

## **Report 00.763**

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Report to Wellington Regional Council  
From Stuart Macaskill, Chairman

### **Chairman's Report**

#### **1. Overseas Tour**

Ted and I are of course back from our overseas study tour which in our view was very fruitful. We are proposing to give Councillors an informal workshop briefing on our findings in the near future. This will cover the matters we studied, our conclusions and recommendations for further consideration which can be followed up by Council.

#### **2. Local Government New Zealand Matters**

(i) Election of President:

It is good to see the controversy surrounding the leadership of *Local Government New Zealand* is well behind us.

A key issue for requiring immediate consideration by Council is the exercising of its votes for a new President. These close on Friday, 27 October at 5pm. The two candidates are Mayor Claire Stewart of Taranaki District Council and Mayor Basil Morrison of Hauraki District Council. Before Council's votes are lodged, I would wish to get some direction from Council but first would wish to brief Councillors privately about my perceptions and the merits of the two candidates. I think this is necessary to do this in Public Excluded business, so Cr Shields and I can brief Councillors.

A pen picture of both candidates are attached as **Attachment 1**.

#### **Recommendation**

*That the consideration of the Council's votes for the new President of Local Government New Zealand be undertaken in Public Excluded business and the necessary formal motion passed by Council.*

- (ii) The recent events in *Local Government New Zealand* have disclosed a number of weaknesses in the Association's Constitution. These are to be discussed at a meeting on 22 November. There are also other matters which could be usefully discussed which can be seen in the attached brochure (**Attachment 2**). Cr Shields will be attending in her capacity as Member of the National Council and I

would certainly wish to attend. Should any other Councillor be interested in attending, this is a matter that can be determined at today's meeting.

### **3. Visit to Horizons MW**

As previously advised, this will be taking place on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November leaving Wellington Regional Council at 1.00pm and returning Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November leaving Palmerston North at 1.30pm. In my view, so long as Council has no objections, it would be very useful for the Appointed Members of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee to be invited to participate. This is because many of the Horizons MW functions are of a rural nature and align quite closely with our activities in the Wairarapa. Also when Horizons MW visited us last year they spent a day with our Wairarapa people.

### **4. Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws – Special Order**

The Report of the Environment Committee to Council Item E294 refers to new Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws. For procedural reasons this is required to be dealt with as a separate item of business by Council and cannot be simply adopted by the way of a Committee recommendation in our usual format. To do otherwise, could find the Bylaws challenged and overturned because of lack of due process. It is therefore proposed that a Special Meeting of Council be held on Wednesday, 1 November, preferably at 9.30am, immediately prior to the Passenger Transport meeting, the start of which will be delayed slightly.

#### **Recommendation**

*That Council consider a special meeting on Wednesday, 1 November at 9.30am to consider adoption of the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws - Special Order.*

### **5. Recommendation**

*That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.*

STUART MACASKILL  
Chairman

**Attachment 1: Pen pictures of Mayor Stewart and Mayor Morrison**

**Attachment 2: Local Government New Zealand Future Focus Meeting brochure**