

Mātai Moana Reserve

Great news that this 72-hectare reserve on the northern end of Te Motu Kairangi (Miramar Peninsula) is going ahead. I've heard loud and clear from the community that this is hugely important to you, which is why I advocated strongly for its establishment to Conservation Minister Tama Potaka. Mātai Moana Reserve will be managed by a trust, set up with representatives from Taranaki Whānui, Council and DOC. It represents a great step forward for recreation, ecological restoration and cultural heritage.



Berhampore School Playspace

How cool is Berhampore School's awesome new playspace? The fundraising campaign for this wonderful asset was a brilliant community achievement. Well done to everyone who made it happen! We were thrilled to help in a small way with a successful pub quiz fundraiser at the local Sprig n Fern that raised \$1200. If your school needs a hand with fundraising, please get in touch. We'd love to help!



The House

A big part of my working week is usually spent here, Parliament's Debating Chamber, representing the wonderful communities across our electorate.

This term the Government has repeatedly used urgency to rush through legislation that, in my opinion, would not survive the usual scrutiny and transparency that comes with the Select Committee process. It has meant some marathon sessions and late nights but I'm up for it. In fact, the more the current Government tries to pass laws that shouldn't be passed and do things that hurt our electorate, the more determined I get.

It's teamwork that makes the dream work and I'm so grateful to work with such a talented and hardworking electorate team. From left, Dakota, Te Rēhia and Matt.



As always, if you need any assistance or you'd like me to visit your school, workplace, business or club, please, get in touch!

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Happy New Year!

Kia ora koutou, I hope this finds you well and enjoying summer in our wonderful part of the world. This is an update on the work my team and I have been doing. We hope you enjoy it.

Getting results for constituents

In the two years since our electorate office opened, we've helped over 360 constituents with a huge range of challenges. Among those people have been 55 with housing needs, 65 with immigration problems, 25 with health issues and 40 who needed help with the Ministry of Social Development.

Our wins have included working with a woman named Maryner to get her father, Paul, into suitable housing. Paul had been living in a Te Toi Mahana unit in Miramar that was unsuitable for a person with his disabilities. It had stairs, there wasn't enough room in the toilet for his walking frame and he couldn't lift his legs to use the shower over the bath. Maryner tried for years to get him transferred but was always told nothing was available. After repeatedly talking to WCC, Work & Income and Te Toi Mahana without any luck, Maryner approached my office in July. We put in the hard advocacy yards and eventually helped secure Paul an accessible ground floor Te Toi Mahana unit in Berhampore.

Then there was Daisy whose Kāinga Ora flat in Strathmore was too small. Using our contacts we were able to find her a better and larger

place, also with Kāinga Ora in Strathmore, where she can have her mokopuna over to stay.

When it comes to MSD, we make sure people are getting the services they deserve. People like Iris who was unable to get an appointment and facing serious financial stress. By advocating for Iris and supporting them at their MSD appointments, we were able to get them the support they were entitled to and a backdated payment that made a big difference.



Sometimes it's the little things that can make all the difference, especially for people who face language barriers. When we met Iraqi couple Khammy and Samael (pictured here with case worker Te Rēhia), it quickly became clear that they needed support dealing with social services. We've been rapt to help get them a much-needed mobility parking permit and food grants. We also introduced them to the City Mission's Social Supermarket.



Representing on transport

The Government's plan to spend up to \$3.8b building more roads and two new tunnels (one through Mt Vic and the other under The Terrace) will have a massive impact on our community. That's why I've been working so hard to expose the serious flaws in the proposal and why last month Wellington Central MP Tamatha Paul and I hosted a packed community meeting on the subject. The plan, if carried out, will only lead to one extra lane for 2.6km in each direction and years of disruption that will reduce people's quality of life and hurt business and the environment. It will involve the loss of 2 hectares of the town belt, a large number of houses and some community facilities. Worst of all, it won't actually fix the problem of peak hour congestion. Instead, it will move the bottlenecks to different sets of traffic lights and prevent us from being able to invest in sustainable solutions that would make a meaningful difference.



Teaming up and cleaning up

The Rongotai Electorate Office teamed up with Wellington College, Wellington City Council, Newtown Heart, the Salvation Army and St Tom's to give Newtown a tidy up in November.

The clean-up crew included 23 Year 10s who did an excellent job ridding the village of litter before ripping into a working bee at St Tom's on Riddiford St.

The whole event was a tribute to the power of community and we were proud to be a part of it!

Building bridges

Shortly after the council elections, Wellington Central MP Tamatha Paul and I hosted Wellington City Council's elected members for a get-together at our combined electorate office. We got a great turn out and it was an excellent opportunity to connect and find ways for us to work together. We also held a similar session with members of Greater Wellington Regional Council.



Backing our firefighters

I've been proud to support our professional firefighters in their ongoing battle with the Government for safer staffing levels, better equipment, training, pay and conditions.

They are there for our communities, putting their lives on the line when we need them, we need to be there for them.



My mahi

I love Rongotai and being your MP is a great honour that I never take for granted. We live in a wonderfully colourful, creative and friendly community and I'm privileged, through my role,

to connect with constituents from all walks of life every week. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes, schools, clubs, workplaces, places of worship and neighbourhoods. It's a pleasure to serve as your MP.