



AGENDA

HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MANAWATU RIVER USERS' ADVISORY GROUP

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2011 at 7.00pm

Notice is given of a meeting of Horizons Regional Council to be held on
Tuesday 7 June, 2011 at 7.00pm 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

Presentations:

- Presentation on Exercise Estuary Oil

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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Report of a meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group of Horizons Regional Council held at Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 7 December 2010.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), C Sheldon, G Cox, (Horizons Regional Council), Cr R Shaw (Horowhenua District Council), Messrs B Culley (Honorary Enforcement Officer), I Taylor (Manawatu Fresh Water Anglers Club), R Crawford (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), R Anderson (Central Districts Jet Boating), Mr George and Mrs Christina Paton (Manawatu Estuary Trust), Mr K Lane, Mr S Bayley (Manager Emergency Management, Horizons).

IN ATTENDANCE	Area Engineer Harbourmaster Committee Secretary	Mr D McKee Mr E Lloyd Mrs JA Kennedy
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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Guy (Chairman, Horizons Regional Council), Cr Southgate (Taranua District Council), Mr Wheatley (Manawatu Four Wheel Drive Club), Mr Eccles and Mr Hyde (Jet Boating New Zealand).

Moved

Burnell/

that the apologies of, Cr Guy, Cr Southgate, Mr Wheatley, Mr Eccles and Mr Hyde be received.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 10-188

The purpose of this item was to provide Members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) with an update on matters relating to the Office of the Harbourmaster.

The Harbourmaster elaborated on the key points in the report and was available to answer questions on points raised. He advised that the Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010 was adopted by Council on 22 June 2010 and became operative on 1 July 2010. Copies of the Bylaw booklets were available at the meeting.

Mr Anderson expressed thanks from Jet Boating New Zealand to the Harbourmaster and Horizons Regional Council for their time and effort in considering submissions to the Bylaw and producing a Bylaw that everyone was happy with.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 10-188

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 10-190

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

Mr Derek McKee, Area Engineer spoke to the report and elaborated on the main points. He referred to information in his report in regard to proposed stopbank construction and re-construction works at sites within the City, and the substantial damage caused by flooding during September throughout the Lower Manawatu Scheme rivers. Members asked questions of clarification on points of interest. Discussion ensued about the build-up of silt deposits in the river, how it was managed, possible uses for the silt, and surveying methods used to identify any potential hazards to navigation or recreational use.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 10-190.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 10-189

The purpose of this report was to present the Manawatu River Calendar of Events to the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group for information.

The Harbourmaster referred to the events notified to him from the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Sailing Section and said that as information on future events was provided, they would be added to the Council website.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 10-189, and **notes** the upcoming events.

CARRIED

**MR SHANE BAYLEY – MANAGER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
NAVIGATION SAFETY ASSESSMENT ON THE WHANGANUI RIVER**

Mr Bayley introduced himself to the group and explained the background and progress to date on the Navigation Safety Assessment on the Whanganui River. As a result of the risk assessment undertaken by a consultant, Mr James McPetrie, two options were presented to Council: take no action; or introduce a safety management system. Council agreed, subject to consideration of final scoping, costs and timeline, to the implementation of a safety management system for the river. Mr Bayley said he was currently finalising budget options and would ultimately recommend to Council that a progressive approach be taken with a strong focus on education and awareness.

Members considered and discussed the information and asked questions of clarification on points of interest.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was discussion about progress on an action plan to clean up the Manawatu River. Mrs Christina Paton advised that the next meeting, in a series of mediated modelling workshops for Manawatu River stakeholders, would be held at Massey's Landcare Research Building on Monday 13 December 2010 and urged members to participate.

The Chairman suggested that the next meeting be provisionally scheduled for a start time of 7.00pm rather than 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 June 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER

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

Item No: 3
Date: 07/06/2011
Report No: 11-98
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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3. This is a public item and therefore Council may deem this sufficient to inform the public.

BACKGROUND

4. This report covers the period 8 December 2010 to 7 June 2011.

NAVIGATION AND SAFETY BYLAW 2010

5. The 5-knot signage is in place in the Manawatu River in the Ashhurst Domain Recreational Area and in the Foxton Loop either side of Foxton township.
6. Bylaw summary cards in A5 size have been printed. One hundred and thirty six of them were placed on vehicles with boat trailers at the Manawatu Marine Boating Club (MMBC) during the first day of the Easter Fishing Tournament (Friday, 22 April 2011).

MARINE OIL SPILL EXERCISE

7. Exercise Estuary Oil is scheduled to be conducted in the Manawatu Estuary on Tuesday 7 June 2011. The marine oil spill response team from Horizons Regional Council will be deploying containment and recovery equipment in the vicinity of the MMBC launching ramp and the cul-de-sac on Hartley Street. Evan Lloyd will make a short presentation on the exercise as a separate agenda item.

GENERAL COMMENT

8. No requests for speed upliftings have been received in this period.
9. A training session and barbeque for the Honorary Enforcement Officers was carried out at Manawatu Marine Boating Club in Foxton Beach Tuesday, 14 December 2010.
10. Notices were placed in three local newspapers on 18, 19 and 21 April 2011 notifying the speed restrictions either side of duck shooting opening day as required by the Bylaw.

RIVER EVENTS

11. The MMBC Sailing Section conducted their sailing programme from September 2010 through to April 2011.
12. The Manawatu Power Boat Club ran the 40th Goldcup Regatta on 19-20 March 2011 at Whirokino.
13. MMBC held its Easter fishing competition on 22-24 April 2011. The event attracted entries from 422 adults and 27 children on 134 boats.
14. Horizons Regional Council carried out Exercise Estuary Oil on 7 June 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 11-98.

Evan Lloyd
HARBOURMASTER

Ged Shirley
GROUP MANAGER
REGIONAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION

A Significant decision? If Yes	No
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy (contained within the LTCCP)	

Item No: 4
Date: 7/06/2011
Report No: 11-100
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 June 2011 to December 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3. This is a public item and therefore Council may deem this sufficient to inform the public.

BACKGROUND

4. The capital works and maintenance programmes, programmed and undertaken during the 2010-11 financial year within the Lower Manawatu Scheme (LMS) are completed or are nearing completion.
5. Planning, programming and preparation of documents for capital works for 2011-12 is underway.

COMMENT

6. Major stopbank upgrading has been taking place during the summer months within Palmerston North City. This has included the area from Napier Road (SH3) to the Ruamahunga Reserve (1,170 m). Roxburgh Crescent to Albert Street (1.5 km) and the Maxwell's Line-Tip Road area (1 km). Not all restoration works have been completed due to wet ground conditions during April and May. There has been disruption to the walkway areas during the construction phase with detours in place. All walkways to the river have now been restored and re-opened. There has also been disruption to motorists to the river at Maxwell's Line and Tip Road. All road works are now complete.
7. There is continuous activity along the Manawatu river and Oroua river channel banks with erosion control works on-going. These works are a result of damage caused from the flood events of September 2010 and will continue for a further four months to completion. There is no disruption to river users or their activities.
8. The river edge vegetation management works programmed for the 2010-11 financial year have been completed on all rivers and streams within the Lower Manawatu Scheme (LMS). In some areas there have been minor restrictions to pedestrian access, mainly on the Manawatu River within the city boundary. Any access restrictions have been of short duration and are only in place for safety reasons.

9. River edge vegetation management for the 2011-12 year will commence in October. This work will have no impact on recreational use of the river.
10. The annual survey by jet boat of the Manawatu River has been undertaken. The survey serves as an inspection of the Schemes assets, for example rock lining protection, tree plantings and anchored tree works. The survey is also used to identify any hazards that have the potential to cause harm to recreational river users. Recently further steel remnants believed to be from the previous Ashhurst Bridge have been removed from the river bed.
11. Under the Operations Group global consent, gravel extraction has been ongoing in the 'aggregation' reach immediately upstream of the Opiki Bridge on the Manawatu River. Some of the extraction has been occurring in the wetted area of the channel. This may present a temporary hazard to river navigation. Extraction has also been occurring in the vicinity of Karere Road but all extraction at this site has been on the dry gravel beach. Gravel has also been extracted in large quantities from the bed of the Oroua River, upstream and downstream of the Kopane Bridge

RECOMMENDATIONS

12. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 11-100.

D R McKee
AREA ENGINEER – CENTRAL

A D Cook
GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS

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

Item No: 5
Date: 07/06/2011
Report No: 11-99
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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3. This is a public item and therefore Council may deem this sufficient to inform the public.

COMMENT

4. No events have been notified at the time of writing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No 11-99.

Evan Lloyd
HARBOURMASTER

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