple of years.

2. A mural in such a visible and visited location should be focused on highlighting what is iconic and unique about Kaikoura.

One can not disagree that the site is visited by many tourists to Kaikoura and murals could be utilized to promote and highlight what is iconic and unique about Kaikoura. It is noted that there are numerous other murals around the township that actively promote or highlight the whales and dolphins that frequent our part of the South Island coast line. Perhaps in future we should be highlighting crayfish and the growing attraction of fur seals and sea birds.

3. The majority of visitors and marine enthusiasts that visit Kaikoura would not distinguish a basking shark as being a non-threatening species.

It is unsure whether the writers of the letter had surveyed their visitors or marine enthusiasts to reach their conclusion as no back up information was provided. However, one would think that if one was a marine enthusiast they would potentially be able to differentiate between different types of sea creatures, but they may not.

4. Related to the prominent display of a shark being totally inappropriate and insensitive to the feelings and fears of many that associate the open water with sharks.

It is fair to say that sharks do inhabit our coastal waters and there are many species of shark in the open sea and to suggest otherwise is merely hiding the facts. Up until a few years ago you used to be able to go diving with sharks in Kaikoura and it was not uncommon to have whale watching, swimming with dolphins and shark diving all within a relatively close location of each other.

I recall when Whale Watch was talking about their proposed large display wherein they would be featuring all the species of marine life within our area including the different species of shark. The idea behind the concept was to educate the public on what is in the ocean including the good the bad and the ugly. This area has been known to have a large number of different species of shark in the area including at times White Pointers, yet that has not curtailed the amount of surfing done in the area and it certainly has not reduced the number of snorkelers nor reduced the numbers going swimming with dolphins or seal swimming.

5. 'We believe the location of the lookout will directly associate viewers with 'what is out there,' and reinforce the perception that the sea is a feeding ground for sharks'.

The sea is a feeding ground for sharks and in the case of the Basking Shark their meals are plankton. Our ocean is one of the more under researched parts of our planet yet it covers three quarters of the earth's surface. If we can increase the public's knowledge and understanding of what is out there then the better our chances are of ensuring that we have a sustainable marine future in our area. There are certainly parts of the world where the oceans or seas have been destocked of fish life due to human endeavour and the aim of identifying the Basking Shark was to bring that aspect of our activities to the knowledge of more people. From an educational perspective the Peninsula water tank is an ideal location to broadcast the message that the Basking Shark and the Hector and Maui Dolphins are now endangered species.

6. Suggests that even if an interpretation plaque was added, not everyone has the time to read an explanation or has English as their first language. The mural should tell its own story.

Be that as it may, the vast majority of visitors to Kaikoura can either speak or at least understand English and any interpretation panel would enhance whatever was on the mural whether it was a Basking Shark, a Giant Squid, a Common Dolphin or a Hutton Shearwater. Some people will just look at a mural while others will take the time to read what is written about what the mural represents.

7. Kaikoura is now a location famed for whales and dolphins and that is what we would like to see reinforced to our visitors.

There is no question that Kaikoura is famed for whales and dolphins and domestically it is also famed for crayfish and fishing. In this particular case however, the mural was not being used as an advertising hording but was specifically to depict a number of endangered species. If that is not what is desired then the mural could be or should be substantially altered to represent what we have an abundance of however, that certainly was not the view when Council made its decision in April to promote a seascape mural that highlighted some endangered species.

8. If there was an intention to feature endangered species, then the southern right whale would have been more in keeping with Kaikoura.

There are probably numerous endangered species that visit our waters probably more infrequently than they used to and certainly if Council constructs more water storage tanks then there would be no reason why other endangered species could not feature on those tanks and could in it self become tourist attractions. It is understood that the Southern Right Whale is currently not yet as “threatened” as Basking Sharks.

Council needs to decide whether this mural is for educational purposes and is to contain species that are threatened or endangered or whether it is a tourist promotion mural which highlights the abundant variety of species within our waters. The two are very different. If we wish to highlight what people can commonly see in our area then Basking Sharks, Maui Dolphins and Hector Dolphins should all be removed and replaced with other species of marine life. However, if Council believes that the mural was to make a statement about currently endangered species then there is no reason why the current creatures on the mural should not be retained.

The mural artist has advised he is prepared to make changes to the mural if that is Council’s desire. At this stage however, he is currently in the United States and it is unsure what his travel arrangements are or when he will be back in New Zealand. It is understood he went to the States for our winter.

The operators who suggested that the Shark be removed have not demonstrated what economic impact the retention of the Shark is having either on their specific businesses or the local Kaikoura economy as a whole. If there is a genuine adverse economic impact on our local economy as a result of the Shark, then Council could review its desire to publicize endangered species in order to assist the local community. Until that adverse impact has been demonstrated then Council should not, if it wishes to use the mural for educational purposes, remove any of the threatened or endangered species from the mural.

It is therefore recommended that Council decline the request to remove the Basking Shark and that it reconsider such a request if a substantial adverse economic impact was demonstrated and proven to be effecting local Kaikoura businesses.

Minutes 16/9/2009

16. PENINSULA WATER TANK MURAL

The Chief Executive Officer presented the report and advised he had tried to address all the points raised in the letter signed by a number of business people. He advised on balance no adverse effects had been demonstrated. He further advised the artist, J More, had been contacted and he could remove the Basking Shark from the mural for approximately \$700 plus the cost of accommodation.

Mayor Heays advised a workshop regarding the mural had been held two weeks prior. Councillor Woods advised she supported the recommendation in the report and advised if the vote was tied she would like see public opinion taken into consideration.

Councillor Macphail advised he had supported the introduction of the Basking Shark because he had felt it was an opportunity to do something with the water tower and endangered species was another attraction. He advised Council did not include the Basking Shark to be controversial however it had turned into a controversy. He advised the reasons for people being anti the Shark were relevant in their minds and believed they had justification to be concerned and advised he was against the recommendation.

Councillor Ransley advised he had felt the mural was good right from the start. He advised he had attended a meeting with Councillor Pablecheque and D Buurman and he had not been convinced otherwise and supported the recommendation. Councillor Diver felt the status quo should be retained.

Councillor Pablecheque advised he was disappointed it had come to this as Council had good intentions from the start and advised he would be voting against the recommendation. Councillor McChesney advised she had fluctuated from one side to the other and thought the mural was a good idea. She advised she had talked to people in the community and a lot of people felt it was a great idea to support the environment and endangered species and a sign should be erected.

Councillor Holmes advised he had viewed the mural for the first the previous evening. He advised the mural was paint on a tank and would support the recommendation. Mayor Heays advised he had also asked around the community and he had yet to find anyone who was against the mural. He advised he could see it as the beginning of something very unique in Kaikoura, he believed it could be valuable and could also be valuable to tourism organisations and would support the recommendation.

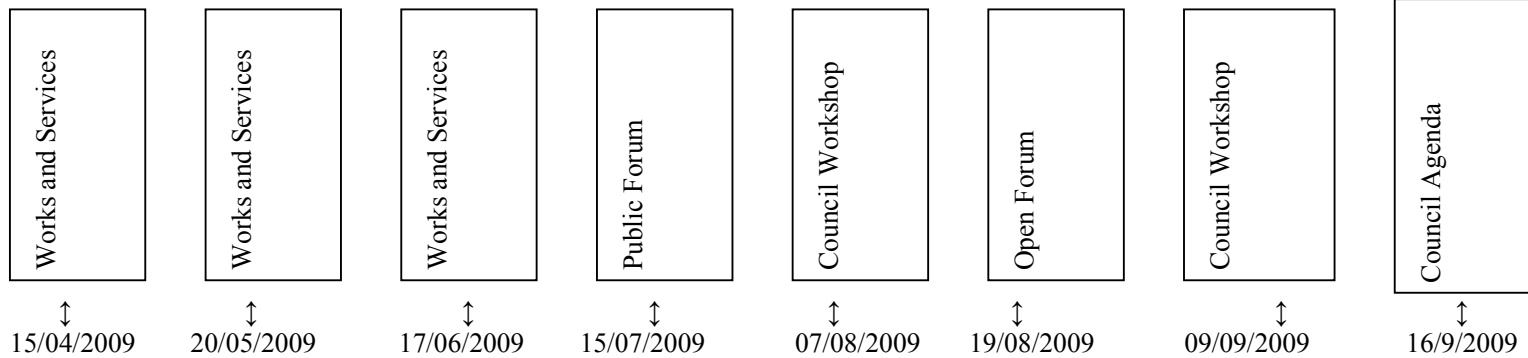
Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Ransley and resolved that Council decline the request to remove the Basking Shark and that it reconsider such a request if a substantial adverse economic impact was demonstrated and proven to be effecting local Kaikoura businesses.

Discussion:

Councillor Woods advised she was unsure of the adverse economic impact clause and why it was in the recommendation. Councillor McChesney asked how economic impact could be proved with the current recession. The Chief Executive Officer advised the letter received from concerned business operators had suggested the Basking Shark featured on the mural was going to have a huge impact on business. He advised if businesses were able to back up with facts and figures that the Basking Shark featured on the mural was impacting business then Council may wish to review their decision.

Against: Councillor Macphail

Peninsula Water Tank Mural Timeline of Events



15/4/2009

The proposal regarding a mural was put to Council as part of the works and services agenda. Options and costs were provided. ***Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that a seascape mural be painted on the Peninsula Water Tank by J More.*** Discussions were held on what Council wished to see on the mural.

20/5/2009

An update was included in the agenda. Sketches of the proposed mural were tabled.

17/6/2009

An update was included in the agenda advising the mural was schedule to be completed prior to the end of June. Councillor Macphail advised concerns had been raised by operators regarding the shark on the mural.

15/7/2009

Dennis Buurman and representatives of other businesses presented in the public forum advising their objection to the mural. It was decided a workshop should be held and background information provided about options.

07/08/2009

This item was discussed at the Workshop. Information had been provided by the Engineering Support Officer.

19/8/2009

Paul Turner, I Winstanley and K Roberts presented in the Open Forum of Council advising their support for the Basking Shark on the mural.

09/09/2009

Further discussion regarding the mural.

16/9/2009

Report to Council meeting. *Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Ransley and resolved that Council decline the request to remove the Basking Shark and that it reconsider such a request if a substantial adverse economic impact was demonstrated and proven to be effecting local Kaikoura businesses.*

9/2/2011

Recommendation from Tourism and Development Committee

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by N Gold and resolved that the Tourism and Development Committee recommend to Council that the Basking Shark on the reservoir tank be readdressed and if it was possible for the Basking Shark to be removed then it should be.

Mayor's Report

The events in Christchurch have and will continue to have an effect on our community. The numbers of students from out of town are as of Thursday 10th are 118. The aftermath of this event will affect us for some time yet. Community members and the Red Cross are operating a 'Drop-in Centre' for affected Canterbury citizens passing through or stopping in Kaikoura. KITI staff have done an excellent job coordinating accommodation and rearranging affected travel arrangements. The business community have also played a major role with fundraising efforts and helping those affected citizens staying in our town. With the food drive on the 3rd of March we were able to deliver food parcels to more than 40 homes who have taken in students from Christchurch.

Stuart and I attended the Rural Sector meeting in Wellington on Thursday 17th and 18th of February some issues discussed were;

- Rooding / Transport: Local Government need to take a bi partisan approach with Govt over roading issues. Under the present system we are fighting over crumbs (the cupboard is bare).
- NZ Motor Home presentation regarding freedom camping and their work to encourage good practice. Temporary dump stations are available through them (I have made an enquiry as to how) for the World Cup if required.
- Building Act Review: Comment that Government does not seem to be hearing the concerns being raised by the sector regarding changes to the Building Act. It is on the agenda for the next meeting to facilitate a more in depth discussion of the issues.
- Broadband: Major rollout of broadband underway through out the country. Joint project involving Telecom and Vodafone.
- Ministry of Social Development: Contract mapping system available. Gives an indication of MSD spend in individual areas. Some data fields are for example army are spread across the country on a population basis. This is still being developed and future developments will look to overlay socio-economic and demographic data in order to determine the effectiveness and appropriateness of interventions. To find the site go to <http://www.contractmapping.govt.nz>.