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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Environment & Planning Committee
Meeting Date: 6 October 2011
Report Author: Stuart Bryant, Chair, Environment & Planning Committee
Subject: Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report REP11-10-07

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River Health Roadshow

Councillors will be aware that on 14 to 22 November we are organising a River Health Roadshow across the district. It is expected that a number of Marlborough District Council Councillors will be attending some part of this.

The main purpose of this roadshow is to showcase our strengths as a region, to update the participants on new environmental information and some new policy matters. To grow a community of interest who want to stay updated on these issues, and to cultivate a community of commitment who have a strong interest in the future of our region, its land and water and the potential here for innovative practices and who want to be part of shaping that future, to let others have a say as well.

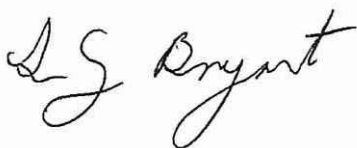
The key messages of this roadshow will be to deliver information "river health" and to acknowledge that there is some leading edge practice by farmers in the region; and we have a number of focus areas where some real differences could still be made. We keep learning more but the main action points remain - particularly stock access, installing wetlands in key places on farms, riparian management (particularly shading and stream habitat), and reticulated water for sheep/beef farms. Other lessons will be to discover what guidance material is a priority for farmers, contractors etc?

Environment Awards

The combined Environment Awards with Nelson City Council are scheduled for 17 November this year and will be held at the Theatre Royal. Some Councillors will soon be "shoulder tapped" to volunteer their time as judges in one of the eight categories. These awards are an excellent way to showcase the amazing innovative ways people are caring for the environment.

TRMP

Councillors are reminded of the upcoming next TRMP hearing, Hearing 62, to hear submissions on Change 22 Mapua Ruby Bay Development, on 15 and 16 November, with deliberation set down for 22 November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Bryant".

Stuart Bryant
Chair, Environment & Planning Committee