



AGENDA

HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MANAWATU RIVER USERS' ADVISORY GROUP

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2010 at 7.30pm

Notice is given of a meeting of Horizons Regional Council to be held on
Tuesday 7 December, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Tararua Room,
Horizons Regional Council offices,
11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North

Business to be discussed includes:

- Harbourmaster's Report
- Lower Manawatu River Management Issues
- Calendar of Events

Guest Speaker:

- Mr Shane Bayley, Manager Emergency Management Officer, Horizons Regional Council: Navigation Safety Assessment on the Whanganui River

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Crs LR Burnell (Chairman) and C Sheldon, and members of the public.

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A Significant decision? If Yes	N
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

Item No: 2
Date: 07/12/2010
Report No: 10-188
File No: PEM 3 04

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) with an update on matters relating to the office of the Harbourmaster.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2. There is no direct financial impact arising from matters discussed in this item.

BACKGROUND

3. This report covers the period 1 June to 26 November 2010.

NAVIGATION AND SAFETY BYLAW 2010

4. The Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010 was adopted by Council on 22 June 2010 and become operative on 1 July 2010.
5. Horizons subsequently applied to the Department of Internal Affairs to draft the Local Government (Infringement Fees for Offences: Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws) Regulations 2010. They were signed off by the Governor-General on 15 November and becomes effective on 16 December 2010.
6. A 5-knot sign has been placed on the SH 1 bridge pier and another will shortly go in 350 metres upstream. 5-knot signs will be in place before Christmas in the Foxton Loop either side of Foxton Township.

GENERAL COMMENT

7. No requests for speed upliftings have been received in this period.
8. A draft of the new pamphlet to promote and inform members of the public on the 2010 Bylaw will be presented at the meeting for comment.
9. A training session and barbeque for the Honorary Enforcement Officers is scheduled for Tuesday 14 December 2010 at Manawatu Marine Boating Club in Foxton Beach.

RIVER EVENTS

10. The Wellington Jet Sport Club conducted the North Island Jet Ski Enduro event on the Manawatu Estuary on 29 May. The event was subject to some debate at the 1 June meeting. The Harbourmaster followed up with telephone conversations with the Greater Wellington Regional Council Harbourmaster, Horowhenua District Council Environmental Services Manager, and the President of the Wellington Jet Sport Club. A letter was subsequently sent to the President of the Wellington Jet Sport Club highlighting community concerns about noise and suggesting alternative locations on the river.

11. Jet Boating NZ ran events on the Manawatu River on 18 July and 12 September 2010 from Ashhurst to Palmerston North.
12. The Horowhenua Rowing Club held an event on the 7km stretch of the Manawatu River above Whirokino on 25 July 2010.
13. Manawatu Marine Boating Club held Its Icebreaker fishing competition on 31 July 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the Harbourmaster's Report.

Evan Lloyd
HARBOURMASTER

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GROUP MANAGER
REGIONAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION

A Significant decision? If Yes	N
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

Item No: 3
Date: 7/12/2010
Report No: 10-190
File No: PEM 3 04

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this item is to inform members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) of the Lower Manawatu Scheme management issues, that may have some impact on the recreational use of the river during the period December 2010 to June 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2. There is no direct financial impact arising from matters discussed in this item.

BACKGROUND

3. The capital works and maintenance programmes, programmed during the 2009-10 financial year ending 30 June within the Lower Manawatu Scheme (LMS) were all completed.
4. Surveys, planning, programming and preparation of drawings for the capital works for 2010 -11 is well advanced.
5. The consent application for the Palmerston North City Reach Project was lodged in September and at the time of writing was still pending.

COMMENT

6. The road works at Napier Road that will form part of the stopbank for the .2% AEP flood protection for the city is substantially completed with only the second coat of seal to be completed in a few months time.
7. Proposed works within the City for the coming construction season will mainly involve stopbank construction, and re-construction at three sites.
 - a. A new stopbank (1200 metres) from the Napier Road reconstruction to the Ruamahanga Reserve. All this work is through private land and will have no impact on river users.
 - b. Stopbank Raising and re-construction from Roxborough Crescent to Albert Street (1600 metres). This will have some impact on river users particularly the walkways over this reach. The construction site will be well signposted and fenced. Sign posted detours will be in place for walkway users. Pedestrian access to the river will not be impeded.
 - c. The third site is at the southern end of the city at Maxwells Line and the Landfill road. There will be three separate road construction sites, one at Maxwells Line and two on the Landfill road. There will also be a concrete wall construction site and three separate earthworks stopbanks being constructed. All works at these sites will be

running concurrently. Disruption to the public will be mainly short vehicle delays and detours associated with the road works.

8. It is anticipated all the above works will be completed by 1 May 2011.
9. Climatic conditions were atrocious within the Manawatu district with saturated ground conditions being prominent during the September/October period. Significant floods were experienced on 6 September and again on the 18-19 September 2010 throughout the Lower Manawatu Scheme rivers. Smaller floods were experienced in the time frame between these larger events also. All these floods have caused substantial damage.
10. During the summer months contractors will be engaged at various sites on the Manawatu River, in particular to undertake repairs resulting from the recent floods. The majority of these sites are in the rural areas and most of the works will be undertaken from the river banks. Any disruption to recreational river users should be minor.
11. River edge vegetation management is proposed on the left and right banks of the Manawatu within and downstream of Palmerston North City during the next few months. This work will require minor detours on the walkways for pedestrians in some areas within the city. The duration of the works in any one area will be short. This work should have no impact on recreational use of the river.
12. Following the winter floods a river hazard survey by jet boat was recently undertaken on the Manawatu River. This survey was to identify any potential hazards to navigation or recreational use particularly steel lodged in the bed. No hazards were found.
13. Gravel extraction in the bed of the Manawatu River upstream of the Opiki will be ongoing. The global consent held by the Operations Group permits at various times extraction in the wetted areas. Care should be taken when in this reach of the river as at times the work may present temporary obstruction to river navigation.
14. Major in-channel works will commence on the Oroua River at Kopane as the contract to replace the Kopane bridge on the Rongotea Road will commence during January 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 10-190.

D R McKee
AREA ENGINEER – CENTRAL

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GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS

A Significant decision? If Yes	N
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

Item No: 4
Date: 07/12/2010
Report No: 10-189
File No: PEM 3 04

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PURPOSE

1. This report presents the Manawatu River Calendar of Events to the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2. There is no direct financial impact arising from matters discussed in this item.

COMMENT

3. The only events advised at the time of writing have come from the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Sailing Section programme for 2010-11.

Date	Organisation	Event/Location	Speed Uplifting Required
Sun 12 Dec 10	MMBC Sailing Section	Champs and various feature events	No
Tue 14 Dec 10			
Sun 19 Dec 10			
Sun 9 Jan 11			
Tue 18 Jan 11			
Sun 6 Feb 11			
Tue 15 Feb 11			
Sun 20 Feb 11			
26-27 Feb 11			
Tue 1 Mar 11			
Sat 5 Mar 11			
Sun 13 Mar 11			
Sun 3 Apr 11			
Sat 9 Apr 11			
Sun 10 Apr 11			
Sun 17 Apr 11			

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the report for information and **notes** the upcoming events.

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