



Recount

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Roading issues receive support

Support for Council moves to claim a place in Transit NZ's roading plans has come from further north.

Following submissions from the working party set up last year to promote improvements to State Highway 3 between Te Kuiti and New Plymouth, the Waikato Regional Land Transport Committee decided to take action. The Committee will ask Environment Waikato to recommend to Transit NZ that a passing lane project north of Taupo, that is currently on the books, be replaced by one of the recommended SH3 passing lanes.

The recommendation leaves Transit NZ to choose one of the three passing lane projects the working party had originally recommended for the strategically important road. Additional passing lanes recommended by the State Highway 3 Working Party are south of Mangaotaki Stream (for south bound traffic), north of Awakino Tunnel (north bound) and south of Piopio (north bound).

The support from the Waikato Regional Land Transport Committee is a welcome boost for the battle against Transit NZ's draft state highway programme for 2003 and 2004 which ignored all projects for Taranaki.

Government policy directions have diverted most of the programme's funding for capital works to Auckland to relieve the city's traffic congestion at the expense of other regions. In its prioritisation system, the programme ranks congestion relief above safety and the environment. This result appears to have ruled out any funding



The impact of Transit NZ's draft state highway programme on Taranaki is unacceptable.

for capital works in Taranaki within the next 10 years.

The proposed allocation of available funds will have major implications for the roading network throughout the country. It appears that opportunities for alternative funding are very unlikely to be available in any regions that do not contain a substantial metropolitan area and, unless more funds are directed into the roading programme, the situation is unlikely to change under the present policy.

The Taranaki Regional Council has objected to Transit NZ's draft state highway programme in the strongest possible terms, detailing the impact this would have on the region and describing it as "an unacceptable situation".

The \$25 million worth of major projects eliminated for the incoming year and forecast not to occur within the next 10 years include the Bell

Block bypass; the Rugby Road Underpass and the completion of sealing on SH43, ironically following Transit NZ's earlier policy of sealing all state highways by 2002. The proposed programme apparently disregards SH3's increasingly important national role in servicing the agricultural, petrochemical, forestry and tourism industries.

The Council has argued for some time for additional funds to be made available to meet Taranaki's land transport needs, believing that it is totally unacceptable that much needed roading improvements with significant economic and safety benefits are not able to proceed because of a lack of funds. Understandably, there is a high level of anger and frustration in the community over this issue. The Council's protest has been firmly put and widely conveyed, including a copy sent to the Prime Minister's office.

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From the Chair

In the last issue of *Recount*, I referred to the need for improvements to State Highway 3. That was last year. This year, we face a change in Government policy that diverts most of Transit NZ's state highway programme for 2003 and 2004 capital works to Auckland to relieve traffic congestion in the city.



Chairman David Walter

No wonder many in the Taranaki community are frustrated and angered by this decision. Here we have one of New Zealand's leading dairying regions with 17% of the nation's dairy farms and Whareroa, the largest single-site dairy processing plant in the southern hemisphere. We have the country's only commercially producing oil and gas fields and a number of large-scale energy and hydrocarbon industries. We are steadily expanding our forestry and tourism industries.

Undoubtedly, these contribute significantly to the national economy. To ensure that they continue to operate efficiently, to develop and grow, and to safeguard the social and economic life of the Taranaki region, we require a reliable land transport system and a safe and efficient roading network.

Transit NZ has indicated that over \$25 million of improvements to state highways in Taranaki will be delayed for up to 10 years. All of these projects have benefits in excess of the projected costs. In a number of cases, the safety and efficiency benefits exceed costs by a factor of four or more.

Around \$600 million of transport revenue is still diverted to the consolidated account from the petrol excise duty which means that road users and regions such as Taranaki are being denied much needed funds and a crack at future economic development opportunities.

The Council does not begrudge Auckland its much needed relief for urban congestion. It does not accept, however, that this should be at the expense of other parts of the country such as Taranaki.

In this issue of *Recount*, the Council's draft annual report is outlined. The Council has worked hard to listen to the community and to put in place efficient and effective programmes which will benefit the region focusing on our future as well as our present needs. Councillors and management are readily available to answer questions or to discuss any of the proposals contained here. We look forward to your response.

David Walter - CHAIRMAN



Fiona Moore, Hydrological Assistant, gauges the Patea River in Stratford. The flow is well below the mean annual low flow of 803 litres per second.

Water levels come under pressure

This February was the driest since 1983, according to records kept since the 1970s, and resulted in some of the lowest recorded river flow levels.

For Council staff, the conditions brought by rainfall figures at 20-30% of the figure usually expected for the month of February, meant a busy schedule. By early March, staff had gauged river flow levels 125 times for the year, in order to supplement information supplied by the automated measuring system. The total number of gaugings for all of last year was 179.

The intensive monitoring enabled the Council to keep a close eye on the effects of the dry weather on the stream and river systems. A specialist staff team met daily to check the readings and decide on the course of action for the day. The automatic measurements were checked against manual gauging to ensure that the data was correct and sufficient for appropriate management decisions to be made.

Council staff worked closely with farmers who operate pastoral irrigators, in an attempt to keep water usage down. Monitoring of streams from which around 50 resource consent holders draw water for irrigation led to early warning of the likelihood of water restrictions, followed by a request to lower water use significantly and in five cases, to stop irrigating altogether.

The three district councils also were asked to reduce water use, the situation was advertised and recreational water use was lowered significantly.

The dry conditions have prompted a review of some early resource consent conditions which may not be as specific as their contemporary counterparts. Resource consents now contain rules that require consent holders to stop abstractions once water sources diminish to prescribed levels. The review will bring old and new resource consents into line.



Weed boat trials successful

Recent trials of a boat specially designed to control aquatic weeds have been promising enough to warrant further consideration for use in cleaning the region's waterways.

The boat which is steered and pushed along by paddles is driven by hydraulic motors which also power a U-shaped cutting blade. Weed boats were first imported from Britain to Hawkes Bay in the 1950s and have since been refined and used in Canterbury and the Bay of Plenty.

As the boat was primarily designed for use in artificial waterways, the natural shape of the 10 km length of the Makuri Stream where it was trialled, was not ideal. However, the

cost effectiveness and environmental friendliness of the boat's operations have proved significant enough to encourage further investigations for its use in Taranaki.

Aquatic weeds present a major problem in some of the region's drainage systems, obstructing water flows, raising the water levels and reducing the waterways' efficiency. Methods of weed control used in



The weed boat makes short work of aquatic weeds in the Makuri Stream.

the past have included digging and chemical control.

Archaeological database updates

The Taranaki Regional Council, in conjunction with the New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki district councils, will help finance the updating of the New Zealand Archaeological Association's (NZAA) site records.

The database, which records 1,651 archaeological sites in Taranaki,

provides invaluable information for local authority planning and resource consent processing, and is the only record of its kind in the country.

The NZAA owns and maintains the database which contains records, drawings, field notes and photographs for around 54,000 sites nationwide. The

paper-based database was established in 1958 and in parts has patchy and sometimes inaccurate information. The updated information for the region will include GPS readings, photographs and notes on the condition of each site, and will be provided as electronic copy and installed in the Council's GIS system.

Bill Bayfield leaves Council



Bill Bayfield

Director-Resource Management Bill Bayfield left for Wellington in March after 22 years with the Taranaki Regional Council and its predecessor the Taranaki Catchment

Commission. As General Manager of Sustainable Industry for the Ministry for the Environment he will head a staff of 30 in the new department, establishing environmental management systems and working directly with all industries nationwide.

Bill Bayfield began work with the then Taranaki Catchment Commission

as a student on a government subsidised employment scheme before taking a full-time job initially as a soil conservator. Through his background in coastal processes, he became involved in the Think Big projects then, with the blessing of the Commission, worked as a consultant throughout Australia and the Pacific region. In 1989 he was appointed Operations Manager in the fledgling Taranaki Regional Council and in 1997 became Director-Resource Management.

He believes that his work in Taranaki has trained him well for his Ministry job by giving him an empathy for new ideas and their owners.

"I've enjoyed working with Taranaki people because they always find a sensible way through something. I enjoy working with risk takers too,

and there are so many in Taranaki trying to do new things. It is important to encourage innovation and to be careful not to crush new ideas. Too often regulation in New Zealand has been cumbersome – a sledgehammer to crush a walnut," he said.

While not originally from Taranaki, Bill Bayfield has lived in the region longer than any other part of New Zealand, loves the local environment and regards Mt Taranaki/Egmont as home.

"I've done enough travelling around the world and dealt with sufficient of my compatriots and peers in New Zealand to know that the one thing the Council and the people of Taranaki must never take for granted is this marvellous place. It really is special," he said.



Draft Annual Plan released this month

The Taranaki Regional Council's 2003/04 Draft Annual Plan will be released on 28 April and submissions will be received until 4.00 pm on 30 May.

In his introduction to the Plan, Council Chairman David Walter comments that while the plan is almost entirely consistent with the Long-Term Financial Strategy adopted in May 2001, the enactment of a totally new local government statute has brought a host of changes to existing operating methods and new requirements on the Council.

"Over the next period, the Council is obliged to engage in a detailed public process to determine community outcomes and to prepare a long-term Council community plan. These, along with other requirements will result in significant new expenditure from rates."

"There have also been other changes to legislation such as the new Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 that will change the delivery of these services in Taranaki in the future. At present, it is uncertain how these changes will impact on the Council's financial plans. For the purposes of this Draft Annual Plan, it has been assumed that the current levels of service and expenditure will be carried forward into 2003/2004."

Changes in activities or activity levels include a proposal to provide the Taranaki Tree Trust with grant funding of \$30,000 in addition to the administrative services provided to the Trust in the past.

The Council proposes also to make \$50,000 available for work with the region's district councils to promote waste minimisation. Pilot trials have indicated that the move would be beneficial to the regional waste strategy now being prepared.

The third change, and the one of greatest financial significance, is a proposed increase in funding for disabled persons' passenger transport services.

David Walter comments that demand for these services is growing at "double-digit rates".



Councillors visit the Westpac Whareroa Research Centre

"The Council continues to be concerned at the growth in expenditure for this service and the use of rates for funding it, but recognises that the needs of these people are real and are basic to their quality of life."

Without these three changes, the Council would have met its long-term objective of no change to general rates for the forthcoming year. Instead, a small increase in rate take of \$70,841 is proposed.

A fourth significant proposed activity level change is in land management services and involves no budget increases. Dramatic increases are proposed to the number of riparian and other plans produced during the year. Previous investments in technology and training have given rise to major productivity improvement in this area.

The Council plans to continue to have no public debt for 2003/2004.

The Taranaki Regional Council's key plans for 2003/2004 are to:

- Complete the preparation and adoption of the Council's first long-term Council community plan prior to 1 July 2004;
- Process all consent applications for the use of air, land, water and coastal resources effectively and efficiently;
- Ensure compliance of all granted consents through appropriate monitoring and enforcement, including the completion of approximately 110 tailored compliance monitoring programmes and approximately 3,000 industrial and agricultural inspections;
- Respond to all notified pollution incidents within four hours of receipt, instigating appropriate control, clean-up and enforcement procedures;
- Administer and implement the Taranaki Regional Oil Spill Response Plan as agreed with the Maritime Safety Authority;
- Provide sustainable land management planning services by supporting existing plan holders and generating new plans to cover approximately 15,000 hectares of farmland and 1,000 kilometres of riparian management. Liaise with the 800 existing plan holders;
- Facilitate the protection of regionally significant wetlands;
- Provide administrative and financial support to the Taranaki Tree Trust;
- Maintain the flood control schemes on the Waitara and Waiwhakaiho rivers to the established standards as per the adopted asset management plans. Provide advice and minor works for river control purposes throughout the region;
- Undertake a range of resource investigations to improve resource management, information and decisions;
- Develop and implement a waste management programme for Taranaki;
- Provide increased funding assistance to disabled persons'



- transport services in the main urban areas of Taranaki;
- Provide harbourmaster and harbour warden services for Port Taranaki to implement relevant harbour by-laws and regulations;
 - Complete the preparation and commence the implementation of the asset management plans for the Council's regional gardens;
 - Support and co-ordinate road safety projects to reduce road accidents and advocate for improved roading infrastructure;
 - Continue the implementation of the pest animal and pest plant management strategies, including the extension of the "self-help" possum control programme to another 12,000 hectares;
 - Administer the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and implement the changes arising from the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002;
 - Monitor rainfall and river levels and issue flood warnings when necessary in accordance with the Flood Event Standard Operating Procedure;
 - Facilitate environmental education in schools and provide information through the Puke Ariki regional museum and library;
 - Provide, on a cost-recovery basis, approximately 120,000 plants for land stabilisation and water protection programmes;
 - Maximise the returns from the Council's investments in Westgate Transport Limited, property and treasury instruments; and
 - Increase general rates by 2.3% noting the new work imposed upon the Council and the reduction of general rates by 30% over the last seven years. Maintain a nil external public debt position.

Make your submission

How do you make a submission to the Council?

Write a letter or complete the submission form attached to a copy of the draft Annual Plan and send it to:
2003/04 Draft Annual Plan Submission, The Chief Executive,
Taranaki Regional Council, Private Bag 713, STRATFORD
Please include your telephone number.

How can you get a copy of the Draft Annual Plan?

Telephone the Council on 06 765 7127 and a copy or copies will be sent to you. There is no charge.

Who can you contact at the Council offices to discuss the 2003/ 2004 Draft Annual Plan?

You are welcome to call at the Council's offices at Cloten Road, Stratford, or phone 06 765 7127 and speak to any of the following Executive Staff:

Basil Chamberlain (Chief Executive)
Dex Knowles (Director – Operations)
Mike Nield (Director – Corporate Services)

What happens next?

Your submission must arrive by 4.00 pm on 30 May 2003.
The Council will hear submissions on 23 June 2003.

Do you have speak to your submission?

No. It is entirely up to you to decide. If you decide not to speak, your written submission will still be given full consideration. If you wish to appear in person, please indicate this on your letter or submission form. You are most welcome to attend.

Will the hearing be very formal?

No. Council members will have read your submission beforehand and will have it with them. The Chairperson will invite you to expand on your submission.

National campaign targets rubbish

"Reduce your rubbish", will be the message pushed on television, magazines, radio and newspapers during April and May in an effort to have people take responsibility for their own waste.

Regional councils are joining with the Ministry for the Environment in a nationwide campaign urging householders to reduce their waste as New Zealand's mountain of rubbish continues to grow.

The Taranaki Regional Council and the three district councils are keen to ensure that local people heed the message and make some changes to keep rubbish levels down.

The out of sight, out of mind attitude to waste held by most people is not realistic. In fact, rubbish doesn't necessarily break down in a landfill, instead it builds up. Current figures show that every year, New Zealanders dispose of 3.4 million tonnes of rubbish – nearly a tonne for every man, woman and child and the equivalent of filling a rugby field to more

than 30 storeys high each month. We are producing three times more rubbish than we did 20 years ago.

Beginning on 13 April, a national television campaign will highlight the waste problem and provide simple actions for householders to take – if you don't need it, don't take it; recycle and compost your green waste.

A national challenge will ask celebrities to expose what they do with their waste. Other householders will be able to enter a nationwide competition to rate their own waste reduction behaviour.

The Taranaki campaign will include local promotions and events, the distribution of an updated recycling directory and information on local initiatives. Leading the way, the Council will be following its own in-house waste minimisation programme of recycling and composting introduced eight months ago.

A national web site www.reducerubbish.govt.nz and a freephone number 08002reduce will support the campaign.



Planning for regional gardens progresses

The advisory group undertaking the development of the regional gardens, Tupare, Hollard Gardens and Pukeiti, is keen to hear comment from the public on the first stage of the project.

Public meetings will be held during April in Stratford and New Plymouth to discuss the stage one report. Written comments are also invited.

National advertising is also under way for expressions of interest for an integrated design strategy for Tupare,

Hollard Gardens and Pukeiti, taking the regional gardens development project a step forward. The strategy will include design for built facilities, signage and display, wayfinding signage, branding, profile and marketing material and garden design and enhancement.

A summary of the stage one report is included with this copy of *Recount*, the full report is available from the Taranaki Regional Council offices or on the Council's web site www.trc.govt.nz.

New Port by-laws introduced in April

Signs explaining recreation regulations will be installed at Port Taranaki following the introduction of new navigation and safety by-laws at the beginning of April.

The new by-laws, which apply within the present harbour limits, were adopted, after submissions were taken into account, by the Council at a special meeting in February. The change followed the repeal of the Harbours Act 1950, under which the former by-laws were prepared, and the enactment of the Local Government Amendment Act 1999 under which existing by-laws expired on 31 March 2003.

The regulations provide a larger controlled area off Ngamotu Beach and the boat mooring area for swimmers and vessels travelling at under 5 knots.



Port Taranaki now operates under new navigation and safety by-laws.

A slightly extended speed restriction area is situated near Blyde Wharf and across to the main breakwater.

The team of voluntary harbour wardens at Port Taranaki will be briefed on the new regulations and will be on hand to ensure they are complied with.

The Maritime Safety Authority has recently gazetted Maritime Rule

90:Pilotage which supercedes the provisions in the Council's by-laws that deal with pilotage. As a result, the Council is undertaking a special order process to amend the by-laws. The modifications will not alter the recreation regulations, and apply only to rules of pilotage licensing and control.

Civil Defence Act changes under way

Work has begun towards the introduction of new measures under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

The formation of the new Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEMG) in March was the first step towards ensuring that the region is united in its risk management approach to hazards, and is self reliant.

The CDEMG comprises the three mayors in the region, Mary Bourke (South Taranaki District Council), Brian Jeffares (Stratford District

Council) and Peter Tennent (New Plymouth District Council), and is chaired by Taranaki Regional Councillor, Claire Stewart.

At their first meeting, the CDEMG ratified the membership of the Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) that will stitch together the individual civil defence plans held currently by all Taranaki's local authorities to form a single group plan. The plan will be available for public scrutiny before it is adopted. Members of the CEG include the chief executives of all Taranaki's local authorities and representatives of

the police, the fire service and hospital and health. Specialists may be co-opted where required.

While the new Act has signalled some changes in governance and approach, there will be no alterations to existing civil defence emergency plans in Taranaki until the new group plan is written and signed off. If an emergency should occur in Taranaki tomorrow, the current well oiled civil defence emergency management machine would swing immediately into action. For now, it is business as usual.



Risk assessment of Moturoa oil field completed

A report commissioned by the Council to investigate the nature and extent of hazards of the Moturoa oil field in New Plymouth has been completed.

Of the 55 wells in the field, nine gave some cause for concern and warrant further investigation. The report ranked the wells in terms of their risk, which was determined by assessing their location, the type of hazard each well presented and the probability of a hazard occurring. The two main problem wells were already known to be venting to the surface.

The Blenheim 1 well, which began leaking oily water and natural gas in a New Plymouth family's back-yard in Moturoa during August 2001, prompted the investigations. The report by Transfield Worley Ltd, completed earlier this year, has recommended that the Blenheim 1 well be fully de-commissioned immediately.

Another well 300 metres away has been leaking oil and gas for a number of years before being capped, but may, according to the report, require future control too. The report recommends immediate site investigations of the remaining

seven high priority wells with regular monitoring programmes established for every six to 12 months or one to two years where appropriate.

Most of the wells are on industrial sites and, prior to public release of the report, the Council has provided the results of the investigation to the property owners. Recommendations for the other wells in the field vary from site investigations with monitoring every two to five years, to no action required.

The Council commissioned the initial investigation of the Moturoa oil field not as a result of any specific responsibility for poorly de-commissioned oil wells, but rather because of a general interest in, and in some instances, a responsibility for, the identification of community hazards. Copies of the report have been sent to OSH, Ministry of Economic Development and New Plymouth District Council.

Property owners have been advised to contact the Chief Inspector of Petroleum at OSH if they wish to follow up any of the report's recommendations relating to their properties.

Signs point to region's rivers and streams



Council workers Dave Digby (left) and Andrew Higham erect a sign on Opunake Road naming the Waingongoro River, near Cardiff. More than 60 new signs now identify rivers and streams to increase public awareness and encourage appreciation of Taranaki's waterways.

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MEETING SCHEDULE:

The Taranaki Regional Council operates to a six-weekly committee and Council meeting schedule.

Wednesday 9 April 10.30 am,
Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 30 April 10.30 am,
Consents and Regulatory Committee

Thursday 1 May, 10.30 am
Policy and Planning Committee

Monday 12 May, 10.00 am
Executive Committee

Wednesday 21 May, 10.30 am
Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 11 June, 10.30 am
Consents and Regulatory Committee

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First predator-proof fence launched



Officially launching Taranaki's first predator-proof fence in March were (left to right) NZ Sales Manager Shell, Jim Collings; Minister of Conservation, Chris Carter; Rapanui site land owners, Emma Sullivan and Evan Lobb; Taranaki Tree Trust Facilitator, Maggie Bayfield and Council Deputy Chairman, Roger Maxwell. The 600 metre fence was installed to protect a grey-faced petrel colony on a half-hectare cliff site. For Maggie Bayfield, it was a fitting occasion to mark her last day of 10 years' work with the Trust and with wetland protection programmes for the Council, before heading with her family to live in Wellington.

Iwi database facilitates consultation

A comprehensive online database of iwi contacts within the Taranaki region enables consent applicants to readily identify individuals or groups they need to consult.

The database lists all contact details for iwi to hapu level and includes marae and their various committees. While the Council has always maintained a database of iwi contacts for its own use, the information previously was made available to consent applicants only on request. Because there has been some confusion in the past about whom to contact, and following the findings of a ministerial working party on compliance costs, the Council has increased the scope of the information and made it more widely available.

Consent applicants are now encouraged to identify the appropriate contacts and consult with them before lodging their applications. The information is readily available from the Council web site www.trc.govt.nz or from the Council offices in printed form.

Wetlands tour marks World Wetlands Day



Around 120 people joined representatives of the Council, Taranaki Fish and Game, DOC and the Ornithological Society in February to explore Nowell's Lakes near Hawera and learn about the value of Taranaki's wetland areas.

Environmental awards

Eleven vastly different projects which benefit the Taranaki environment have been recognised by Council awards.

Industrial/local authority

Manawatu Waste Limited (Budget Waste) for waste minimisation through reuse and recycling at the Colson Road Transfer Station, New Plymouth.

Stratford District Council, Taranaki Farmers and Wrightson for installation of the stock truck effluent disposal facility (the first in Taranaki) at Stratford.

Sandy Bay Foreshore Stabilisation Project – Shell Todd Oil Services Ltd and Oaonui Community Advisory Group for enhancement and sustainable management of the coastal environment south of Kina Road.

Agricultural

Eric and Janine Fowler for implementation of sustainable land management practices on their dairy farm in Lysaght Road, Mokoia.

Steve and Bev Wilson for implementation of sustainable land management practices on their dairy, sheep and beef farm on Mangatoro Road near Ahititi.

Lyle and Leonie Smart for outstanding environmental management on their broiler Farm on Lower Durham Road, Inglewood.

Individual/school/community

Evan Lobb and Emma Sullivan for protection of the grey-faced petrel colony on their Rapanui property.

Alan and Janet Halcombe – Urenui intake decommissioning and fish pass for environmental enhancement and protection of fish passage.

Corso Taranaki – Poverty recycling shop in Waitara for facilitating waste reduction through the reuse and recycling of unwanted goods.

Atawhai Industries for undertaking pest plant control in New Plymouth.

Pembroke School for increasing environmental awareness and understanding through environmental education.