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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Environment & Planning Committee
Meeting Date: Thursday, 20 September 2012
Report Author: Dennis Bush-King, Environment & Planning Manager
Subject: **Environment & Planning Manager's Report**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers a number of general matters concerning the activities of the Environment & Planning Department.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That report REP12-09-11 be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Manager's Report REP12-09-11.

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1. Annual Report 2011-2012

- 1.1 Council will soon receive a draft Annual report for the year ending 30 June 2012. A copy of the non-financial achievements for the Environment and Planning Activity areas is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Animal Health Board Programme Management

- 2.1 Annex 2 contains the July Monthly report for the Bovine Tb programme in Tasman.

3. Challies Island Fish Out Ponds

- 3.1 The Fish-out ponds at Challies Island (Waimea River) have been dug and are now being finished off with the extracted gravel going to the three adjacent gravel plants. Fish and Game staff have overseen the development day to day and have worked with the contractors to get the desired outcome. Once the site is finished off there will be the opportunity to have a site visit and see the development firsthand (Rob Smith will arrange a site visit for interested Councillors). Staff believe that it will likely become a notable asset within the Waimea River Park in the future given the number of families attending the Fish-Out days in Canterbury (thousands). The main Challies wetland pond has also had some finishing off and is being planted up at present.

4. Agriculture Meets Marine Farming

- 4.1 Staff met with representatives from Fonterra, Marlborough Shellfish Quality Programme, Marine farm owners, and regulators from Ministry of Primary Industries in Collingwood recently to discuss how both Fonterra and Tasman District Council staff undertake farm surveys and oversee the management of dairy farm effluent systems. The group also visited a local farm to see what is actually inspected onsite. Discussion was constructive; however it is fair to say that the Marine industry would like to see greater control of effluent management by Council. At present nearly all of our dairy farmers operate under Permitted Activity status and Council is limited in its ability to direct landowners, however you will see in Kat Bunting's report that generally we have a high level of compliance already.

5. Action items

5.1 Annex 3 updates Councillor on action items from previous EPC meetings.

6. Draft Resolutions

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Manager's Report REP12-09-11.



Dennis Bush-King
Environment & Planning Manager

Policy and Objective

To promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources and to safeguard the District's environmental qualities.

Nature and Scope

These output classes involve the development, monitoring and promotion of resource policy and plans under the Resource Management Act and related legislation, the associated processing and monitoring of resource consents, improving the understanding of the District's environment through investigations, and promoting improved environmental performance by resource users, and undertaking Council's regulatory responsibilities.

There are five significant areas under which this activity is performed by Council.

- a) Resource Policy – The analysis and development of resource policy and plans to satisfy the Council's responsibilities under the Resource Management Act and related legislation.
- b) Environmental Information – Establishing and maintaining an efficient resource database to allow Council to properly discharge its resource management functions and to provide advice to the public on environmental and natural resource issues affecting the District. Investigating, monitoring and analysis of significant environmental issues with respect to water, land, air and coast affecting or likely to affect the District and its community.
- c) Resource Consents and Compliance – The assessment and processing of resource consent applications for the development and use of land, air, water or coastal space, and related monitoring and enforcement.
- d) Environmental Education, Advocacy and Operations – Encouraging good environmental outcomes through education and advocacy and other non-regulatory methods and also undertaking of works and services in conjunction with land owners.
- e) Regulatory Services - Provision of advice and discharging statutory functions in the areas of public health, building, sale of liquor, hazardous substances, animal and parking control, and maritime administration. Assessing and processing permit and registration applications, the administration of bylaws, and associated monitoring and enforcement action.

Activities

The Council Activities within this Group are:

- Resource Policy
- Environmental Information
- Resource Consents and Compliance
- Environmental Education, Advocacy and Operations
- Regulatory Services

It is important to note that while policy development is a separate activity, its implementation often appears as a cost under one of the other activities. For instance, Council has a policy framework for managing air quality determined by legislation and its own Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP). Monitoring air quality is a cost against Resource Information, discharges to air and monitoring air discharge consents are a cost against Resource Consents and Compliance and education initiatives are a cost against Environmental Education, Advocacy and Operations.

Contribution of these activities to the Community Outcomes

- Our unique and special natural environment is bountiful, healthy, clean and protected.
- Our built urban and rural environments are functional, pleasant, safe and sustainably managed.
- Our transport and essential services are sufficient, efficient and sustainably managed.
- Our vibrant community is safe, well, enjoys an excellent quality of life and supports those with special needs.
- Our community understands regional history, heritage and culture.
- Our participatory community contributes to district-decision-making and development.
- Our growing and sustainable economy provides opportunities for us all.
- Our diverse community enjoys access to a range of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and recreational services.

Assets required by the group of activities

The assets required for this group of activities primarily include skilled staff, vehicles, office buildings and information technology.

RESOURCE POLICY

What We Do

This activity involves the analysis and development of policy and plans required under the Resource Management Act and the Biosecurity Act and the provision of policy advice on matters of national importance affecting Tasman District. It involves responding to new environmental issues that emerge from time to time and where Council considers a policy response is warranted, including where a response is needed to information received through monitoring and or investigations undertaken in the Environmental Information Activity.

Why We Do It

Council is required by law and community expectation to manage the environment of Tasman District and the consequences of human activity. The Tasman community has told us that planning for the future is important. This is so we can meet the needs of communities and manage those activities which might otherwise undermine the character and resource values which are special to Tasman.

Our Goal

We aim to provide an appropriate policy framework for identifying and responding to resource management policy issues which lead to sustainably managing the District's natural and physical resources including biosecurity risks.

How this activity contributes to the Community Outcomes

- Having in place policies and plans that promote sustainable management of natural and physical resources and, where necessary, regulating activities which would over time degrade the environment or place resources under pressure, keeps Tasman District special.
- The activity ensures that living environments are pleasant, safe, and that the activities of others do not adversely impact on citizens’ lives. By ensuring resources are well managed, the activity contributes to the development of the district in appropriate locations and scale.
- Effective resource policy planning ensures infrastructure needs are appropriate, efficient, and available to meet the demands of the community.
- This activity safeguards the community’s health and well-being by ensuring resource use and human activities affecting resources do not adversely affect quality of life or community well-being.
- This activity identifies heritage values of significance to the district and has in place a framework for protecting and enhancing these values, including sites which are important to iwi.
- Public participation is provided for in the processes of development of policies and plans under the Resource Management and Biosecurity Acts.
- Policies and plans identify opportunities for economic development and potential hazards and constraints affecting such opportunities.

Our levels of service

We will develop and maintain an appropriate policy framework which effectively promotes the sustainable management of the District’s natural and physical resources by:

- identifying and responding to resource management policy issues and biosecurity risks; and
- providing a sound and appropriate policy planning framework that will protect and enhance our unique environment and promote healthy and safe communities; and
- ensuring that plan development systems are administered in a way which meets the expected environmental outcomes identified in policy statements and plans.

How We Measure Progress

<p>The level of community support for Council’s resource management policy and planning work is rated as fairly satisfied or better through community surveys. [Target 75%]</p>	<p>62% of residents surveyed were satisfied with Council's resource management policy and planning work, with 18% of respondents not knowing enough to comment, which means 76% of those with knowledge were satisfied or very satisfied. (58%, 25% and 77% being the equivalent 2010/2011 figures</p>
<p>Having in place an operative Regional Pest Management Strategy, which is kept up to date and relevant. .</p>	<p>Have maintained an operative Regional Pest Management Strategy. An Operational Plan is produced annually and is reviewed annually. The Reviewed Strategy was released in May 2012.</p>

Having in place an operative Tasman Resource Management Plan, which is kept up to date and relevant.	Parts I - III, V and VI (Introduction, Land, Coastal Marine Area, Water and Discharges) of the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) are operative. Part IV is effectively operative except in respect of one appeal as at 30 June 2012.
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Major Activities

Undertake strategic development planning for urban and rural areas in the District and process associated plan changes and resolve any appeals, including current work on Richmond West, Richmond East, and work on Richmond CBD (2010 to 2012), Motueka West (current to 2012), Mapua (current to 2012), Eastern Golden Bay (current to 2012), Wakefield/Brightwater (2012).	Advanced draft plan change on Motueka West and central, heard submissions and made decisions on Change 22 for Mapua Ruby Bay, with four appeals received. Continued to mediate on appeals concerning Richmond West rezoning, with four of eight appeals resolved as at 30 June 2012. Heard submissions and notified decisions on Richmond East; two appeals; both resolved. Two hazard risk changes (Change 21, 31) heard and decided with no appeals. Released for discussion flood risk information from Takaka Flood Model and assessment of response options which has resulted in Council deferring any further rezoning in Eastern Golden Bay at this stage. Commenced review of rural land use and subdivision policies and rules, and an investigation of development opportunities in Brightwater and Wakefield. change to refine rural dwellings water supplies prepared and submissions heard and decided on.
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In response to settling appeals on landscape matters, undertake Western Golden Bay Strategic Development Study (current - 2011) and Kina to Marahau (2011/2012).	Assessment of landscape values and risks in Golden Bay continued in collaboration with community working group
Complete Part IV of the Tasman Resource Management Plan - Rivers and Lakes	Decisions on Part IV notified 16 July 2011 - two appeals received; one resolved
Review water management provisions, process associated plan changes, and resolve any appeals, Motueka Water Management Zone (current), Takaka Water Management Zone (2011 to 2012), Waimea Water Management Zone (2012 to 2013).	Involved in Environment Court mediation of appeals to Motueka water management provisions, without resolution. Hearings held in February 2012 and TRMP change accepted by the Court. Prepared plan amendments to respond to Government regulations on water metering
Respond to any plan change requests and to administer other parts of the Tasman Resource Management Plan as required.	One private plan change received and process has commenced. Regional coastal plan with aquaculture amendments made by the RMA Amendment Act (No 2) 2011 after Government collaboration with Council
Investigate the merger of the Tasman Regional Policy Statement with the Tasman Resource Management Plan.	This project has been deferred by Council awaiting amendments to the law. It is unlikely to commence before November 2012.

<p>Provide policy advice to Council on legislative and other significant resource management initiatives requiring Council response.</p>	<p>Responded further to proposed NES on Plantation Forestry, NES on soil contamination, the Productivity Commission's report on Affordable Housing, the Human Rights Commission report on Human Rights and Water, Abandoned Structure Regulations under the Marine and Coastal Area Act, and EEZ Regulations</p>
<p>Review and administer the Regional Pest Management Strategy (RPMS) in conjunction with Nelson City Council.</p>	<p>Continued involvement in a Joint Marine Biosecurity committee with Nelson City and Marlborough District Councils and Biosecurity New Zealand. Notified the review of RPMS, with 24 submissions received by 30 June 2012 closing date..</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

What We Do

This activity involves establishing and maintaining an accurate and efficient resource information base to allow Council to properly discharge its resource management functions and to provide advice to the public on environmental conditions and issues affecting the District. It also involves investigation, monitoring and analysis of significant environmental/natural resource issues affecting or likely to affect the District.

Why We Do It

Council is required by law and community expectation to monitor the state of the environment of Tasman District and to undertake resource investigations that allow us to better understand and manage the effects of resource use and changes in the quality and quantity of our land, water, air, and coastal resources that affect the District and its community.

Our Goal

We aim to achieve a robust and cost effective approach to environmental monitoring and targeted resource investigations that will provide a good understanding of the District's resources and the ability to assess environmental trends and manage risks to the environment.

How this activity contributes to the Community Outcomes

- By monitoring and investigating the state of the environment and the trends, risks, and pressures it faces, we can make better decisions and have in place policies and plans that promote sustainable management of natural and physical resources, and where necessary, that regulate activities which over time would degrade the environment or place resources under pressure.
- Our water resources monitoring network is important in developing and improving water allocation in the district and critical to managing our important water resources especially during drought periods.
- Our flood warning system and the work carried out to identify contamination risks are designed to promote safety of people and community well-being.
- We make environmental information available and work with groups in the community to help them make environmentally sound decisions.
- Resource information identifies opportunities for economic development in the use and development of resources of benefit to current and future generations, and potential hazards and constraints affecting such opportunities.

Our levels of Service

We will provide environmental monitoring and resource investigations services in a professional and scientifically valid manner to ensure our natural and physical resources are sustainably managed.

How We Measure Progress

<p>The level of community support for Council's environmental information and monitoring work is rated as fairly satisfied or better through community surveys. [Target 75%]</p>	<p>70% of residents surveyed are satisfied with Council's environmental information and monitoring work, with 22% of respondents not knowing enough to comment, which means 90% of those with knowledge were satisfied or very satisfied. (68%, 24% and 89% being the equivalent 2010/2011 figures)</p>
<p>We report air quality data through our website and provide an annual report with the aim of having no more than one PM10 exceedence of the National Environmental Standard by 2013.</p>	<p>Website continuously updated and required manual update of the number of exceedences, which was no more than 3 days out of date at any given time. 16 exceedences were measured in the Richmond airshed (as at 28/8/12), 5 more than the previous winter. Annual report due in September 2012. One Newsline article was produced on air quality. The "Good Wood" programme was run through Council's environmental education activity to promote the use of dryer and cleaner burning wood. Reported on a meteorological and air quality model for Waimea Plains-Nelson.</p>
<p>We release at least one issue based State of the Environment (SOE) report annually.</p>	<p>The Health of Freshwater Fish Communities in Tasman was released August 2011. The Coastal Ecological Risk Assessment to be released October 2012</p>
<p>Undertake targeted investigations of resource issues with the findings released via the Environment and Planning Committee (EPC) and via the Council's website.</p>	<p>Targeted resource investigations ongoing in all our water management catchments and is driven by pressures on the water resource. Work continues to be undertaken in the Upper Motueka Catchment, The Motueka/Riwaka Plains, the Waimea Plains, the Moutere Catchment and the Takaka Catchment. The Council operates numerous water resources monitoring sites for ongoing long term monitoring as well as short term sites for targeted investigations.</p>
<p>We ensure our hydrometric network is available for regional hazard management. [Target 99%]</p>	<p>The network functioned well throughout the year with the system operating continuously and met the 99% target. River sites have been upgraded to modern loggers and communication equipment, and this task is now completed. Upgrades to rainfall recorders are 70% complete. A repeater suit was set up at Collingwood to provide better communication to a new river site</p>

	<p>at Salisbury Bridge for flood warning purposes. Three additional rain gauges were also installed in the Aorere Catchment to build an accurate picture of the rainfall patterns. A lower Aorere River hydrometric site has been investigated for potential installation.</p>
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Major Activities

<p>Revise and continue implementing the State of the Environment Monitoring and Reporting Strategy.</p>	<p>Council continues to implement the State of the Environment Monitoring and Reporting Strategy.</p>
<p>Prepare and distribute annually issue based reports (Surface Water, Air, Groundwater, Coastal, Land) on the State of the Environment.</p>	<p>The Health of Freshwater Fish Communities in Tasman was released August 2011. The Coastal Ecological Risk Assessment to be released October 2012</p>
<p>Monitor, collect and maintain resource data/records and report on environmental resources condition and trends as provided for in Council's State of the Environment Monitoring Strategy.</p>	<p>The Council continues to collect natural resource information from throughout the District which is required for it to carry out its monitoring and resource management function. Information from key sites eg river flows and groundwater levels as well as other relevant natural resources information is available online through the Council website. The monitoring, collection and maintenance of all environmental data/records is ongoing.</p> <p>Undertook preliminary assessment of Seismic Liquefaction Risk in Tasman District.</p>
<p>Initiate and respond to flood warnings and continue water resource investigations in the Waimea, Buller, Golden Bay, Moutere and Motueka catchments.</p>	<p>Hydrology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flood warnings were issued on a number of occasions, the most significant being in December 2011 which resulted in landslip problems in the Pohara/Ligar Bay area and behind Richmond. - The telemetry system continues to perform well during all weather alerts, except equipment was lost in the December 2011 event. - Contract hydrology services are provided to Nelson City Council. - The TDC 'Flowphone' and web page continue to be widely used by anglers, canoeists and others. - Continue to provide information and advice during drought periods to the Dry Weather Task Force in managing the Districts Water Resources. This includes implementation and monitoring of decision in relation to water restrictions. <p>Targeted Water Resource Investigations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing work on targeted water resource investigations continues in the Waimea, Moutere, Motueka and Golden Bay Catchments. - Ongoing effort in maintaining and enhancing

	<p>water resource monitoring sites including both surface and groundwater sites for ongoing sustainable management of this vital resource</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing effort has continued into the Waimea Water Augmentation project. - Developed a Takaka Flood Model - Update the Motueka/Riwaka Plains River/Aquifer model - Develop the Upper Motueka River/Aquifer Model <p>Continue to support and liaise with the community and Water User groups in relation to water issues and management in their catchment</p>
<p>Conduct investigations into pollution and contamination related issues.</p>	<p>Maintained and updated Council's Site Contamination Register. Continued work with landowners in managing the effects of historic sheep dips.</p>

RESOURCE CONSENTS AND COMPLIANCE

What We Do

This activity involves the assessment and processing of resource consent applications for the development and use of land, air, water or coastal resources, and related compliance monitoring and enforcement.

Why We Do It

Council is required by law to receive and process resource consent applications and to monitor and enforce compliance with plan rules and conditions of consent in order to achieve sustainable management of natural and physical resources. There is also an expectation from the community that we will respond to, and resolve, environmental and nuisance complaints.

Our Goal

We aim to see development of the District's resources that achieves high standards within sustainable limits set by Council's plans and with minimum environmental impact and to provide excellent customer service in processing consents.

How this activity contributes to the Community Outcomes

- The consent process seeks to ensure that the development and use of the environment promotes sustainable management of natural and physical resources. Where necessary, conditions can be imposed (and monitored) that regulate activities which over time would degrade the environment or place resources under pressure.
- The activity ensures that living environments are pleasant, safe, and that the activities of others do not negatively impact on citizens' lives. By ensuring resources are well managed and adverse effects of resource use properly considered, the activity contributes to the development of the District in appropriate locations and scale.
- Effective planning ensures infrastructure needs are appropriate, efficient, and available to meet the demands of the community.
- This activity safeguards the community's health and well-being by ensuring resource use and human activities affecting resources do not adversely affect quality of life or community well-being.

- This activity can identify and protect heritage values of significance to the district, including sites which are important to iwi.
- Public participation is provided for in the consent process under the Resource Management Act. This can be either by way of consultation by resource consent applicants or full public notification of applications whereby the public have the opportunity to lodge submissions and appear in front of hearings committees.
- Resource consents can facilitate economic development opportunities and compliance monitoring can ensure fair and equal opportunities for all.

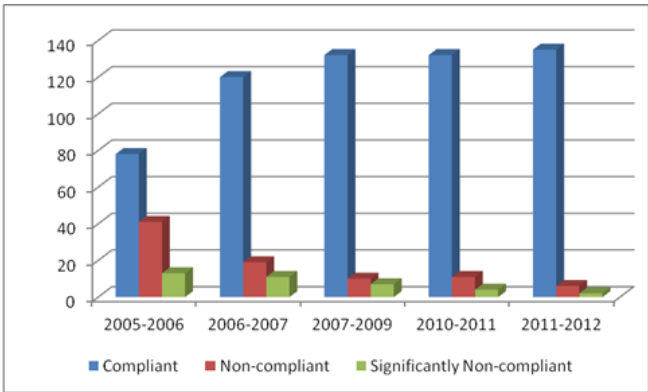
Our levels of service

We will process resource consent applications in a professional and timely manner to ensure our natural and physical resources are sustainably managed.

We will monitor and enforce compliance with consent conditions in a firm and fair manner and respond to complaints about activities adversely affecting people or the environment.

How We Measure Progress

<p>The level of support for Council’s resource management consent from applicants and compliance work is rated as fairly satisfied or better through community surveys. [Target 75%]</p>	<p>Reported satisfaction level of 76.5% with 2.0% unable to answer (82.7% and 7.9% respectively in 2009/2010). 21.6% not very satisfied for reasons which include time delays, expense, and too much red-tape (cf 15.4% in 2010/2011).</p>
<p>Consent applications are processed within statutory timeframes (where they exist). [Target 100%]</p>	<p>98% of non-notified applications processed within timeframe, 91% for publicly notified and limited notified applications (cf 99% and 100% respectively in 2010/2011).</p>

<p>We monitor compliance with resource consent conditions and plan rules, and report at least annually on one compliance investigation.</p>	<p>The annual Dairy Effluent Discharge Report was submitted in August 2012 and the Water Metering Report in July 2012. The annual Compliance and Enforcement Summary report was presented in September 2012.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Dairy Effluent Compliance Levels</p>
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<p>We respond to all complaints, depending on urgency and effect, within 15 working days. [Target 100%]</p>	<p>All complaints were responded to within 15 working days with 81% resolved entirely within their deadline</p>
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Major Activities

<p>Respond to enquiries and undertake the necessary consultation, analysis and processing of resource consent applications related to Council's resource management functions.</p>	<p>Council continues to respond to enquiries and all other aspects of resource consent applications on an ongoing basis. As at 30 June 2012 we had completed the processing of 950 non-notified applications with 98% complying with statutory timeframes (in 2011 the figure was 847 at 99%), and 63 notified or limited applications with 91% complying with statutory timeframes (in 2011 the figure was 81 at 100%). As at 30 June 2012, seven appeals to the Environment Court await resolution (cf 6 in 2011).</p>																				
<p>Implement monitoring programmes on resource consents that have potentially significant resource and environmental impacts, and to undertake post-consent and rule compliance monitoring and necessary enforcement, including responding to environmental nuisance complaints. To ensure that this monitoring is fed back into the policy development process.</p>	<p>The compliance monitoring team continues to carry out consent compliance monitoring in accordance with the Compliance Monitoring Strategy. Submitted Annual Dairy Effluent Discharge in August 2012 and Water Metering Reports in July 2012. Annual Compliance and Enforcement report to be released September 2012. Reviewed Council's Enforcement Policy. Staff also responded to written and verbal complaints and maintained a file of complaints with record of actions taken. The following breakdown records the type of complaints received over the year.</p> <table data-bbox="686 1164 1197 1568"> <tr><td>Noise</td><td>886</td></tr> <tr><td>Land Use</td><td>258</td></tr> <tr><td>Discharges – Air</td><td>269</td></tr> <tr><td>Discharges – Water</td><td>59</td></tr> <tr><td>Discharges - Land</td><td>103</td></tr> <tr><td>Water takes</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>Rivers</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>Coastal</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>Rubbish</td><td>41</td></tr> <tr><td>Abandoned vehicles</td><td>84</td></tr> </table> <p>(cf 1,992 in 2010/2011) 1,731</p>	Noise	886	Land Use	258	Discharges – Air	269	Discharges – Water	59	Discharges - Land	103	Water takes	10	Rivers	17	Coastal	14	Rubbish	41	Abandoned vehicles	84
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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND OPERATIONS

What We Do

This activity involves those Council activities that seek to encourage good environmental outcomes through education and advocacy and other non-regulatory methods and also the undertaking of works and services in conjunction with land owners. In particular undertake catchment stabilisation, riparian protection, and habitat enhancement work and pest management operations. This activity also involves follow-up monitoring at the former Fruitgrowers Chemical Company site at Mapua and civil defence and emergency management functions. It also includes Council's environment education function and associated events like, Ecofest, EnviroSchools and Environment Awards.

Why We Do It

Council is keen to promote good environmental outcomes by non-regulatory means where this is cost effective and in those situations where active involvement in work programmes yields community support and involvement. Council undertakes civil defence responsibilities as required by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 in conjunction with Nelson City Council to ensure community awareness of, and preparedness to respond to, emergency events.

Our Goal

The Environmental Education, Advocacy, and Operations activity goals are to:

1. See improved practices in the use, development, and protection of the District's resources and to minimise damage to the environment through inappropriate practices or the incidence of pests and other threats to the quality of the environment we enjoy.
2. Build a resilient community where the potential effects of "all hazards" have been minimised and the community is ready to respond in the face of natural hazard events and emergencies.

How this activity contributes to the Community Outcomes

- By managing animal and plant pests, working with landowners and others to protect biodiversity, soil and water sustainability, and encouraging responsible environmental behaviours, we seek to ensure Tasman remains special.
- By encouraging and working with industries, community groups, and the public we seek to manage risks to, and effects on, Tasman's urban and rural environments.
- By promoting best practice and efficiency measures in the design and use of important utility services.
- Our civil defence and emergency management system is designed to promote safety of people and a resilient community.
- By promoting an appreciation of culture and heritage through the annual Environment Awards and targeted funding to heritage and waimaori projects.
- Participation in headline activities like Sea Week, Enviroschools, and Ecofest allows different sections of the community to participate learn and teach each other about matters relating to community well-being.
- We encourage people to be involved in making preparations in the event of a civil emergency and work with landowners to take responsibility for their actions that might have negative environmental consequences.
- We encourage people to adopt best practice in relation to their use of resources such as land, water, air, and the coast.

Our levels of service

We will work with resource users, stakeholder groups and the public to promote environmentally responsible behaviour, to encourage soil conservation and riparian planting, to maintain and enhance biodiversity.

We will contribute the regional share of funding to support the efforts of the Animal Health Board in managing the spread of Bovine Tb in the District

We will provide pest management services in Tasman, and under contract to Nelson City, to ensure the incidence of pests does not threaten the economic performance of our productive sector or place at risk the quality of the environment we enjoy.

We will have in place a civil defence and emergency management system that is designed to promote safety of people and a resilient community in the event that emergencies may occur.

How We Measure Progress

<p>The level of community support for Council’s environmental education projects and events is rated as fairly satisfied or better through community surveys. [Target 75%]</p>	<p>66% satisfied or better with 28% not knowing enough to comment (68% and 27% being the equivalent 2010/2011 figures). 5% were not satisfied, which means that 92% of those who were able to comment were satisfied or better with Council’s environmental education activities.</p>
<p>That the number of cattle and deer herds infected with bovine Tb or on movement control reduces each successive year. [Target: Annual reduction from previous year]</p>	<p>1 herd under movement control as at 30 June 2012 (compared to 1 as at 30 June 2011)</p>
<p>Timely reporting of pest management operations in accordance with requirements of the Biosecurity Act. [Target: Annual report by November each year]</p>	<p>Annual report on Pest Management Operations reported to Council 6 October 2011.</p>
<p>The level of community support for Council’s civil defence emergency management system is rated as fairly satisfied or better through community survey. [Target: 75%]</p>	<p>59% of residents fairly satisfied or better with 32% not knowing enough to comment (53 % and 36% being the equivalent 2010/2011 figures). 10% were not satisfied, which means that 87% of those who were able to comment were satisfied or better with Council’s civil defence emergency management activities</p>

Major Activities

<p>Identify and promote opportunities for achieving sustainable management of natural and physical resources through implementing Council’s Environmental Education Strategy and education and advocacy for sustainable environmental management practices, including working with EnviroSchools and other community groups.</p>	<p>Another successful Ecofest was held in August 2011, with over 5,000 people attending the Expo or one of the other events. The “futureproof your family” theme offered considerable profile for our local Civil Defence, and was well received. The “How To” demonstrations at the Expo and elsewhere, were well attended, particularly those on DIY and garden-related topics. As well, a “mini” Ecofest was popular in Golden Bay in May 2012. A full Review of Ecofest was conducted and recommendations adopted include that the Ecofest event continue on an annual basis 2012/15, after which it should be reviewed again. The Tasman Nelson Environment Awards were opened in October and concluded with a ceremony in November 2011. Fifty-nine entries over eleven categories were received.</p>
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	<p>A full Review of the Environment Awards was started in the period.</p> <p>The Enviroschools programme continues to grow, with over 40% of Tasman schools being Enviroschools. The early childhood centres are now rapidly adopting the programme as well.</p> <p>Other work highlights include support for gardening, composting, and community gardening in Tasman; an extension of waste education across schools; another successful community 'Big Beach Clean Up' in November 2011; and the conclusion of the three year 'Sustainable Business Advisor' service in the region.</p>
Undertake soil conservation, land management, biodiversity and stream protection works in conjunction with affected landowners.	Soil conservation, land management and stream protection works in conjunction with affected landowners continues in accordance with the approved programme. Provided ongoing assistance to the Tasman Environmental Trust and the Tasman Native Habitats programme Biodiversity Forum meeting was held 25 May 2012.
Undertake pest management operations including control of designated plants in sites of high public value in accordance with criteria in the Regional Pest Management Strategy and to contribute towards the Animal Health Board bovine Tb vector control programme.	<p>Pest management operations were carried out on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Operational Plan prepared under the Nelson Tasman Regional Pest Management Strategy. A separate and more detailed annual report is available for review (released November 2011).</p> <p>Council continues to provide funds as a contribution to the Animal Health Board's Bovine Tb Vector Management programme.</p>
Monitor the environment around the former Fruitgrowers Chemical Company site at Mapua.	Ongoing monitoring undertaken with results showing a continued reduction in contaminant residues.
Review and implement the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan.	Completed a review of the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan. Staff responded to a heavy rainfall event in December 2011 which resulted in a State of Emergency being declared.

REGULATORY SERVICES

What We Do

This activity involves the provision of advice and discharging statutory functions in the areas of public health, building, sale of liquor, hazardous substances, animal control, rural fire, parking and maritime administration. It involves assessing and processing permit and registration applications, the administration of bylaws, and associated monitoring and enforcement action.

Why We Do It

Council is required by law to receive and process licence applications and statutory registration systems, to inspect, monitor and enforce compliance with these statutory requirements. There is also an expectation from the community that we will uphold and administer these requirements in the interests of health and safety.

Our Goal

We aim to see development of the District that achieves high standards of safety, design and operation with minimum impact and public nuisance and to provide excellent customer service in providing information on development opportunities and in processing permits and licences.

How this activity contributes to the Community Outcomes

- Managing risk from use of hazardous substances in public areas, rural fire, and ensuring recreational boating is safe keeps Tasman special.
- The activity ensures that living environments are safe, and that the activities of others do not negatively impact on citizen's lives. Through ensuring buildings are well constructed, safe and weather tight, the activity contributes to the development of the District, and also ensures that the resale value of the community's assets are protected.
- Parking control ensures parking facilities are available to ensure public access to urban retailers and services.
- This activity safeguards the community's health and well-being by ensuring standards of construction, food safety, and registered premises operation are met and that liquor consumption and nuisances from dogs and stock, and risk from fire do not adversely affect quality of life.
- Safe boating and providing such things as ski lanes ensures community access to the coastal waters of Tasman.

Our levels of service

We will manage the storage and use of Hazardous Substances to ensure, to the extent possible, that risks from hazardous substances are properly minimised and managed.

We will provide building control services in a professional and timely manner to ensure building work is safe and in accordance with the NZ Building Code.

We will provide parking control services to facilitate the public's access to urban retailers and services, respond to any misuse of disabled parking, and remove reported abandoned vehicles.

We will provide Maritime administration services to ensure Tasman's harbour waters are safe and accessible and that all known commercial operators are registered.

We will provide a sale of liquor regulatory service in association with other agencies to foster the responsible sale and consumption of liquor.

We will provide public health services to ensure that food provided for sale is safe, free from contamination and prepared in suitable premises; that other public health risks are managed through the appropriate licensing of premises and operations; and to reduce where possible the occurrence and spread of communicable diseases.

We will develop and administer appropriate bylaws designed to ensure that certain activities are administered in a timely and proficient manner with the aim of safeguarding health and safety.

We will provide Animal Control services to minimise the danger, distress, and nuisance caused by dogs and wandering stock and ensure all known dogs are recorded and registered.

For Rural Fire, to safeguard life and property by the prevention, detection, restriction and control of fire in forest and rural areas.

How We Measure Progress

<p><i>Building Control:</i> Applications for building consent and code compliance certificates (CCC) are processed within statutory timeframes. [Target: 100%]</p> <p>We maintain Building Consent Authority Accreditation.</p>	<p>96.83% of building consent applications were processed within statutory time frames (cf 94.3% in 2010/2011).</p> <p>87.54% of CCC applications were processed within the statutory timeframe ((cf 86% in 2010/2011)). This will be an ongoing problem as we clear historical consents.</p> <p>Reaccreditation as a Building Consent Authority was achieved in March 2012 – Target met</p>
<p><i>Parking Control:</i> Compliance by not less than 80 out of every 100 vehicles parking in time controlled areas within the Traffic Bylaw, based on an annual snap survey. [Target: 80%]</p>	<p>Survey undertaken in August 2011 – 83 out of 100 vehicles complied - target achieved</p>
<p><i>Maritime Responsibilities:</i> All known commercial operators are appropriately registered. [Target: 100%]</p> <p>Residents rate their satisfaction with this activity as “fairly satisfied” or better in annual surveys. [Target: 80%]</p>	<p>Target met. All 40 known commercial operators (100%) licensed or registered as exempt. Two suspected unlicensed operators to be monitored this season. One Infringement Notice for failing to hold a licence issued (operator subsequently ceased trading).</p> <p>37% of residents surveyed satisfied with Council's harbour management work, with 57% of respondents not knowing enough to comment, which means 86% of those with knowledge were satisfied or very satisfied. (.47%, 49% and 92% being the equivalent 2010/2011 figures)</p>
<p><i>Liquor Licensing:</i> All applications are processed in accordance with the Sale of Liquor Act. [Target: 100%]</p> <p>In conjunction with NZ Police, we detect no sale of liquor to minors through random controlled purchase operations(CPO's) run annually. [Target: At least two annual operations with no offences detected]</p>	<p>All 530 were processed in accordance with the Sale of Liquor Act.</p> <p>Conducted CPOs 28July 2011, 1 December 2011, 23 March 2012, 12 May 2012. 56 premises inspected, 7 offences detected in 7 different premises (3 failures on 1 December 2011 and 4 failures on 12 May 2012). CPOs run on 28 July 2011 and 23 March 2012 did not detect any breaches so target therefore met.</p>

<p><i>Public Health:</i> All registered food premises are inspected at least once annually for compliance and appropriately licensed. [Target: 100%]</p> <p>All registered food premises deemed to be substandard are re-inspected within a two month period. [Target: 100%]</p> <p>All other registered premises are inspected at least once annually for compliance and appropriately licensed. [Target: 100%]</p>	<p>97% of premises were inspected as at 30 June 2012. Additional resources were brought in to clear a build up of compliance issues to deal with.</p> <p>All of the premises identified with significant non-compliance, have been reinspected within the two month timeframe. Target met.</p> <p>100% as at 30 June 2012</p>
<p><i>Hazardous Substances:</i> We respond to any reported incidents relating to hazardous substances within 2 hours. [Target: 100%]</p>	<p>No incidents reported</p>
<p><i>Bylaw Administration:</i> Ensure all known operators of certain activities are appropriately licensed. [Target: 100%]</p>	<p>All known operators appropriately licensed</p>
<p><i>Animal Control:</i> All known dogs are registered annually by 30 September. [Target: 97%]</p> <p>We respond to high priority dog complaints within 60 minutes, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. [Target: 100%]</p>	<p>98% of the 10,257 known dogs were registered as at 30 September 2011</p> <p>Response times were achieved although in some cases this was via a telephone call rather than on-site presence</p>
<p><i>Rural Fire:</i> The area of forest lost through fire annually does not exceed 20 hectares.</p>	<p>51 hectares of damage to production forest from rural fires.</p>

Major Activities

<p>Respond to enquiries and undertake inspectorial responsibilities under the Health Act, Building Act, Sale of Liquor Act, and the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act, and associated Council bylaws.</p>	<p>Plan checking and inspectorial responsibilities under the Health, Building, and Sale of Liquor Acts and Council bylaws were discharged using professionally trained and qualified staff and contractors.</p> <p>96.8% of 1,321 building consents were processed within the statutory processing time limit (cf 1,482 at 94.3% in 2010/2011). The average processing time was 10.5 days (cf 11 in 2010/2011).</p> <p>Achieved reaccreditation as a Building Consent Authority in March 2012.</p> <p>Prepared review of Sale of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw</p>
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<p>Carry out Harbour Board functions including implementation of the Joint Oil Spill Contingency Plan (with Nelson City Council).</p>	<p>Harbourmaster Annual report for 2011/12 submitted August 2012. Another busy summer where maritime responsibilities were carried out. Staff assisted in responding to the <i>Rena</i> oil spill event in Tauranga.</p> <p>Registered 40 commercial operators to operate within Tasman District harbour limits (cf 36 in 2010/2011). 14 infringement notices were issued.</p> <p>No oil spills reported</p>
<p>Carry out animal control responsibilities.</p>	<p>The Council continues to administer the Dog Control Bylaw with service delivery being undertaken by Control Services (Nelson) Ltd. There were 5,774 rural and 4,684 urban dogs registered in Tasman District. Council's contractors responded to complaints regarding wandering stock and dogs and impounded animals as required. 70 Dog Control Infringement Notices were issued, 59 of which were for unregistered dogs. (cf 96 in 2010/2011). A separate annual report to the Secretary of Local Government is available for further details.</p>
<p>Carry out parking control responsibilities under Council's Parking Bylaw.</p>	<p>Parking enforcement responsibilities are carried out under contract by Control Services (Nelson) Ltd. 1,372 infringement notices were issued (cf 1370 in 2010/2011) during the year along with other advisory warnings concerning parking. Public assistance continues to be offered while wardens are on duty</p>
<p>Ensure fire risk in the District is effectively managed through supporting rural fire parties and the Waimea Rural Fire Committee.</p>	<p>Fire risk in the District is being effectively managed by the Waimea Rural Fire Authority through a contract with Rural Fire Network and the ongoing support of rural fire parties.</p>
<p>New capital expenditure on replacement fire appliances to the approximate value of \$34,000. Council will be seeking subsidies from the National Rural Fire Authority towards the purchase of fire equipment and appliances.</p>	<p>A replacement ute has been purchased for the rural fire network. Some of the funds will be required to replace a flood damaged fire engine as insurance costs won't quite cover the replacement. These funds are not expected to be fully spent for the year.</p>

**Environment and Planning Department
Applications Processed
1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012**

1. Resource Management Act				
Type of Consent	Outcomes 2010/11		Outcomes 2011/12	
Land Use	444		529	
Subdivision	118		109	
Title Plans	103		75	
Completion Certificates	111		86	
Certificates of Compliance	4		6	
Water	221		124	
Discharge	115		161	
Coastal	15		13	
Resource Consent Transfers	65		70	
2. Building Act				
Type of Consent	2010/11		2011/12	
	No. Issued	Value	No. Issued	Value
Dwelling	290	77.4M	280	75.7M
Commercial	101	17.1M	96	26.2M
Other	1,022	30.5M	936	23.4M
Totals	1,413	\$125M	1,312	125.7M
3. Licences				
Type	2010/11		2011/12	
	No. of Certificates Issued		No. of Certificates Issued	
Food Premises	279		296	
Hairdressers	31		36	
Camp Grounds	19		32	
Hawkers/Mobile Shops	37		43	
Others	46		70	
Commercial Vessel Operators	36		36	
4. Sale of Liquor				
Type of Licence	2010/11		2011/12	
	No. of Licences Issued		No. of Licences Issued	
Manager's Certificate	285		284	
On and Off Licence	125		84	
Club Licence	13		7	
Special Licence	119		106	
Temporary Authority Order	21		49	

5. Other		
Type	2010/11	2011/12
Land Information Memoranda	467	554
Complaints Received	1,992	1,731
Abatement Notices Issued	95	62
Infringement Notices Issued	36	34
Enforcement Orders	0	3
Excessive Noise Direction	39	122