

TO: COUNCIL
FROM: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, MR T SHADBOLT
MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, 15 August 2017

MAYOR'S REPORT

Report Prepared by: His Worship the Mayor, Mr T Shadbolt

SUMMARY

List of engagements and current issues.

RECOMMENDATION

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> N/A.
2.	<i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> N/A.
3.	<i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance?</i> N/A.
4.	<i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> N/A.
5.	<i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i> N/A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Mayoral Forum meeting
- Ministry for the Environment presentation
- Building site tour
- Council Workshop
- James Hargest College production
- Invercargill Musical Theatre Company production of Sister Act
- Kidzone opening
- SIT O-Week Powhiri
- Southland Mayoral Forum
- Meeting with Blue River Dairy
- Meeting with NZ China International Education Limited
- Extraordinary Council Meeting
- Dinner with Prime Minister
- Open Home Foundation 40 year anniversary
- Open Sport Down South Holiday Program

- Meeting with Audit NZ
- Meeting regarding Government Block Offer on Oil and Gas in Southland
- Invercargill Airport Limited Board Meeting
- Council Workshop
- Local government New Zealand Conference
- Re-opening of Oyster Cove in Bluff
- Meeting with tutors from Hubei
- Hokonui Fashion Awards
- Two Mayoral receptions for students from Kumagaya
- Opening of Montessori School
- Infrastructure and Services Committee Meeting
- Finance and Policy Committee Meeting
- Jono and Ben interview
- Arts Project Update
- Kumagaya Sister Cities visit 2017
- Invercargill Airport Limited Board Meeting
- SIT Indian Independence Day
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Immigration New Zealand Meeting

REPORT

Kumagaya

When visiting Kumagaya I always begin my official speeches with a tribute to Mr Yagihashi and Mr Hoskiyama who played a major role in maintaining our Sister City relationship for over 24 years.

There have been numerous exchanges during that time with three Southland runners taking part in the Kumagaya marathon, the Japanese Premiere of the World's Fastest Indian, Dancing with the Stars, Piping Hot, Maori Cultural groups, the Rugby World 7's and the Japanese Garden to name just a few events. However, the most numerous exchange has been in the Education sector. Recent estimates show that approximately 2500 students from Kumagaya have visited Invercargill and 1500 students from Invercargill have visited Kumagaya.

In terms of economic benefits over 20% ownership of the Tiwai Smelter belongs to Sumitomo of Japan and 80% of the ingots are exported to Japan. In emotional terms the Rugby World Cup is generating the most excitement and several sporting exchanges are presently being negotiated.

Attached is a news media clipping and a press release regarding the Kumagaya Tour of 2000.

2017 – The only constant is change

My outline of Council activity as published in the Southland Express.
