

AGENDA

MANAWATU RIVER USERS' ADVISORY GROUP

**to be held in the
Missoula Room, Palmerston North City Council,
32 The Square, Palmerston North**

**Tuesday
2 DECEMBER 2008**

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Notice is given of a meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group of Horizons Regional Council on Tuesday, 2 December 2008 at 7.30pm in the **Missoula Room, Palmerston North City Council**, 32 The Square, Palmerston North.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Crs LR Burnell (Chairman) and L Bailey, 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 in the Tararua Room of Regional House at 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3 June 2008.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), L Bailey, Messrs I Taylor and D Booth (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club), Mr B Culley (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), Mr R Anderson (from 7.40pm Jet Boating New Zealand), Mr K Lane (from 7.35pm Water and Environment Care Association), Mr M Wheatley (Manawatu Four Wheel Drive Club), Mr W Mudford (Fishing Farming), Mr M Reid (Fish and Game New Zealand), and Mr and Mrs Paton (Manawatu Estuary Trust).

IN ATTENDANCE	Area Engineer	Mr D McKee
	Harbourmaster	Mr E Lloyd
	Maritime New Zealand	Mr A Thomson
	Committee Secretary	Mrs J Kennedy

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr G Murfitt, Mr A Cook, Mr K Eveleigh, and Mr A Wakeling

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the apologies of Cr Murfitt, Mr Cook, Mr Eveleigh, and Mr Wakeling be accepted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved

Bailey/Taylor

that the minutes of the meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held on 4 December 2007, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

Mr Cully updated Members on the assessment that had been undertaken by the Department of Conservation (DoC) on the derelict wharf structure adjoining the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Wharf at Foxton Beach. It was suggested that any future plans or funding that DoC intended for the wharf structure, should be formalised.

Moved

Bailey/Booth

that Horizons Regional Council write to the Department of Conservation to seek clarification on the future direction with funding for the wharf structure at Foxton Beach.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 08-89

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 introduced the report, and updated Members on the installation of bollards in the Foxton Conservation Area, Manawatu Estuary, the refurbishment and re-installation of Ski Priority Area signs, the multi-agency debrief in regard to the serious jet boat accident in the Manawatu Gorge on 15 December 2007, and outlined river events that had been undertaken.

Moved

Bailey/Culley

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 08-89.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 08-90

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 advised that the Wellington Jet Sport Club would be holding a North Island Enduro Series for jet skis on the Manawatu River on 21 June 2008. Part of their request included a speed uplifting on either side of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club launch ramp, which was currently restricted to 5 knots.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 08-90, and
- b. **approves** the inclusion in the Calendar of Events of the Wellington Jet Sport Club Enduro Series to be held on the Manawatu River on 21 June 2008.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 08-94

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 to December 2008.

Mr Derek McKee, Area Engineer answered Members questions of clarification in regard to Lower Manawatu River Management Issues.

A Member commented on the great work that was being undertaken on the river enhancement work within the city boundaries, and thanked Horizons Regional Council for their efforts.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 08-94.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION FROM MR ALISTAIR THOMSON, MARITIME NEW ZEALAND

Mr Thompson introduced himself to the Group and outlined a presentation on the Review of the New Zealand Pleasure Boat Safety Strategy, compiled by Maritime New Zealand for the National Pleasure Boat Safety Forum. The review had three purposes; to determine the extent to which the 1999 recreational boating safety strategy of the Pleasure Boat Safety Advisory Group had been implemented, and to identify any barriers to implementing it; to determine how effective that strategy had been in reducing accidents; and to look at what changes to that strategy, if any, could be made to achieve further improvements in safety.

Members discussed the presentation and asked questions of clarification.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On behalf of the sailing section of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club, Mr Cully asked if there were any objections to placing a 5 knot speed restriction sign at both ends of the sailing racecourse on race day. The signs would be lifted at the conclusion of the racing event. The Harbourmaster agreed that it was a great initiative.

Mr Lane, Vice President, Water and Environmental Care Association tabled a letter outlining the Association's concerns in regard to two consents that had been granted to discharge treated manufacturing wastewater into the Manawatu River. Members discussed the Association's concerns, and it was agreed that the letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Horizons Regional Council for a response.

Moved

Lane/Paton

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **seeks** a response from the Chief Executive, Horizons Regional Council, to the letter tabled by the Water and Environmental Care Association.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Advisory Group was provisionally scheduled for 2 December 2008. It was noted that the venue for that meeting would be the Palmerston North City Council – Missoula Room.

The Chairman thanked the Group for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER

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

Item No: 3
Date: 2/12/2008
Report No: 08-214
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. Allowed for in 2008-09 Long-term Community Plan (LTCCP)

BACKGROUND

3. This report covers the period 3 June to 2 December 2008.
4. The Harbourmaster wrote to the Department of Conservation (DoC) on 7 July 2008 requesting they make clear their intentions for the derelict wharf at Foxton Beach. At one stage it looked as though DoC was prepared to remove the structure but on 14 July 2008 Andrew Mercer (DoC Community Relations – Structures) advised that they were now getting legal advice before taking further action. Jason Roxburgh (DoC Palmerston North Area Manager) has indicated that he will be at the meeting to explain further.
5. The Ski Priority Area signs have been refurbished and re-installed on the River in the week beginning 24 November 2008.
6. The hydrology gauging box at Manawatu Marine Boating Club (MMBC) launching ramp has been replaced and appended with Maritime New Zealand five knot speed limit decals on three sides.
7. The Harbourmaster setup a small stand at the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Boat Expo on 27 September 2008. It was a worthwhile opportunity to discuss with members of the public the Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and other topical issues. Thank you to MMBC for the invitation.
8. In accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 s158, a review of the Bylaws is due no later than 1 August 2009. The harbourmaster will work on a proposal to facilitate the process, including a timeline.
9. At the 3 June 2008 meeting Cr Bailey suggested that a presentation by made to the MRUAG on the Foxton Beach Erosion Hazards Assessment due for release in July 2008. Unfortunately Peter Blackwood (Manager–Investigation and Design) has not been available to make the presentation but it will be considered for a future meeting.

RIVER EVENTS

10. The Wellington Jet Sport Club ran the North Island Jet Ski Enduro at Manawatu Estuary on 21 June 2008. The event organisers worked closely with MMBC officials and Harbourmaster to implement a course that catered for the requirements of all parties. A temporary speed uplifting was granted for the area of river around the launching ramp at Foxton Beach.
11. Central Districts Branch of Jet Boating New Zealand conducted a river run from Ashhurst to Foxton Beach on 7 September 2008. A temporary speed uplifting was applied for and granted.
12. Central Districts Branch of Jet Boating New Zealand also held a run on the Pohangina River on 21 September 2008. Again a temporary speed uplifting was applied for and granted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. It is recommended that the Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the Harbourmaster's Report.

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: 2/12/2008
Report No: 08-217
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 Lower Manawatu Scheme management issues, that may have some impact on the recreational use of the river during the period December 2008 to June 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

BACKGROUND

3. Planning is well advanced for the implementation of annual capital and maintenance works programmes and for gravel extraction activity for 2008-09.

COMMENT

4. The placement of rock at the final 2004 flood damage reinstatement site will be completed in December. That will bring to a conclusion the major rock stockpiling and placement activity that has proceeded throughout the rural sections of the Scheme over much of the past four years or thereabouts. A significantly reduced level of erosion protection works activity can then be anticipated.
5. A major rock lining is to be constructed on the left bank immediately upstream of the Fitzherbert Avenue Bridge. Stockpiling activity will commence in December and that will necessitate some restriction to recreational access for a distance of approximately 400 metres upstream of the bridge. Placement work will commence early in the new year and all site works should be completed by late March 2009.
6. Another section of stopbank upgrading work is planned within the City Reach, between Roxborough Crescent and Albert Street. Stockpiling of clay fill material will commence in December and stopbank reconstruction work will follow later in March-April next year. Some minor restriction on foot access through the works area is likely, however where it becomes necessary to close any section of the walkway, alternative access will be provided and appropriate signage will be erected.
7. A programme of river edge vegetation management will be undertaken on both left and right banks between the Opiki and Shannon bridges. The works will generally be undertaken on sections of river that adjoin private land and will therefore have little if any impact on recreational access or activity.
8. A survey of the river will be undertaken by jet boat during the low flow period to identify any potential hazards to navigation or recreational use. Any hazards identified will be removed or suitably marked. River users are urged to advise Council promptly on free phone 0508 800 800 if any potential hazards are identified in the course of their recreational activities on the river.

9. Options for possible channel realignment works in the vicinity of Anzac Park Cliffs are still being assessed. No physical work will be undertaken within the river channel before the 2009-10 summer.
10. As reported at the last MRUAG meeting, the Operations Group of Horizons Regional Council has obtained a 'global' consent that will facilitate the extraction of large quantities of gravel from the 'aggradation reach' of the river between Karere Road and Riverbank Road over a term of 20 years. The initial activity under that consent will occur during the approaching period of low river flows and within a 2 km reach of the river immediately upstream of the Kopane Bridge. It is expected that a total quantity of 100,000 cubic metres will be removed over the summer period.
11. Some of the extraction activity will occur within the wetted river channel and therefore at times machinery may present a temporarily and partial obstruction to river navigation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

12. It is recommended that the Advisory Group:
 - a. **notes** the information contained in Report No. 08-217.

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: 2/12/2008
Report No: 08-215
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. Allowed for in 2008-09 Long-term Community Plan (LTCCP)

COMMENT

3. The table below lists upcoming events that have been notified to Horizons Regional Council:

Date	Organisation	Event/Location	Speed Uplifting Required
Saturday 28 February 2009	Manawatu Marine Boating Club Sailing Section	Manawatu Regatta – Lasers Manawatu Estuary	No
Saturday 28 February 2009 and Sunday 1 March 2009	Manawatu Power Boat Club Inc.	Major Regatta. Whirokino Bridge south to Foxton Loop	No
Sunday 26 April 2009	MMBC Sailing Section	Closing Day Manawatu Estuary	No

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. It is recommended that the Advisory Group:
 - a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 08-215.

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