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Report to the Wellington Regional Council
from Councillor Jim Allen

Report of Wellington Conservation Board – 9 June 2000

Mr Peter Bygate, Chair of the Wellington Conservation Board, chaired the meeting. After the karakia, welcome and apologies the meeting proceeded into the Agenda and dealt with the usual meeting administration matters.

The public forum was presented with an interesting report from Chris Home on the quarantine concerns in regards to the 54 of New Zealand's off-shore islands that are rat free, in the quarantine procedures such as bag inspections are not consistently adhered to and are highly variable. This is a matter that will be followed through.

A further matter was the problems of finding out the type of species of plants and shrubs that are supposed to be endangered species. Difficulties arise trying to find someone who can identify these plants. A list of qualified people will be circulated to the appropriate interest groups and departments.

A report on the Conservation Management Strategy was tabled. (This report is an audit of sections of the strategy - in this case the audit was on heritage issues.)

The board received and discussed the concessions and their state of progress. Most of the concessions were renewals for access onto conservation land

Conservation Week Awards

This year four awards will be presented around the Conservation Week Theme ***ENJOY YOUR PARKS***

The award category nominations will be considered in are:

1. Kaitiakitanga
2. Volunteers
3. Recreation
4. Marine/Coastal

Judges will be from the Wellington Conservation Board and the Department of Conservation.

Contact Jennie Brown

Ph. 472-5821 for nomination form

Nominations close 10th July 2000 at 4.00pm.

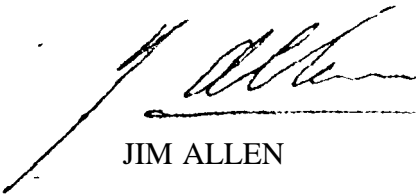
Dog Control Policy

A copy of the draft policy will be tabled. Confusion seems to surround this policy in areas where territorial authorities as neighbors have their own bylaws for the control of dogs.

A draft copy of the Wellington Conservation Board Annual Report is also tabled. It was noted that copies of the Board minutes are not sent out until they have been adopted. The chairman advised that this practice will not change as it is the Board that must adopt them as a true record of the meeting.

The Board discussed the last Field trip of Cape Palliser and its success, and planned the next field trip. (That would probable be to Kapiti Island.)

I left the meeting at 2.45pm but the meeting was drawing to an end at this stage.



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