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## **Group report for period ended 31 March 2010**

### **1. Group performance**

This report also includes some information on activities that occurred after 31 March 2010.

#### **1.1 Strategic**

Staff within the group have been contributing to the Regional Water Strategy to ensure it is compatible with the long-term objectives of our water supply function.

Last year an opportunity arose to co-locate with Capacity but, for various reasons, this did not proceed. Another building has become available that may meet the combined needs of Capacity and Greater Wellington Water. This is under investigation.

As part of the shared services work with other councils, a report has been prepared looking at the emergency management structure within the Wellington Region. The possibility of changing the way emergency management is organised is being worked through at various levels within the councils.

For convenience, a report on the recent marine power generation conference has been included as part of this report.

#### **1.2 Parks**

A new Parks Network Plan is being prepared by the Strategy and Community Engagement Group with Parks' staff also contributing. This is a significant project, as it will integrate all the Parks' plans and the previous Network Plan into one new document.

During the period three rangers were appointed. Their work covers Queen Elizabeth Park and Belmont Regional Park, and the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area. The position of Principal Ranger, Western Sector is currently vacant and whether this is filled or not will depend on a review of how services are delivered.

There was a significant amount of work on weed and pest control in the parks. In addition, the Roar hunt started within the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Water Collection Areas.

### **1.3 Marketing and Design**

The water consumption year for revenue purposes ended on the last Wednesday in March. The total for the year was 53,926 million litres (ML), compared with 54,098 ML in the previous year, subject to any minor adjustments. In terms of percentage of the total supplied, each of the four cities was very close to the proportions supplied in the previous year.

In spite of poor summer weather conditions, it is pleasing to report that the Great Outdoors summer events programme was very successful, with Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) events again well supported.

The Parks' visitor survey for the year has been completed and the results are reported separately.

Planning for winter planting events has begun, with a key event being the planting of 10,000 trees at Queen Elizabeth Park to mark 10 years of care groups.

### **1.4 Water Supply**

Fortunately taste complaints are relatively rare but there was an incident during the period that appears to have resulted in about 50 complaints to the city councils. The cause of this has been identified and remedied. This is mentioned in more detail in the manager's report and we are looking at ways of trying to get an earlier warning system in place to deal with this type of problem before it escalates.

Shutting the Wainuiomata Water Treatment Plant down over the winter months would result in staff being able to work at other treatment plants. There are some small risks associated with this and these are being closely evaluated before any decision is made.

### **1.5 Development and Strategy**

Our engineering consultants are now into the detailed design phase for the enhancement work to the Stuart Macaskill Lakes. As a result of this and other factors, it appears it would be prudent to carry out the work over three years rather than two as originally planned. Work will still start this coming summer on the buttressing of Lake 2 but the emptying of Lake 2 for the lining work will take place during the following summer. This has implications for cash flow in 2010/11.

A Tender has been accepted for the provision of a 300 kW hydro generator for a power station at Wainuiomata.

The security of supply standard of 2 percent probability of shortfall (one in 50 year drought) was set some years ago. Following discussions with our customers, it was decided it is appropriate to review this standard and proposals are being sought from consultants to assist us with this.

### **1.6 Emergency Management**

Planning has started for *Exercise Tangaroa* that will take place later this year.

The exercise is based around a tsunami emanating from somewhere off the coast of South America.

As a result of the combined councils' shared services project, a report has been prepared by the Kestrel Group Ltd on the best civil defence and emergency management structure and delivery model for the Wellington Region. This is now being reviewed by the various parties that commissioned the report.

## 2. Financial results for the period ended 31 March 2010

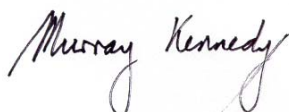
Last year Year to date Actual \$000s		Year to date Actual \$000s	This year Full year Forecast \$000s	Full year Budget \$000s
	<b>Water Supply</b>			
20,607	Income	20,588	27,968	28,332
(20,733)	Expenditure	(20,798)	(28,690)	(28,977)
<u>(126)</u>	<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>(722)</u>	<u>(645)</u>
646	Operations	971	415	61
249	Assets and Compliance	(1,105)	(1,154)	(723)
(1,021)	Support	(76)	17	17
<u>(126)</u>	<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>(722)</u>	<u>(645)</u>
	<b>Parks</b>			
4,921	Income	4,960	6,548	6,508
4,957	Expenditure	(4,648)	(6,412)	(6,317)
<u>(36)</u>	<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>312</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>191</u>
	<b>Emergency Management</b>			
591	Income	627	860	821
(588)	Expenditure	(593)	(891)	(857)
<u>3</u>	<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>34</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>(36)</u>

## 3. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. **Receives the report.**
2. **Notes the content of the report.**

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### Attachment 1

Parks', Marketing and Design, Water Supply, Development and Strategy, and Emergency Management reports for the period ended 31 March 2010