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Report to Wellington Regional Council
From: Stuart Macaskill, Chairman

Chairman's Report

1. The Late Jim Gray

I have received a thank you card from the Gray Family and it is tabled.

2. Local Government New Zealand

There are a number of matters that will be of general interest to Councillors.

2.1 Regional Affairs Committee

I attended the meeting of the Regional Affairs Committee on 19 March.

At that meeting Waikato Regional Council Chair, Neil Clarke, was elected Chair of the Regional Affairs Committee (RAC) for the next three years.

Richard Johnson of Canterbury, who has been Chair of the RAC for the last six years did not seek re-election.

2.2 Special Meeting

I attended a Special Meeting on 30 March to consider changes to the Rules of *Local Government New Zealand*.

The main purpose was a revision of the rules to bring them up to-date. The changes made are:

- A new format that groups subjects in a more logical and consistent manner.
- A new numbering system that should improve accessibility.
- The addition of a contents page.
- The reduction of "legalese" and greater use of plain language.

Two rule changes were also agreed relating to appointment of National Council members by sector groups and enabling the use of proxies by member councils. The new rule will allow their vote to be exercised by another council.

2.3 **Annual General Meeting – 14 July**

In the **attached** paper member authorities are now invited to submit proposed remits by no later than 14 May.

If any Councillor has any suggestions, please let me know by **1 May**.

2.4 **Nominations for Office of President and Vice Presidents (2)**

These elections will take place at the 1999 AGM in Auckland in July.

Nominations are to be in the hands of the Returning Officer by no later than 7 May.

I do not have any suggestions for nominations to these posts.

2.5 **Roading Reform**

Several of us, (elected members and staff) attended the *Local Government New Zealand* Roothing Reform Seminar which was held to try and establish a common position to Government's "Better Transport Better Roads" proposals. While there are some strong differences of opinion within *Local Government New Zealand* the feedback is to be considered by the Working Party in the near future and it will attempt to finalise a national submission which will most likely contain majority and minority viewpoints.

2.6 **Year 2000**

Dan Roberts and I attended a *Local Government New Zealand* Seminar on the Y2K. We both found the information supplied from the Commission and major utilities was very useful. I came away confident that our plans are sound.

2.7 **Resource Management Act**

I **attach** a recent communication from *Local Government New Zealand*. It is self-explanatory. Cr Buchanan may wish to make further comments.

3. **Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee : Iwi Representatives**

At its meeting on 17 December 1998, the Committee resolved that the Wellington Tenth Trust and Te Runanganui ki Taranaki o Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui each be invited to nominate a representative to the Committee.

Following the last meeting of the above Committee, the Wellington Tenth Trust has nominated Ms Liz Mellish and Te Runanganui ki Taranaki o Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui has nominated Mr Teri Puketapu as members of the Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

That Ms Mellish and Mr Puketapu be confirmed as members of the Hutt River Floodplain Management Advisory Committee.

4. Tours

- 4.1 Yesterday's East Harbour Tour was very informative, interesting and eventful. The resourcefulness of the General Manager in overcoming our attempts to exclude him is to be admired!
- 4.2 Tomorrow's Water Tour should also be most interesting. Unfortunately, the date proved unsuitable for some territorial authority people (see **attached** letter from Mayor Terris).

We are looking into a second water tour at a more convenient date.

5. Recommendation

That the Report be received.

STUART MACASKILL
Chairman

- Attachment 1. Proposed Remits for AGM
- Attachment 2. Communication from LGNZ re RMA
- Attachment 3. Letter from Mayor Terris