

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 JUNE 2013

AGENDA ITEM E1

REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Purpose of Report

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

Recommendations

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the information.*

1. MEETING REPORT 1

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Wairarapa Moana 27 May 2013
Key issues from meeting	Coordinators report appended
Speakers	Ian Gunn
Specific item/s for Council consideration	
General	

2. MEETING REPORT 2

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Safer Wairarapa 11 June 2013
Key issues from meeting	Confirmation of minutes Terms of Reference adopted Report from Bob Francis on changes to DHB and possible effects Other reports for receipt No decision papers
Speakers	Bob Francis
Specific item/s for Council consideration	None
General	

3. MEETING REPORT 3

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Wellington Regional Strategy Workshop GWRC Wellington 05 June
Key issues from meeting	Discussion on Wellington economy focussing on Wellington City
Speakers	Wellington Employers Chamber of Commerce
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Wellington Region is actually doing quite well compared with the rest of New Zealand when Auckland and Christchurch are left out of the equation. These two economies have different drivers to the rest of the country.
General	Copy of presentation available

4. Other Meetings and Engagements

Date	Engagement
21/05/13	Wairarapa Governance Working Party
22/05/13	Carterton Lions (speaking engagement)
24/05/13	Sua William (opposition spokesman for local government)
25/05/13	Canoes of Kupe re-launch
28/05/13	Dompost introduce new reporter
31/05/13	National Council
04/06/13	Featherston Community Board
05/06/13	Times Age Sports Awards
06/06/13	Motor Caravan Association
06/06/13	Kotui Launch
10/06/13	Annual Plan submissions
11/06/13	Wairarapa Governance Working Party
11/06/13	LGNZ Conference Committee
13/06/13	Central Local Government Forum
13/06/13	Rural Sector
18/06/13	Wairarapa Governance Working Party
18/06/13	NZTA Transport briefing
19/06/13	Wairarapa Water Users Group
19/06/13	RTC
20/06/13	Gold Awards
21/06/13	Cancer Society Morning Tea

5. Correspondence

5.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS CORESPONDENCE	SUBJECT
5 May 2013	EDANZ	EDANZ Report for 2013 – Connecting Across the Community
8 May 2013	Road Efficiency Group	Developing a One Network Road Classification for New Zealand
8 May 2013	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Building Skilled and Safe Workplaces progress report
10 May 2013	New Zealand Productivity Commission	Release Of Final Report – Towards Better Local Regulation
15 May 2013	Lions Club of Greytown	Greytown Skate Park
15 May 2013	Lions Club of Greytown	A Dog Park for Greytown
16 May 2013	St Patrick's Parish Masterton	Population trends information request
20 May 2013	McGuiness Institute	Notes on the New Zealand King Salmon Decision
20 May 2013	New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals	Stakeholder Engagement

DATE	INWARDS CORESPONDENCE	SUBJECT
21 May 2013	Hon Steven Joyce	Regional Economic Activity Report
22 May 2013	Mayor Celia Wade- Brown	Australia and New Zealand Green City Index
23 May 2013	New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals	Changes to the Crown Minerals Act 1991 regime
23 May 2013 (Received)	The New Zealand "Land" Value Rating Association	Submission to Regional Reform
2 June 2013	Guy McGregor, Taharoa Farming Ltd.	Thanks for contribution to help with clearing Wakarua Rd. willows
4 June 2013	GM of The Radio Network	Introducing new Station Manager Wairarapa
4 June 2012	Fonterra	Proposed Time Extension for Water Races to Comply with the Sustainable Dairying :Water Accord
5 June 2013	Ministry of Infrastructure, Development and Comm. Sarawak	Invite to attend Global Tourism Cities Conference
6 June 2013	Distilled Spirits Association	Voluntary Code of RTDs
6 June 2013	The NZ initiative	Priced Out – How NZ Lost Its Housing Affordability
7 June 2013	CEO Wellington Airport	Annual Review
12 June 2013	Hon Gerry Brownlee	Public Transport funding in the Wairarapa
12 June 2013	Chair, Greater Wellington	Sale of Forestry Cutting Rights
12 June 2013	Chair, Wings Over Wairarapa Charitable Trust	Survey results of economic impact of 2013 Show and attendees feedback analysis.

5.2 Outwards

DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
27 May 2013	Lions Club of Greytown	Greytown Skate Park and Dog Park
27 May 2013	St Patrick's Parish Masterton	Population Statistics
17 June 2013	CE Vodophone NZ Ltd.	Vodophone reception in Greytown

Report to Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Group
Report No. 13.626
Date 17 May 2013
File CMG/01/19/02
Author Ian Gunn, Project Co-ordinator

Project Co-ordinator's update report

1. Purpose

To update the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Group on activities within Wairarapa Moana.

2. Recommendations

That the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Group:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

3. Discussion

This is an update on the activities completed since the last meeting in February 2013. The latest quarterly report for the Fresh Start for Freshwater Cleanup Fund project follows this report as separate item.

4. Comment

4.1 Resource consent matters

Awaiting to hear progress on the Whakawhiriwhiri Stream resource consent and the wastewater upgrades at Martinborough and Featherston.

4.2 Works in Progress

Recreation

- The new sign for the Lake Reserve has been designed and is expected to be in place by the end of the financial year. There is agreement to the sign having the title 'Wairarapa Moana Lake Reserve Domain' (see Attachment 1).
- A group has met to consider alternative funding options for the recently prepared Experience Development Plan. The group decided:

- (1) To develop a draft public consultation/prospecting plan for the EDP. Staff are working on this and researching what the benefits might be for this project to create a charitable foundation/trust.
 - (2) Develop a project plan that will facilitate the completion of a Wairarapa Moana interpretation plan. This work has not commenced.
- The Te Ara o Parera walkway resource consent has been granted and the boardwalk is almost complete. The work to date has come in under budget so a request has gone to the Walkways Commission to spend the savings on developing the pathway to the boardwalk. This has been received positively by the Commission subject to completion of some paper work. The actual name for this walkway is still under discussion with “Wairio Walkway” being actively discussed.
 - SWDC are likely to complete the proposed car park in this financial year.

Marketing

- The website has been created and staff are now working to populate the site. Information is continuing to be coordinated, collated and written for the Wairarapa Moana website. The content management system (CMS) has been set up and ready for content to be uploaded. A copy of the home page is shown as Attachment 2.
- The Wairarapa Moana book has been forwarded to all primary and secondary schools within the Wairarapa. It has been well received with a number of schools, especially in the South Wairarapa, requesting assistance from our community educators to work the history of Wairarapa Moana into their school’s curriculum.
- The Wairarapa Moana Coordinating Committee minutes for the last meeting in March are attached to this report (Attachment 3).
- A Co-ordinating Committee meeting was held on 16th May. Major items on the agenda included a proposed drain cleaning code of practise, presentation on the bird surveys and an exercise around wetlands and their issues for landowners. There was a lot of positive contributions on the proposed drain cleaning code. There appeared to be a consensus around a code of practise being prepared to be implemented by approved/certified operators.

Relationships

- I am still awaiting contributions from Flood Protection and DOC to complete the review of the grazing policy.
- Parts of the boundary fence at JK Donald Reserve have been upgraded and discussions on the design of a new lakeshore boundary fence are close to agreement.

- Staff are co-ordinating planting activities in South Wairarapa. Attachment 4 is the poster highlighting all the planting events associated with Wairarapa Moana.
- Onoke/Okorewa Lagoon (Lake Ferry) - restoration activities are being coordinated including site preparation for planting, bird monitoring programme and baseline plant survey. A 5-year draft restoration plan has been submitted for input by the Project Team and the South Wairarapa Biodiversity Group.
- Staff have attended community group meetings (Featherston Walkways, Wairarapa Ornithological Society, etc) to help extend the network of volunteers for these community days.

Biodiversity

- No news on the progress of the Ramsar application.
- Pest plant control has been completed in the edge wetlands as part of the Fresh Start for Freshwater project. This has resulted in the control of willow and alder.
- The exotic fish control project planned for Barton's Lagoon has been delayed, awaiting the approval of Fish and Game. A letter has recently been received by the GWRC Chair from Fish and Game requesting more information about the proposal and expressing an interest in being involved in the project. Fish and Game also asked to play a role as an observer on the Wairarapa Moana Management Team, see agenda item.
- NIWA has completed a draft report on the capacity of each of the lake edge wetlands to strip nutrients in relation to the catchment they are part of.
- A pest animal control programme is being designed at Boggy Pond, Matthews Lagoon and the Wairio block, following reports of high mustelid numbers seen during the wetland bird surveys.
- Staff have reported alleged unauthorised illegal fishing of tuna from the middle DOC reserve on the western side of the lake. In the past there was a compliance group which has not met for a long time and did involve staff from Ministry of Fisheries, probably now Ministry for Primary Industries. This group will be reconvened and a publicity strategy developed to highlight the fact that there are no fishing permits issued in Wairarapa Moana. This could build on the current publicity on the decline of the long fin tuna.
- Biodiversity staff at GWRC have received training in kakahi (freshwater mussel) survey, in anticipation of running some community events on monitoring this species.

Monitoring and Investigations

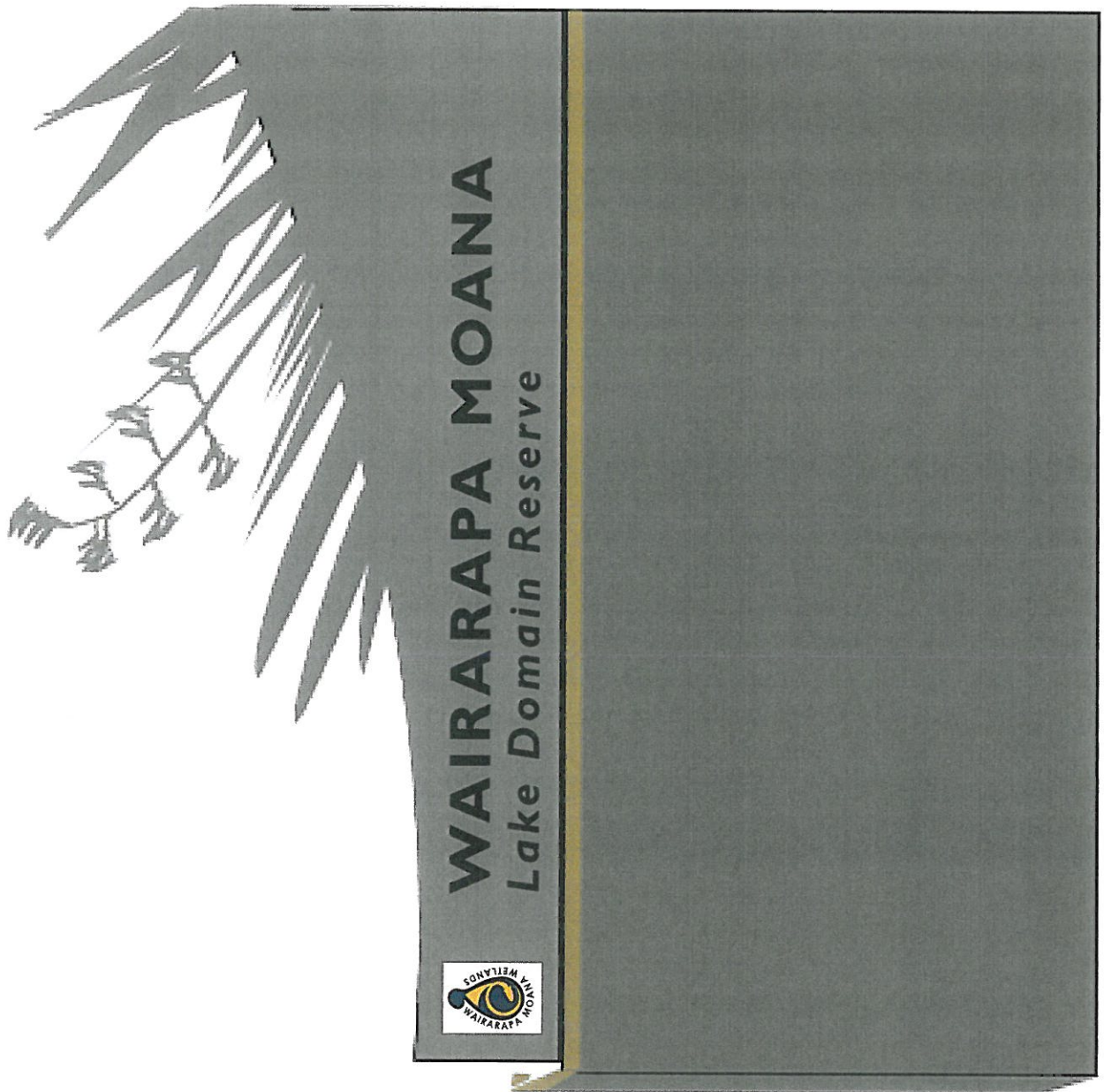
- The wetland bird monitoring field survey completed in spring and summer has provided a great deal of useful information about wetland birds in the edge wetlands. It has been decided to also survey during winter to gain as much knowledge as possible about the values of the different wetlands at different times of the year.
- The remote bird recorders that have been installed at the five lake edge wetlands have now relayed a large amount of data in the form of recordings and sonographs which need to be analysed. To this end, Groundtruth have been contracted to analyse the bittern data and it is planned to use local OSNZ members, working alongside the GWRC Biodiversity Community Projects team, to pilot a crowd-sourcing method of analysing the other bird data.
- A baseline fish survey has been completed in each of four of the five lake edge wetlands (Wairio was not included), plus Hayward's Lagoon by Amber McEwan of Riverscapes Freshwater Ecology. Shortfin eel, common bully, goldfish, perch and rudd were found at most sites, with trout and longfin eel being recorded at Hayward's Lagoon and JK Donald. A survey of the edge habitat for each wetland (brown mudfish territory) is planned for late winter.
- Water quality monitoring data in Barton's and Matthew's Lagoons is continuing to be collected each quarter. Sheree Tidswell, GWRC's Groundwater Quality scientist is currently analysing the results obtained so far. She will also be investigating the interactions between ground and surface water on the eastern side of the lake, as a number of questions have been raised about the influence of ground water in the lake edge wetlands. This information is also important for the wider water balance/nutrient input study being completed by GWRC's Environmental Science department for Lake Wairarapa.

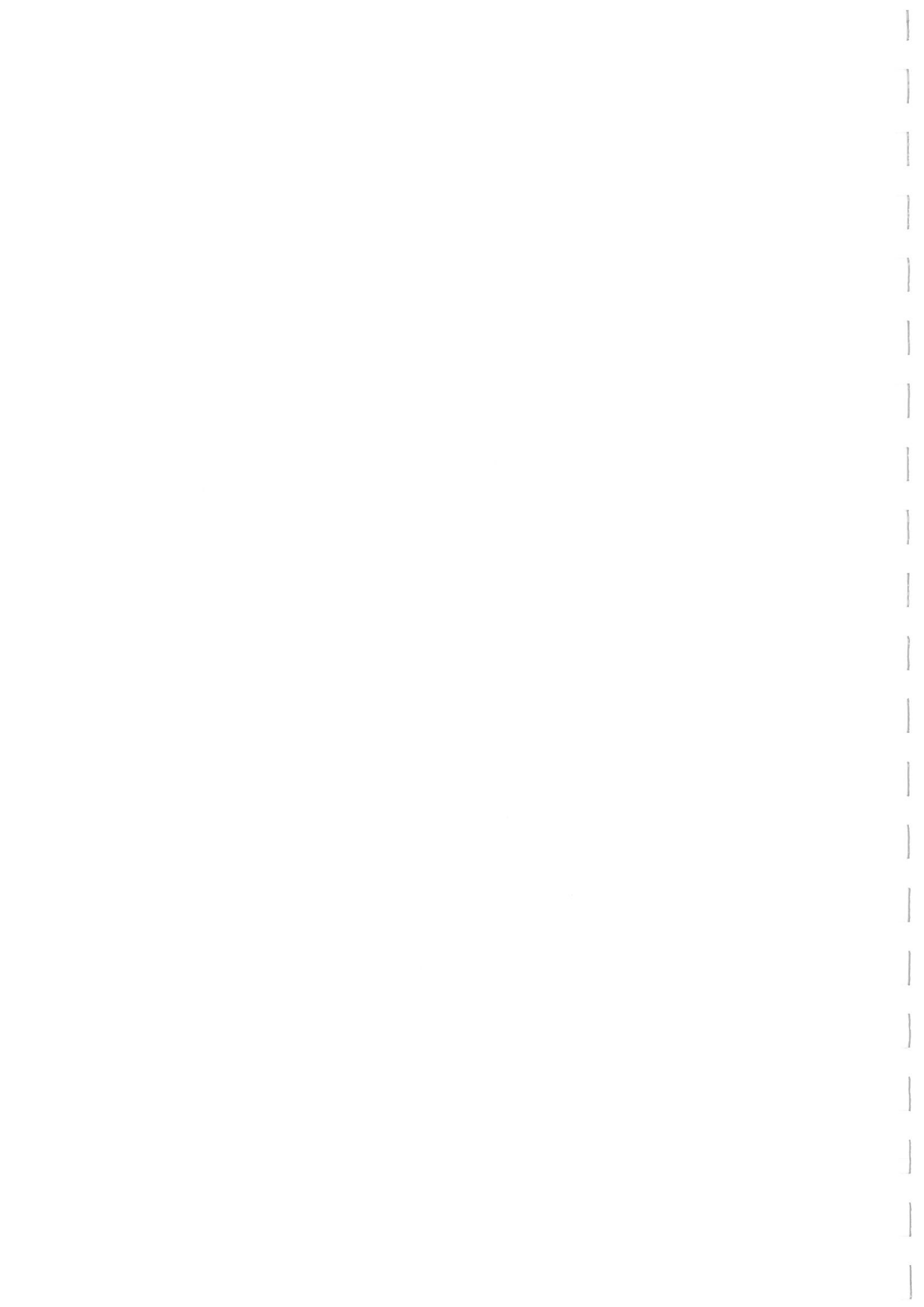
Wairarapa Moana Management Team

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2013 are attached (Attachment 5). Outcomes from the meeting are noted later in the agenda.

Report prepared by:

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Project Co-ordinator







Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project

Whakaora te repo, ka ora te taonga wai
Restoring our wetland treasure

About the Project	Community	Environment	History and culture	Contact us
<p>Events</p> <p>09 Jun Community Planting Day read more »</p> <p>View Events »</p>	<p>Home</p> <p>Welcome to the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project</p> <p>Wairarapa Moana, meaning "sea of glistening waters", is an area that includes Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke, their associated wetlands and Onoke Spit.</p> <p>The Wetlands Project began in 2008 to enhance the native ecology, recreation and cultural opportunities on the public land in the area.</p> <div data-bbox="679 537 1295 954"> <p>View Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Gallery</p> <p>Lake View Wairio</p> </div>			



Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Coordinating Committee Meeting

10:00am 19th February 2013 Featherston Community Centre

Present: Ian Gunn, Perry Cameron, Geoff Doring, Bob Green, Stewart Barton, Tony Silbery, Mark Lovett, Russell Hooper, Ranjan Cyril, Jane Donald, Philippa Crisp, John Hancock, Warren Field, Mike Burtenshaw, Toni de Lautour (minutes).

Apologies: Heather Atkinson, Vanessa Tipoki, Jim Law, Colin Munn, John Cheyne, Aidan Bichan, Porky Sexton, Alex Webster, Dean Davies. Also Jim Flack – the Community Projects Team is now doing admin duty.

Matter arising from previous meeting minutes

Question regarding treatment of alders and willows: Garlon kills alders and Round-up (glyphosate) kills willows.

Project Coordinator's Report items

Resource consent matters - Ian gave a brief summary about the floating wetland system for wastewater treatment, similar to the process used in Hunterville, which is proposed for Martinborough.

Wairarapa Moana Experience Development Plan - Ian tabled maps (aerial pictures) of the five 'nodes' that form part of Garry Foster's plan. Copies of the plan are being circulated for feedback. Once agreement has been made, the plan will be put to the Governance Group.

Wairio/Te Ara o Parera walkway – the consent, being managed by Ian, has been signed-off by Consents.

Construction of fence along lakeshore boundary of JK Donald Reserve – discussion about the mass collection of weed that occurs after high lake levels on fence wires which run parallel to the shore.

Grazing policy – key discussion points: the effects of grazing and non-grazing on weeds and native plants; there is a grazing policy for public land, but not private land; publishing a statement on grazing policies so that the public understands the rationale; the possibility of research comparing sites with different grazing and spraying regimes.

Action – Philippa and Tony will look at strategies for the grazing policy; Philippa will be a liaison person for university research projects around this.

Website – the website is set up and ready for content to be put on. Toni is working with Jim Flack to collate content.

Kakahi monitoring – Stewart asked if there was any relationship of kakahi size to age; some small kakahi are present and Steve Ough has collected samples for analysis.

Action – Ian will follow-up about kakahi size & age with Alton Perrie.

Ramsar application – discussion around Canada geese control and the policy mentioned in the application. Chris Lester is facilitator of the policy. Also discussion about having Ramsar status and "extra funding" – this has been local funding, but broader scope could be considered.

Action – Warren to please email Perry Cameron a copy of the Ramsar Application

Biodiversity – Philippa gave an overview of the edge wetland bird survey. The survey provided information for protecting birds in the planning of the willow and alder control.

Action: Ian will get John Cheyne to give a presentation on the bird survey work at one of these meetings.

Fresh Start – Ian tabled a document “Summary of opportunities from farm assessments”. There have been 19 responses to the survey questionnaire, for which Ian gave a summary of results.

Other issues

Overseer tool – discussion about its use; it is a regulatory tool.

Land environment plans – the object is to find out information and provide education for the region as a whole, but attention is being given to the farms which have a link to the 5 wetlands identified as a focus for the Fresh Start project.

South Wairarapa Biodiversity Group – Perry explained activities at Lake Ferry, including planting at the ‘overflow’ area which supports compliance for SWDC with the consent requirements for the Lake Ferry wastewater treatment system. The group has also been asked to be involved in continuing planting on public land north of where their current planting project in front of the Lake Ferry Hotel.

Urban contribution to wastewater – discussion about prevention of detergents and other chemicals going into wastewater and ideas for making communities aware of this.

Action – Toni will contact the Mangatarere volunteer group about information and strategies they have been working on and liaise with Russell (for messages to community via SWDC) and the Wai Moana Restoration Network to share the information.

Meeting closed: 12:09pm



Wairarapa Moana

Friends of Onoke Spit & Palliser Estate Winery	Onoke Spit, Ocean Beach car park (via Western Lake Rd)	Friday 24 May, 10am Hot cuppa & light lunch provided
South Wairarapa Biodiversity Group	Lake Onoke shore, opp. Lake Ferry Hotel	Wednesday 5 June, 9.30am Hot cuppa & BBQ lunch provided
Featherston Domain Community Planting	Lake Reserve, Domain entrance, Soldiers Settlement Rd	Sunday 9 June, 10am Hot cuppa & BBQ lunch provided
Ruamahanga Banks	Junction Te Hopai Rd and East-West access Rd	Wednesday 26 June, 10am Hot cuppa & BBQ lunch provided
Ducks Unlimited, Wairio	Wairio Wetland, Parera Rd	Saturday 29 June, 10am Hot cuppa & BBQ lunch provided
Matariki School Planting	Lake Reserve, Featherston Domain, South Soldiers' Settlement Rd	Tuesday 2 July, 10am BBQ lunch
Featherston Domain Community Planting	Lake Reserve, Featherston Domain, South Soldiers' Settlement Rd	Saturday 13 July, 10am Hot cuppa & BBQ lunch provided
Whangaimoana Dunes Restoration Group	Whangaimoana Dunes, end of Whangaimoana Beach Rd	Saturday 3 August, 10am BBQ lunch provided

Greater Wairarapa Area

Riversdale Dune Planting	Riversdale Surf Clubrooms	Saturday 8 June, 9am BBO lunch
Castlepoint Coastal Care Group	Main car park, end of Masterton-Castlepoint Rd	Saturday 3rd August, 10am Morning tea – cuppa, biscuits, fruit

- ◆ Bring sturdy footwear, layers of clothing appropriate for the season, and your own spade and gloves if you have them
 - ◆ Under 15s must be supervised
 - ◆ Cancellations/postponements if wet – listen to 89.3FM or 1035AM Newstalk ZB
- For more information contact Toni de Lautour, Greater Wellington Regional Council, 04 830 4060 or 027 240 4732



