

Report 99.590

12 October 1999

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**Report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held in the
Committee Room, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield
Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 12 October 1999 at 9.30am**

Matters for Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.

Matters for Information of Council are in italic type

Present

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Bonner, Mr Gilbert, Councillors Laidlaw, Long, Macaskill, Shaw and Shields.

Officers Present

Messrs Andrell, Annakin, Cameron, Dick, Ms Edwards and Messrs Paul and van Dyk

Public Business

Procedural Items

LC96 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)

That the apologies of Cr McQueen and Mr Ross be confirmed.

LC97 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

LC98 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 August 1999 (Report 99.502) be confirmed.

Matters for Recommendation

LC99 Landcare Division Asset Management Plans

Report 99.581

File: LM/3/1/3

This item has been reported back separately to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of 2 November 1999 (refer Report 99.594).

LC100 Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan

This item has been reported back separately to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of 2 November 1999 (refer Report 99.594).

LC101 Environmental Asset Management : Forest Lands and Water Collection Areas Interim Management Plan

Report 99.579

File: R/2/3/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Shields)

That the Landcare Committee:

- (1) Note that in preparing draft infrastructural asset management plans, the Landcare Division is developing an Environmental Asset Management Plan for Council lands, including the natural forests within the current and future water collection areas.*
- (2) Recommend to the Utility Services Committee that the Forest Lands and Water Collection Area Interim Management Plan be jointly reviewed through the 2000/01 financial year, as a Community Connections exercise, to confirm the respective areas of responsibility and funding for environmental, amenity, heritage, water collection, and catchment security activities within the Future Catchments (including Plantation Forestry) and in the Current Catchments.*

LC102 Future of the WRC Rural Fire District

Report 99.561

File: F/6/1/2

Resolved

(Cr Macaskill/Cr Long)

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.**
- (2) That the Committee, as the Rural Fire Authority:**
 - (a) Note that the 1999/2000 Rural Fire Plan has been approved, and readiness measures are in accordance with the Rural Fire Management Code of Practice.**
 - (b) Recommend that the Council approve advertising a Scheme notifying the intention to disestablish the WRC Rural Fire District, in accordance with National Rural Fire Authority guidelines.**
 - (c) Recommend that the Council consider the future of the Rural Fire Fighting Reserve of \$255,000, as part of the LTFS process.**
 - (d) Recommend that the Council Chairman writes to each affected territorial authority confirming the proposal to disestablish the WRC RFD and offering the opportunity to discuss the proposal before the Scheme is advertised.**
 - (e) Note that cost savings from the exercise will be built into the Natural Forestry LTFS model for Environmental Asset Management.**

Matter for Decision

LC103 Educational Woodlot Plantings on Battle Hill Farm Forest Park

Report 99.562

File: R/3/1/1

Mr Gilbert noted an opportunity to raise this initiative with the Farm Forestry Association.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Thomas)

- (1) *That the Committee approve the principle of entering into partnerships with educational institutions for woodlot plantings on Battle Hill Farm Forest Park.*
- (2) *That the Committee ask officers to work through details of the Saint Bernard's College proposal to finalise an agreement to be submitted to the Committee for approval.*

Matters for Information

LC104 Changing the Name of East Harbour Regional Park

Report 99.554

File: R/6/1/2

Members noted that Cr Turver had advised his concurrence with the report.

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Laidlaw)

That the Landcare Committee:

- (1) *Receive the report and note its contents.*
- (2) *Note that in July 1999 the Committee approved a future development strategy for East Harbour Regional Park (refer Report 99.352) and that as part of that strategy public consultation is scheduled to be undertaken through a visitor survey (in 1999/2000) and through the review of the Park Management Plan (in 2000/2001).*

LC105 October 1998 Flood Damage Repair : Progress Report

Report 99.555

File: N/90/6/1

Resolved

(Cr Shields/Cr Thomas)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC106 Flood Protection Group 1998/99 Asset Maintenance Report

Report 99.546

File: N/50/1/6, N/50/1/22

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Long)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

LC107 Divisional Manager's Report

Report 99.583

File: E/6/16/3

Members asked if additional recognition could be given to Conservation Corps workers operating in Regional Parks, for example plaques or certificates.

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Werry)

That the Divisional and Departmental reports be received and their contents noted.

LC108 Questions

There were no questions.

LC109 General

There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 12.38pm.

Cr R Werry
Chairperson

Date

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To be moved:

<p>That the report of the meeting of the Landcare Committee meeting held on 12 October 1999, Items LC96, LC97, LC98 and LC101 to LC109 inclusive, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.</p>
