



AGENDA

HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MANAWATU RIVER USERS' ADVISORY GROUP

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2011 at 7.00pm

Notice is given of a meeting of Horizons Regional Council to be held on
Tuesday 6 December, 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

Guest Speaker:

- § Mr Paul Horton, Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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Minutes 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 7.00pm on Tuesday, 7 June 2011.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), C Sheldon, Messrs B Culley (Honorary Enforcement Officer), I Taylor (Manawatu Fresh Water Anglers Club), R Crawford (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), Mr K Lane (Manawatu Estuary Trust), Mr M Reid (Fish and Game), Mr D Booth (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club).

IN ATTENDANCE Area Engineer Mr D McKee
 Harbourmaster Mr E Lloyd
 Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs George and Christina Paton.

Moved **Burnell/Sheldon**

that the apologies of Mr and Mrs George and Christina Paton be received.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved **Burnell/Culley**

that the minutes of the meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held on 7 December 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 11-98

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 outlined the key points in the report and was available to answer questions on points raised. He advised that the 5-knot signage was now in place in the Manawatu River in the Ashhurst Domain Recreational Area, and in the Foxton Loop either side of Foxton township. He referred to the Bylaw summary cards which summarised key points of the Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010. The summary cards had been placed on vehicles with a boat trailer at the Manawatu Marine Boating Club during the Easter Fishing Tournament held in April 2011.

Moved

Burnell/Sheldon

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 11-98.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 11-100

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 June 2011 to December 2011.

Mr Derek McKee, Area Engineer gave an overview of the report and elaborated on the ongoing works activity along the LMS, advising that disruption to river users would be minimal. He answered Members' questions and provided explanation in regard to the operation of the Moutoa flood gates, gravel extraction activity, and activities in regard to Pork Chop Hill. Discussion ensued about Members' concerns in regard to the build up of silt on the berms in several areas of the LMS and tributaries.

Mr Kelvin Lane tabled a paper urging interested groups to be more proactive around activities concerning the management and restoration of water quality in the Lower Manawatu River.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **accepts** the information tabled by Mr Kelvin Lane (attached).

CARRIED

Moved

Lane/Burnell

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 11-100.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 11-99

This report presented the Manawatu River Calendar of Events to the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group for information. The Harbourmaster reported that no events had been notified.

Moved

Burnell/Sheldon

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** Report No. 11-99, and **notes** that no upcoming events have been advised.

CARRIED

**MR EVAN LLOYD – HARBOURMASTER
PRESENTATION ON EXERCISE ESTUARY OIL**

Mr Lloyd provided a powerpoint presentation detailing the deployment of equipment, aim and objectives for the Exercise Estuary Oil which took place at Foxton Beach on 7 June 2011.

The Chairman thanked Mr McKee for providing explanations raised during his report on the Lower Manawatu River Management Issues.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER

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

Item No: 3
Date: 06/12/2011
Report No: 11-211
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 June to 5 December 2011.

NAVIGATION AND SAFETY BYLAW 2010

5. The Manawatu River has been closed 200 meters either side of the major slip in the Manawatu Gorge from Monday 28 November 2011 until further notice. The closure is required to ensure the safety of river users while the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) carry out slip stabilisation work. The slip is located approximately 2 km upstream of confluence of the Manawatu and Pohangina Rivers. NZTA have placed signage at points upstream and downstream of the slip as well as at the Woodville Ferry Reserve and road to the river below the SH3 Bridge at Ashhurst.

MARINE OIL SPILL EXERCISE

6. Exercise Estuary Oil II is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 10 May 2012 in the Manawatu Estuary. This exercise will build on the first exercise in the series carried out in June 2011. The marine oil spill response team from Horizons Regional Council will be deploying containment and recovery equipment in the vicinity of the Dawick and Robbie Streets in Foxton Beach.

GENERAL COMMENT

7. No requests for speed upliftings were received in this period.

RIVER EVENTS

8. On Sunday 24 July 2011 the Horowhenua Rowing Club held the 'Manawatu Grunt' rowing event on the stretch of the Manawatu River above Whirokino.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No 11-211.

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: 06/12/2011
Report No: 11-212
File No: PEM 3 04

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 2011 – DECEMBER 2011

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 during the 2010-11 financial year ending 30 June within the Lower Manawatu Scheme (LMS) were all completed.
5. Surveys, planning, programming and preparation of drawings for the capital works for the 2011-12 are well advanced.
6. The consent application for the Palmerston North City Reach Project was lodged in September 2010 and granted on the 20 January 2011.

COMMENT

7. The road works at Napier Road that will form part of the stopbank for the .2% AEP flood protection for the city was completed with only the second coat of seal to apply.
8. Proposed works within the City for the upcoming construction season will mainly involve stopbank construction, and re-construction at three sites. They are:
 - Stopbank Raising and re-construction from Albert Street through the Manawatu Golf Club (1180 metres). There will be a lot of heavy truck movement along Albert Street to the site within the river berm lands. This will have some impact on river users particularly the walkways over this reach. The construction site will be well sign posted and fenced. Sign posted detours will be in place for walkway users. Pedestrian access to the river will not be impeded.
 - The second site is adjacent to Centennial Drive from the rear of the Teachers College river recorder site to Fitzherbert Avenue Bridge. This work is mainly a timber flood wall and will have only minor disruption to the public and river users

for a very short period of time. All work at this site is anticipated to be completed by Christmas 2011.

- The third site is raising the stopbank adjacent to Dittmer Drive from the southern boundary of the Esplanade motor camp to the end of Dittmer Drive.
9. 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.
 10. 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.
 11. 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. Any hazards were found have been removed.
 12. 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.
 13. Major in-channel works are ongoing on the Oroua River at Kopane as the contract to replace the Kopane Bridge on the Rongotea Road continues. It is anticipated the bridge and its road approaches will be substantially completed by January 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. It is recommended that the Manawatu Rivers Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No.11-212.

D R McKee
AREA ENGINEER – CENTRAL

A D Cook
GROUP OPERATIONS MANAGER

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

Item No: 5
Date: 06/12/2011
Report No: 11-213
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

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COMMENT

4. Events advised at the time of writing have come from the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Sailing Section programme for 2011-12 and the Manawatu Power Boat Club.

Date	Organisation	Event	Location
Sun 11 Dec 11	MMBC Sailing Section	Champs	Manawatu Estuary
Sat 17 Dec 11	MMBC Sailing Section	River race	Manawatu Estuary
Sun 15 Jan 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Champs	Manawatu Estuary
Sat 21 – Sun 22 Jan 12	Manawatu Power Boat Club	Major Regatta	Wirokino
Sun 22 Jan 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Champs	Manawatu Estuary
Sun 29 Jan 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Champs	Manawatu Estuary
Tue 7 Feb 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Tuesday series	Manawatu Estuary
Tue 21 Feb 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Tuesday series	Manawatu Estuary
Sun 4 Mar 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Evening sail	Manawatu Estuary
Tue 6 Mar 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Tuesday series	Manawatu Estuary
Sat 10 – Sun 11 Mar 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Manawatu Regatta	Manawatu Estuary
Sun 1 Apr 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Champs	Manawatu Estuary
Sun 22 Apr 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Champs	Manawatu Estuary
Sat 28 Apr 12	MMBC Sailing Section	Closing day race	Manawatu Estuary

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. It is recommended that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No 11-213.

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