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## **Divisional report for period ended 31 March 2009**

### **1. Divisional performance**

#### **1.1 Strategic**

The public consultation phase on the Parks Network Strategy has started with a survey of 1,000 persons and a separate survey to stakeholder groups. In addition, a series of meetings are being held with the stakeholder groups to explain the purpose of the survey and the network review.

The opportunity has arisen to consolidate all the Water Supply staff, who do not work at water treatment plants, in one location. The advantages and disadvantages of this are being worked through at present, and it is expected a report will be available in June.

An annual review of the corporate pandemic plan was completed subsequent to the end of the period.

#### **1.2 Parks**

The Regional Outdoors Programme came to a close just after the end of the period and this effectively marks the end of the summer period for the Rangers and associated Parks' staff members.

We seem to have one of the few private roads in the area that is sealed and of the right gradient to hold a trolley derby. It is great that we can allow the local Scout groups to use this for their annual Te Marua event.

It is always pleasing to report a positive outcome from our pest control programme and the return of the whitehead, as detailed in the Manager's report is one of the successes.

#### **1.3 Marketing and Design**

Water sales to each of the city council customers are recorded on a Wednesday and the metering year ends on the last Wednesday in March. Hence the sales figures included in the Manager, Marketing and Design Manager's section indicate that sales for the year were nearly 3 percent down by volume compared with the previous year. A significant part of this would be over the summer period but it is thought that economic activity may also have moderating the sales slightly.

As part of the project West Wind wind farm development at Makara, Meridian Energy has set aside available an area of land that the public will have access to. Greater Wellington Regional Council staff have been assisting with the recreational planning for this area.

## 1.4 Water Supply

There is a requirement to complete the public health risk management plans by 30 June and we are on target to achieve this. Our first plan, for the Waterloo Water Treatment Plant, has been approved by Regional Public Health and we were commended on its quality.

River flows have been particularly low in April, which meant that we have been drawing on the Stuart Macaskill Lakes.

Predicting the capital expenditure out-turn this year is particularly difficult, as a major item of equipment for the new chlorine generation plant at Te Marua is expected to be received from overseas late in June. However, any delay with shipping or Customs could mean it is received in the next financial year. A conservative approach has been with the out-turn and it is assumed that the item will not arrive.

## 1.5 Development and Strategy

Preparations are being made to apply for a discharge consent for the Wainuiomata mini-hydro scheme. However, until this is received, it is not prudent to continue with the design and ordering the equipment. It appears, though, that the hydro-generator could take a year after an order is placed.

Following the end of the period Meridian Energy has put up a 30 m wind monitoring mast at the potential Stoney Creek wind farm in the Wairarapa.

## 2. Financial performance for the period ended 31 March 2009

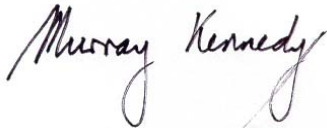
Last year Year to date Actual \$000s		Year to date Actual \$000s	This year Full year Forecast \$000s	Full year Budget \$000s
	<b>Water Supply</b>			
20,287	Income	20,607	27,577	27,325
(19,516)	Expenditure	(20,733)	(28,217)	(28,789)
<u>771</u>	<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>(126)</u>	<u>(640)</u>	<u>(1,464)</u>
911	Operations	689	596	350
1,318	Strategy and Asset	249	116	(400)
(1,482)	Support	(1,021)	(1,337)	(1,423)
(4)	Engineering Consultancy	(43)	(15)	9
28	Laboratory Services	--	--	--
<u>771</u>	<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>(126)</u>	<u>(640)</u>	<u>(1,464)</u>
	<b>Parks</b>			
4,884	Income	4,921	6,522	6,466
4,509	Expenditure	(4,957)	(7,205)	(7,119)
<u>375</u>	<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>(36)</u>	<u>(683)</u>	<u>(653)</u>

### **3. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

Report prepared by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Murray Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'K'.

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#### **Attachment 1**

Parks', Marketing and Design, Water Supply, and Development and Strategy reports for the period ending 31 March 2009