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Report to Council
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Wairarapa Moana - Proposed annual work programme and budget 2009/10

1. Purpose

To seek approval from Council for the 2009/10 work programme for Wairarapa Moana.

2. Background

One of the roles of the Wairarapa Moana Establishment Group (WMEG) is to endorse an annual work programme and apply for funding to enable work programmes to be implemented.

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) has allocated \$100,000 specifically to this project in the 2009/10 financial year to be utilised by 30 June 2010. The work programme detailed has been endorsed by the WMEG to be presented to Council for approval of the 2009/10 budget to be applied to those projects.

There are also other works that will be carried out with the Wairarapa Moana environs by both GWRC and the Department of Conservation (DoC) that are part of our wider organisational responsibilities. Some of those other works are required to meet any statutory requirements and, therefore, are not subject to approval by the WMEG. Those that are non-statutory are considered to be part of this project and are subject to WMEG approval.

Combining this entire work means, in total, the budget for Wairarapa Moana in the 2009/10 funding year before any external funding is sourced will be \$257,180. Please note that these costs *do not include* the cost of staff time from the various agencies allocated to carrying out the work, attending meetings or planning.

3. Wairarapa Moana project - GWRC funded 2009/10 work programme

3.1 Project budget

The WMEG is proposing that GWRC's annual allocation to Wairarapa Moana be allocated as follows:

	\$
3.1.1 Allow for Establishment Group and administrative expenses	3,000
Iwi governance expenses	10,000
3.1.2 Recreation work	
<p>Lake Domain is an important recreational access point for the lake. A concept plan was developed for the area in 2008 and feedback sort from interested parties when the first planting took place at Barton’s Lagoon. The Wairarapa Yacht Club, Heretaunga Boating Club, the Featherston 4x4 club and South Wairarapa Rotary Club have all expressed an interest in being involved or helping to raise money to restore Lake Domain. :</p>	
(1) Gather these interested parties together with members of the Lake Wairarapa Co-ordinating Committee, and South Wairarapa District Council and develop a more detailed plan, including priority steps for Lake Domain.	15,000
(2) Complete a planting near the Yacht Club next winter.	5,000
3.1.3 Marketing	
(1) Get signage agreed to last year, completed.	15,000
(2) Use heritage study and other information to prepare the “story” for gaining funding from other avenues.	10,000
(3) Launch Wairarapa Moana	5,000
(4) Implement the Communications Plan	4,000
3.1.4 Environmental work (following priorities in Ecological Restoration Plan	
(1) Alder and pest plants in Pounui Wetland:	
• Control alder infestations and Pounui Wetland. Remove more alders on the side of Barton’s Lagoon.	8,000
• Complete the monitoring associated with the aerial trial.	--
(2) Spray trial of three sites on the side of Lake Wairarapa to further evaluate whether this technique could stop the accretion of the lake because of the interaction of weed species with siltation.	2,000
(3) Further fish surveying and start bird surveying.	10,000
(4) Complete the fencing of Barton’s Lagoon to remove stock from the wetlands.	10,000
(5) Purchase plants for further planting on the side of Barton’s Lagoon.	3,000
Total	100,000

4. Wairarapa Moana Non-project related 2009/10 work

The following are the projects that GWRC and DoC are undertaking within the Wairarapa Moana environs this financial year. Please note that none of these projects are being funded by GWRC's project budget for Wairarapa Moana, therefore do not require GWRC's approval. They are being highlighted for Council's information only.

4.1 Department of Conservation

	\$
4.1.1 Visitor assets	
Construct viewing hide at Boggy Pond	8,000
Viewing hide materials "on hand"	9,500
Vegetation clearance stopbank Boggy Pond	--
Mowing stopbank Boggy Pond	1,000
Vegetation clearance Mathews Track	--
Mowing lakeside scenic reserve	1,000
General maintenance lakeside scenic reserve	--
4.1.2 Biodiversity	
Plant pest management	37,400
Threatened species management	--
Land protection and grazing leases	--
4.1.3 Events	3,000
Total	59,900

4.2 Greater Wellington Regional Council - undertaken as part of GWRC's statutory role

The 2009/10 GWRC Biosecurity budgeted contribution to works within the Wairarapa Moana environs are:

	\$
4.2.1 Pest animals	
Key Native Ecosystem Management Area (KNEMA)	
Lake Nganoke (6 ha)	926
Pounui/Wharepapa (875 ha)	5,280
Tauherenikau (1,350 ha)	3,174
Total	9,380
	\$
Bovine Tb - 11 strata surrounding Lake Wairarapa	
2 strata vector control (7,676 ha)	68,000
2 strata performance monitoring	3,900
6 strata trend monitoring	16,000
Total	87,900

4.2.2 Pest plants

There is no planned work on pest plants, only “in kind” support on grass carp research and weed control.

4.2.3 South Wairarapa District Council

South Wairarapa District Council activities include continuing to maintain their reserve areas and try to resolve the vexed question of access in the Lake Domain Reserve.

5. Communications

No communications are necessary at this point.

6. Recommendations

That Council:

1. **Receives** the report and **notes** its contents,
2. **Approves** the 2009/10 work programme recommendations as outlined in section 3.

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