
Christchurch City Council

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9.30 am

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Report of Te Pou Matua: Mayor Phil Mauger

1. Purpose of Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive overview of the external activities undertaken by the mayor in his role as the city's and community's leader. It also highlights key matters that require the attention of the Council.
- 1.2 This report has been compiled to ensure a clear and accurate record of the Mayor's engagements and any pertinent issues that have arisen.

2. Mayors Recommendations / Ngā Tūtohu o Te Koromatua

That the Council:

1. Receives and notes the information in the Mayor's Monthly Report.

3. Mayor's Activities

Summary of the Mayor's engagements

- 3.1 Over the month, the Mayor has enjoyed engaging in a variety of community events and meetings, focusing on key areas such as infrastructure development, community engagement, and fostering relationships with stakeholders.
- 3.2 One of the significant events was the official naming announcement of One New Zealand Stadium for Te Kaha, which marked a major milestone in the city's commitment to developing world-class infrastructure. The Mayor also participated in several strategic discussions with key stakeholders, including government officials and city leaders, addressing critical issues related to transportation, infrastructure, and local governance.
- 3.3 The Mayor's community engagement efforts included addressing architecture students at the ArchEngBuild event, participating in a native planting initiative at Lancaster Park, and supporting the announcement of new Police Community Beat teams aimed at enhancing safety in Christchurch. Additionally, the Mayor engaged with central city developers to explore opportunities for urban revitalisation and took part in community events such as the Red Nose Day fundraising race and the Spencerville Residents' Association AGM.
- 3.4 The Mayor's visits to local organisations and schools highlighted the city's commitment to understanding and supporting various community needs. These visits included the Adult Conductive Education Canterbury, Orbvis, the Youth Hub, and the City Mission, where he engaged with service providers and constituents. The Mayor also spoke at the Student Leadership Day at Cashmere High School, encouraging youth involvement in civic activities.
- 3.5 The Mayor also presided over a citizenship ceremony, welcoming new citizens to Christchurch, and hosted a welcome event for international students, underscoring the city's global outreach. He also celebrated the achievements of students who completed the Outward Bound Takere Schools course, recognising their personal growth and resilience.

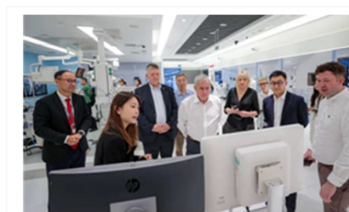
Mayoral trip to China

- 3.6 From 3 to 19 August 2024, the Mayor, along with a delegation, undertook an official visit to China, engaging in a series of meetings and cultural exchanges across several cities. The visit

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began with the delegation's arrival in Shenzhen, where they toured notable facilities, including Tencent and Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics. The Mayor met with Shenzhen's Mayor, followed by a civic banquet and cultural performances.

- 3.7 The delegation then travelled to Wuhan, where they visited the Wuhan Economic & Technological Development Zone, Wuhan Business University, and met with the Governor of Hubei Province. A significant highlight was the night tour of the Yellow Crane Tower and the re-signing of the Sister City agreement with Wuhan's Mayor.



- 3.8 In Beijing, the delegation visited key landmarks, including the Great Wall of China and engaged in meetings with officials from the Ministry of Education and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. They also met with the New Zealand Ambassador in Beijing to discuss bilateral cooperation.



- 3.9 The visit continued to Hohhot, where the Mayor signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a strategic partnership with the Mayor of Hohhot. The delegation also toured local industrial sites and cultural landmarks.

- 3.10 The final leg of the visit took place in Gansu, where the delegation participated in the opening ceremony of a photo exhibition and visited the Zhangye UNESCO Global Geopark. The trip concluded with meetings in Lanzhou, focusing on agriculture and green development, before the delegation returned to Christchurch.



- 3.11 Throughout the visit, the Mayor engaged in gift exchanges, speeches, and discussions on strengthening ties between Christchurch and various Chinese cities, exploring opportunities for future collaboration in areas such as education, technology, and urban development.

Residents Association Chairs Forum

- 3.12 On 30 July 2024, the Mayor, along with the Deputy Mayor, hosted a Residents Association Chairs Forum where various community concerns and updates were discussed. Key themes included:
- 3.13 Infrastructure improvements and community safety, with Belfast residents expressing concerns about driving safety and suggesting the installation of cameras on Council posts. The Mayor indicated that coordination with the Police might be possible.
- 3.14 In Cashmere, discussions focused on enhancing cycleways, particularly around the Cashmere Bridge. Issues related to densification and parking management were also raised, with suggestions for larger communal bins in intensified areas. Similar concerns about bin costs were mentioned by residents from Hoon Hay and Somerfield, particularly regarding community centre maintenance. The Mayor noted that these costs could be investigated.
- 3.15 Environmental concerns were highlighted, with New Brighton residents inquiring about the process for establishing a dark sky zone and those from Kennedy's Bush raising issues about development waste and drainage. The Mayor acknowledged that these matters could be investigated, including the status of land development at key intersections.

- 3.16 The forum also addressed broader city planning topics, such as the impact of split residential and commercial zoning on rates and the potential for introducing an inner-city shuttle service in the Victoria Neighbourhood. The Mayor expressed interest in exploring these initiatives and highlighted ongoing transport projects, including the Pages Road Bridge and Collins St Overbridge, as priorities.
- 3.17 Overall, the forum provided an opportunity for residents to voice their concerns directly to the Mayor, who committed to following up on a range of issues, from infrastructure improvements to environmental protection and community safety.

4. Deputy Mayor's Activities (While Acting on the Mayor's behalf)

- 4.1 During the Mayor's recent visit to China, the Deputy Mayor stepped into the role of Acting Mayor, taking on the responsibilities of leading the Council in his absence. Over this period, the Deputy Mayor actively engaged in key meetings, represented the city at various events, and continued to advance important initiatives on behalf of the Mayor and Christchurch City Council.

Summary of the Deputy Mayor's engagements

- 4.2 The northern end of the Puari ki Pū-Harakeke-nui Northern Line Cycleway was officially opened on 9 August by the Deputy Mayor who cut the ribbon at Barnes Reserve in Casebrook.



- 4.3 The Deputy Mayor planted the two millionth tree with Conservation Volunteers New Zealand (CVNZ) in the Burwood Red Zone. CVNZ has contributed over 115,000 volunteer hours toward restoring our natural environment across Aotearoa since 2006. Their efforts include planting millions of trees, removing 6 million square metres of weeds, clearing 10,000 kilograms of rubbish, and implementing predator control across vast areas of the country.



- 4.4 Deputy Mayor, alongside Councillor Scandrett, attended a meeting with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to discuss the 'Report of the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events.' The report's recommendations are expected to have varying impacts on councils, particularly in how Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) support is provided.

Hosting a delegation from Ichihara City, Japan

- 4.5 On Monday, 12 August, Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter welcomed a delegation from Ichihara City (Chiba Prefecture), Japan. The six-member delegation, led by Mayor Joji Koide, included Deputy Mayor Hideaki Inagaki, a representative from the New Zealand Embassy in Japan, and three staff members from Ichihara City Hall. Loren Aberhart, Manager of Destination and Attractions from ChristchurchNZ, also attended the hour-long meeting.
- 4.6 Mayor Koide expressed a strong interest in learning from Christchurch's experience in post-earthquake economic regeneration, particularly in tourism development. Ichihara City, known for its oil refineries, is currently planning economic diversification by developing attractions for domestic tourism around its forests, mountains, and coastline.

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- 4.7 The delegation is visiting various tourist destinations in New Zealand, and during the meeting, Mayor Koide and Deputy Mayor Cotter had a lively conversation focused on Christchurch's attractions, including the Christchurch Tram and Gondola. Ms Aberhart presented the delegation with complimentary passes for both attractions.
- 4.8 It's also worth noting that Ichihara City hosted the New Zealand team during the 2021 Olympics.

Greater Christchurch Partnership Forum

- 4.9 The Deputy Mayor attended the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee (GCPC) meeting on behalf of the Mayor. Councillor Templeton was also in attendance.
- 4.10 The meeting covered key topics, including the Greater Christchurch Work Programme, the Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan, a transport update for Greater Christchurch, and a progress update on the Joint Housing Action Plan.
- 4.11 The Council was asked to nominate representatives for the hearings on the Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan. At this stage, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Templeton, and Councillor Henstock have been put forward as potential nominees.
- 4.12 There was some discussion around the progression of City Deals and how we can ensure that the efforts of the GCPC and the Mayoral Forum are well-coordinated and complementary. There was also discussion about the potential for overlap between these two forums. The goal is to avoid any duplication of work and to ensure that both the GCPC and the Mayoral Forum are effectively aligned in their efforts to advance key regional initiatives.
- 4.13 This conversation underscores the importance of maintaining clear and efficient communication between different regional governance structures to maximise the impact of strategic initiatives, such as transport and housing plans, for the benefit of the Greater Christchurch community. Going forward, the insights from this discussion will help shape how these forums collaborate to achieve the best outcomes for the region.

Progression of Local Water Done Well

- 4.14 The Government is progressing the first tranche of legislation for the new water reforms through Parliament, with the expectation that it will be passed later in August. This legislation establishes the preliminary framework for the reforms, and additional policy settings have been released for further legislation to be introduced later in the year. These developments will be a major focus for the Council over the next 12 months.
- 4.15 The "Local Water Done Well" reform introduces new water service delivery models, giving councils the flexibility to select the most suitable approach for their communities. Confirmed financing arrangements will enhance financial independence and sustainability in managing water services. Additionally, a new planning and accountability framework will streamline the integration of water services into existing council plans.
- 4.16 For Christchurch, these changes are particularly significant as they enable the city to maintain local control over water services while also exploring collaborative opportunities with regional partners.
- 4.17 The next steps for the Council include modelling how we can achieve the reform's outcomes and deliver high-quality water services by adapting our in-house model. This model will serve as a baseline for Christchurch, ensuring that local control and management of water services remain central. We will also continue to explore and evaluate other models, with ongoing discussions about potential partnerships that could further enhance service delivery and operational efficiency.

- 4.18 These considerations are crucial as Christchurch navigates the new flexibility offered by the reforms, ultimately positioning the city to choose a model that best aligns with its long-term strategic goals while maintaining high standards of service for its residents.

5. On the Horizon for Next Month

More clarity on the nature of City and Regional Deals

- 5.1 City Deals are emerging as a significant opportunity, with the Government expected to announce its framework for these agreements soon. These deals are anticipated to be a key mechanism through which local and central government can collaborate on major projects that drive economic growth, enhance infrastructure, and improve social outcomes across the region.
- 5.2 As the framework is finalised, our focus will be on how best to position Christchurch and the region to maximise the benefits of a City or Regional Deal. This will involve close collaboration with the Government and other key partners to ensure that our proposals align with national priorities while also addressing the unique needs and aspirations of our community. By actively engaging in the development of these deals, we aim to secure significant investments that will support the long-term prosperity and resilience of Christchurch.
- 5.3 Looking ahead, the Council will be exploring strategic projects that could be included in a potential City Deal, assessing how these initiatives can leverage government support to deliver transformative outcomes for our city. This will be a critical area of focus in the coming months as we work to shape a future that benefits all residents and strengthens Christchurch's role as a leading city in New Zealand.

Activity Reporting

- 5.4 The Council expressed a desire for regular activity reporting from operations unit. The table below outlines of the planned activity reporting for the next quarter. It is proposed that regular reporting will continue during 2025.

Service / Unit Reporting	Council Meeting Date
Art Gallery	16 October 2024
Building Consents	6 November 2024
	5 February 2024
Central City Biannual Report	21 August 2025
Citizens & Customer Services	6 November 2024
Community (Social) Housing	3 July 2024
Community Support & Partnerships	4 September 2024
Libraries	16 October 2024
Parks	20 November 2024
Recreation, Sports & Events	18 September 2024
Regulatory & Compliance	5 February 2025
Planning & Resource Consents	6 November 2024
	5 February 2024
Three Waters Activities	4 September 2024
Transport Operations	21 August 2024
Vertical Capital Delivery	20 November 2024

Annual Plan

- 5.5 The Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) was adopted on 27 June. Work is now beginning on the next annual plan (Financial Year 2025/26).

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- 5.6 A workshop is planned for later this month to seek guidance from the Councillors on the process for developing the Annual Plan 2025/26. This will ensure early input from Councillors on both the content and process for developing and consulting on the next Annual Plan.

Upcoming engagements and hui

- 5.7 The Mayor's upcoming engagements and hui include:

Date	Event
23rd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reception onboard HMNZS Canterbury, followed by a visit to Lyttelton town centre with Councillor Fields.
27th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Panel discussion on the "Future of Canterbury" hosted by Duncan Cotterill, with participation from the Deputy Mayor.
29th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee meetingCanterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting.Canterbury Mayoral Forum (29th-30th August).
30th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Malaysia Dinner.Councillor Johanson speaking on behalf of the Mayor at the New Zealand Institute of Driver Educators conference.
2nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">H2Wheels Synergy: A Milestone Event in Green Hydrogen Technology.
5th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting with the Rata Foundation.
6th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ward visit with Councillor Harrison Hunt.Meeting with Environment Canterbury colleagues to consider issues and projects relevant to our city and the regional council.

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this report.