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Divisional Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Landcare Division since the Committee's last meeting.

2. Managers' reports

The departmental managers' reports are attached.

3. While the cat's away

Rob has been away for a month and it has been very busy, but enjoyable. The big task has been responding to submissions on Landcare responsibilities. The team has worked really hard on drafting well thought out responses in the short timeframe available. Overall submissions on Parks and Forests, and Flood Protection responsibilities were supportive, and in many cases our responses were explanatory because a particular initiative being requested was already under consideration.

In my spare time I have also been covering Daya Atapattu's Hutt River responsibilities. Daya is overseas on extended annual leave and is due back to work on 9 June. The big task was squaring away all the issues resulting from the delay in the Strand Park realignment project, and getting a full understanding on the delay in the Strand Park land purchase, and the way forward.

Lending a sympathetic ear to Murray and the Parks and Forests team on various issues that have popped up has also been interesting. It is quite clear that the key task for Parks and Forests is the current review of the management plans. This is a big and challenging task, but one that needs to be done well to ensure good decisions on some key issues are made and the future direction of the parks is well set.

And no I haven't taken up Rob's daily jog around the bays, nor have I been brave enough to change the colour of my hair!

4. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the contents of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Managers' reports