

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2010 IN MEMORIAL  
HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies*
- 2. Matters of Importance to be raised as Urgent Business*
- 3. Matters Arising from the Report of 21/4/2010* *page 61*
- 4. Environmental Services Report* *page 20*
  - *Dog/Stock/Noise Control & Security*
  - *Building*
  - *Resource Planning*
  - *Resource Consent Update List*
  - *District Planning & Environmental Planning*
  - *Biodiversity & Environmental Projects*
  - *Environmental Services Budget Report* *page 33*
- 5. Enviroschools*
  - **J Rogers, A Taylor and student representatives will be in attendance at 10.15am to present this item.**
- 6. Urgent Business*

## • **Dog/Stock/Noise Control & Security**

### **Dog Control**

1. April was an average month with twenty three complaints/calls received regarding dogs.
2. Most of these were for wandering or lost dogs. All were attended and four were picked up, one dog was not claimed and was relocated out of Kaikoura as it was a suitable dog to do so. One was not claimed and was destroyed and the other two were returned to the owners address.
3. The Ludstone Road matter was again complained about and as per last month it was a case of the batteries needing to be replaced. I have spoken with the owner of the dog to see if he can make contact with the next door neighbour, (not the main complainant) to see if a line of communication can be opened that would see the whole battery issue address as soon as it happens rather than allowing it to go on until the main complainant has to call me. Note the main complainant and the owner will not communicate.
4. After extensive enquiries relating to the attack on stock up the Inland Road I have been able to get a reasonable idea of where the dogs came from. Having said that I do not have enough evidence to proceed in any manor through a court. As it stands now there are two traps in place. These are near the area and in line from where the dogs come from and the farmers in the area are working together to monitor and try to catch the offending dogs if they roam again.

### **Stock Control**

1. No complaints were received regarding stock this month.

### **Noise Control**

1. Three complaints were received and dealt with by way of verbal warning and levels reduced.

### **Closed Circuit Camera – West End Toilet Facility**

1. The system is performing well and during the period no incidents had been reported.
2. The two cameras in the West End are still down after the one outside the Strawberry Tree was damaged. I had tried to put the camera back up but it did not work, after some work I have traced the fault to the cable coming down the pole. I am in the process of making up replacement cables for both pole mounted cameras and will be replacing them as soon as possible.

## • **Building**

There were 13 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$825,100 issued for the month of April 2010. These consents were for:-

Single story dwelling with fire  
Single story dwelling  
Single story dwelling with gas fire  
Relocated building including fire  
Carport x 2  
Fire Install x 5  
Farm shed  
Relocate weather board garage

There were 11 Code Compliance Certificates issued for completed projects in April 2010.

4 Land Information Memorandums were requested in April 2010

There are currently 11 building consents on hold waiting for further information. Enquiries into future projects have picked up and we have knowledge of numerous large projects which are preparing to be submitted to Council for consenting, some include commercial buildings.

The Building Control Team has also been very busy dealing with enforcement issues and issuing Notice's to Fix. One in particular was a reasonably large motel and campground complex. The owner has now closed the park to complete repairs.

## • **Resource Planning**

### **Resource Consent Update: From the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

5 new applications were lodged during this period. Two applications were received for subdivision consent and three for land use consent. No new notified applications were received.

Notified applications of interest include:

- **Global Property Investment** – The decision has been released granting the subdivision and land use subject to conditions.

The number of resource consent applications has improved and there has been an increase in the number of enquires. Consent numbers are however down on previous years. On the positive side, the reduction of consent applications is allowing for quick turnaround time for resource consents. It is important to keep in mind that consents generally have 5 years before they lapse (unless given effect to), therefore current consent numbers may not be a reflection on the level of activity which is presently occurring in the district.

Planning staff are taking this time to review internal processing guides and work on internal projects including updating our invoicing system, moving from a paper and electronic copy to an electronic copy.

Recent changes to the Resource Management Act have resulted in a discount policy being imposed on Councils. This essentially results in a 1% discount on the application costs for each day the consent exceeds the statutory processing time frames up to a 50% discount. It is therefore important that our systems are streamlined as much as possible.

## • Resource Consent List Update

RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE LIST FOR THE PERIOD FROM 13 APRIL 2010 TO 10 MAY 2010.

Resource consents decisions issued:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity	Number of Lots / Guests
Subdivision & Land use – Rural subdivision in Hapuku	Global property Investments Ltd	State Highway 1, Hapuku	
Land Use –build utility building in a reserve	Innovative Waste Kaikoura	Scarborough Street	
Subdivision	P & S Thomas	Inland Road	None (boundary adjustment)
Land Use- non-compliance with boundary setback	S Jacks	25 South Bay Parade	
Subdivision and Land use	Kaikoura Investment Trust – Acacia Downs	Rakanui Road - Lake Rotorua	

Active consent applications currently in process:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
3 Lot subdivision	Saxonlea Investment Ltd	Inland Road
Land Use-No parking in commercial area	Piera Fromm	40 West End
Land Use-Build garage with non complying boundary setback	Jason Jellyman & Vicki Gulleford	15 Bayview St

Consent applications awaiting receipt of further information requested from applicant or on hold:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
2 lot subdivision	Tormar Holdings Ltd	Cnr Margate & Torquay Streets
Gravel extraction – land use	NZ Railways Corp	Clarence River
Sign Consent	The Woolshed - Davidson	Beach Road
Signs Consent	Wilson*	State Highway 1, Hapuku
Subdivision- Separation of existing title	Matariki Farms	State Highway 1 Clarence
Subdivision – Create one additional allotment	A & T Flavell	102A Torquay Street
Subdivision: 2 lot subdivision & dwellings	Reardon SJ & AR	19 Old Beach Rd
Land Use - Build 7 unit apartment	100 Torquay St	100 Torquay St

Visitor accommodation 2 guests and non-compliance with height standard	N Mitchell	13 Swyncombe Place
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Consent applications subject to appeal under sections 120 and 358 of the Resource Management Act:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
NONE		

Consent applications subject to objections under section 357 of the Resource Management Act:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
NONE		

Consent Applications declined:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
NONE		

Consents withdrawn

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
NONE		

Consent applications subject to application for declaration under section 311 of the Resource Management Act: Nil

\* Denotes Retrospective Consent

## • **District & Environmental Planning**

### **District Plan & Environmental Planning Report Covering May 2010**

#### **National Policy Statements**

##### Renewable Electricity Generation

A decision on the above is awaited.

##### New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

No further progress has been made. One of the members of the Board of Enquiry that heard the submissions on the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement has released the Board's comments on the document. If anyone would like the web address for the document, please see Rachel. The document can only be viewed online.

#### **Canterbury Regional Council**

##### Natural Resources Regional Plan

Part of the air plan is now operative, Environment Canterbury are aiming to have the decisions on the balance of the Natural Resources Regional Plan ready by the end of the year.

##### Regional Coastal Environment Plan

The Plan Change to the Canterbury Regional Coastal Environment Plan has been publicly notified and submissions closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Copies of the submissions have been received. This Plan Change is to allow the existing fuel tanks to remain in their current location.

##### Regional Transport Strategy

Feedback from the Regional Council is still awaited. Of the new Environment Canterbury commissions, Rex Williams and Tom Lambie were appointed as the Regional Council representatives with Rex Williams as chair.

##### Canterbury Regional Policy Statement

The draft Canterbury Regional Policy Statement was circulated to Territorial Authority staff for comment. Staff met with staff from Hurunui and Waimakariri District Councils. It was generally felt that the document is still not at a stage to be notified, which is disappointing given the amount of time that staff spent working on the document. Waimakariri District Council is co-ordinating further meetings with Environment Canterbury staff to outline the potential problems with the document.

It is noted that ex-Environment Court Judge Peter Skelton is now overseeing all the Regional Planning functions within Environment Canterbury.

#### **New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)**

##### Beach Road and West End Intersection

Further discussions remain ongoing.

##### State Highway Route Security

Comments have been provided on the route security document and feedback is waited from New Zealand Transport Agency.

##### Alternation to Existing Designation

New Zealand Transport Agency has applied to alter the extent of the existing designation at the shingle fans. The alteration involves minor shifts to the designation boundary. New Zealand

Transport Agency intends to replace the existing fords and bridges with box culverts. Some minor changes are being made to the application at the request of the adjoining landowner and the application is currently on hold.

#### Truck Stop

New Zealand Transport Agency is moving towards the creation of truck stops/rest areas. Initial thoughts are that these would be located where possible at ½ hour spacing from major centres. New Zealand Transport Agency will develop a location of possible rest areas which are truck friendly.

#### **Potential Plan Changes**

##### Business/ Industrial Zone

Discussions are ongoing with the landowner how to best progress this project.

##### Ocean Ridge

Notification has occurred. The closing date for submissions either in support or opposition is 21 May 2010. The Ocean Ridge plan change is known as Plan Change 1. Any enquires can be made through Matt Hoggard.

##### Minor Corrections

Plan Change 2 which is minor corrections to the District Plan has been notified in conjunction with Plan Change 1.

#### **Community for Climate Protection (CCP)**

Ongoing work is occurring to reduce emissions and waste.

##### Street Light Reductions

Street lighting improvement will be suggested to Council once further research is undertaken.

#### **Te Korowai**

Work on a fisheries strategy is on-going. At the next meeting (13 May), the Ministry for Fisheries Compliance Manager, Geoff Clark, will be present to answer questions on the proposed compliance changes for the District. As you will have seen in the news, a Ministry for Fisheries office will be opened in Kaikoura, with two permanent fisheries officers based in the town.

#### **Zero Waste**

Staff are currently working with the Kaikoura High School staff to implement recycling stations around the school. A funding application is being prepared for a two bin system for mixed recycling and food waste. It is hoped this will alleviate the school litter problem and help toward achieving Zero Waste and Zero Waste Education.

Funding has been successfully obtained for the Play centre to have a new recycling system in place using colourful bins to educate and train both children and adults.

#### **Green Globe**

Work is on-going on sustainability initiatives to further our green globe commitment.

#### **Monitoring**

Monitoring has been ongoing. The department has commenced a district wide investigation of non-compliant visitor accommodation.

## • Biodiversity & Environmental Projects

### **Biodiversity Contestable Fund**

As a brief for the committee of successful funding applications:

15 applications were received totaling \$41,590 for the 2010 round with \$20,700 available.

Those funded to date are:

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| 1. Enhancement of school grounds                  | partially funded subject to conditions. |
| 2. Protective fencing of wetland and weed control | yes                                     |
| 3. Protection of high value riparian ecosystems   | yes                                     |
| 4. Fencing of 6.7ha QEII covenant area            | yes                                     |
| 5. Wilding pine control on high value sites       | yes                                     |
| 6. Fencing of QEII covenant area. (9.9ha)         | yes                                     |
| 7. Fencing for restore/enhancement of church land | yes subject to a management plan        |

There remain additional projects that may be eligible for partial funding subject to meeting certain conditions prior to end of the financial year.

### **International Year of Biodiversity**

As taken from the International Year of Biodiversity website:

*You are an integral part of nature; your fate is tightly linked with biodiversity, the huge variety of other animals and plants, the places they live and their surrounding environments, all over the world.*

*You rely on this diversity of life to provide you with the food, fuel, medicine and other essentials you simply cannot live without. Yet this rich diversity is being lost at a greatly accelerated rate because of human activities. This impoverishes us all and weakens the ability of the living systems, on which we depend, to resist growing threats such as climate change.*

*The United Nations proclaimed 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity, and people all over the world are working to safeguard this irreplaceable natural wealth and reduce biodiversity loss. This is vital for current and future human wellbeing. We need to do more. Now is the time to act.*

*The International Year of Biodiversity is a unique opportunity to increase understanding of the vital role that biodiversity plays in sustaining life on Earth.*

In essence, this is a celebration of all our unique plants and animals from our miniscule phytoplankton to our gigantic blue whales. Throughout the year there will be events and celebrations all around the world. Within New Zealand there are many things happening around the country – watch this space for events later in the year.

To help raising the awareness, the International Day of Biodiversity is being promoted on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. ‘Roam, Rove & Rediscover’ is Kaikoura’s way of marking the actual International Day of Biodiversity. The free guided walk is an informative journey of the world class Peninsula walkway noting all things biodiverse along the way.....you will see and/or hear about the native vegetation of the peninsula, cultural history of the area, the red bill gull colony, the playful seals, our famous whales and the hardy Hutton’s Shearwaters to name a few. As a contribution to the ‘Green Wave’ happening world wide, a native tree planting will also take place—be prepared to get your hands dirty!

### **International Student volunteers.**

During 2010 Kaikoura District Council will again host 2 groups of International Student Volunteers (ISV). There are 9 female students and their leader arriving on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of May for just under two weeks. Their orientation briefing, including a welcome from the Mayor, is given prior to commencing work. Their programme will be made up of conservation based work with:

- Environment Canterbury – riparian planting on privately owned waterways.
- Trees for Travellers – planting and maintenance of Trees for Travellers sites.
- Environment Canterbury – Reserve enhancement work (Old Mans Beard) in Oaro.
- Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust – native planting at the peninsula colony site.

Again the invitation is extended to all Councilors to come and meet the group and acknowledge their work at their farewell afternoon tea, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. If you would like to meet up with them at all on site during their time here, their work schedule can be advised.

The next group is here July 10<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Point Kean walkway.**

It is to be noted that two additional sections of walkway are planned for construction in the near future with ongoing support from the Lions Club. Currently the appropriate consents and approvals are being sought from Historic Places Trust and Council, and work will commence thereafter.

### **Canterbury Regional Biodiversity Strategy.**

Work is ongoing around endeavouring to meet goals and targets of this strategy, which Council adopted in 2007.

### **Kaikoura 1080 Working Group.**

Next meeting scheduled for the working group is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The working group has recommended that any dissemination of information for the public if needed will be via the facilitator, Murray Hunt.

Please note: CRC102944

There currently is public notification of resource consent application by Environment Canterbury for discharge of 1080 & pindone on predominantly private land, for the control of rabbits, wallabies and possums in the Canterbury region. Submissions are open till June 4<sup>th</sup> 2010.

It is the aim of the working group to have a recommendation to Council by September 2010 as to what stance Council should take on such matters. Council currently does not have a formal stance on the use of 1080 in the Kaikoura district.

Given that the timeframes are not compatible, it is suggested that Council still make a submission, noting activity around the 1080 working group, Councils current lack of formal stance and that Council wishes to be kept informed throughout and we do not wish to be heard.

As information & background for the Councilors the following is a summary of the consent application that was created by Environment Canterbury staff, for the 1080 working group.

## **Regional consent application; Background**

Under the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Strategy (2005-2015), rabbits are declared a pest and the objective within the region is to contain rabbit densities to levels not exceeding Level 3 on the Modified McLean Scale (Level 3). Land occupiers are required to undertake and pay for the control of rabbits. Historically, 1080 was the primary control tool and its use peaked in the early 1990's when approximately 800 kilograms of 1080 was applied aurally, mostly in the Mackenzie/Omarama areas.

The introduction of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease (RHD) in 1997 led to a considerable reduction in the need for rabbit control, and consequently the use of 1080 all but ceased. Complementary control techniques, such as night-shooting and patch poisoning mostly with pindone, effectively kept rabbit numbers below Level 3 for nearly ten years. Such a regime also enabled individual property owners to undertake rabbit control largely independent of each other.

However, monitoring data over the last couple of seasons shows that the impact of RHD is declining through increasing rabbit immunity. Also, there are increasing numbers of control operations that now depend on neighbours coordinating their actions to ensure a successful result. Countering rabbit mobility and extremely high reproduction rates in a rising population scenario requires a method that is able to cover large areas within a short time period. The aerial application of a 1080 or pindone laced bait is the most efficient and effective method of control that can satisfy that requirement.

There is a strategic opportunity to remove RHD immune rabbits from the population, to minimise the amount of aurally applied 1080 and pindone, and to exercise quality coordination in one effective and efficient manner. A consent that can be utilised on private land across the region (i.e. outside of the DOC estate) but targeted to rabbit prone land would provide a useful tool in realising that strategic opportunity. Applying for a consent was promoted by the Pest Management Liaison Committees through a recommendation of all of the chairpersons from each committee. Public consultation indicates support exists where application is primarily for private land.

The regional consent will not be used for the Bovine Tb vector control work. Notwithstanding the Bovine Tb threat, possums are a serious threat to biodiversity values, both plant and animal, within forested areas. There may be a small number of strategic opportunities on private land to exercise the regional consent for controlling possums where they threaten biodiversity values and 1080 use is the best option.

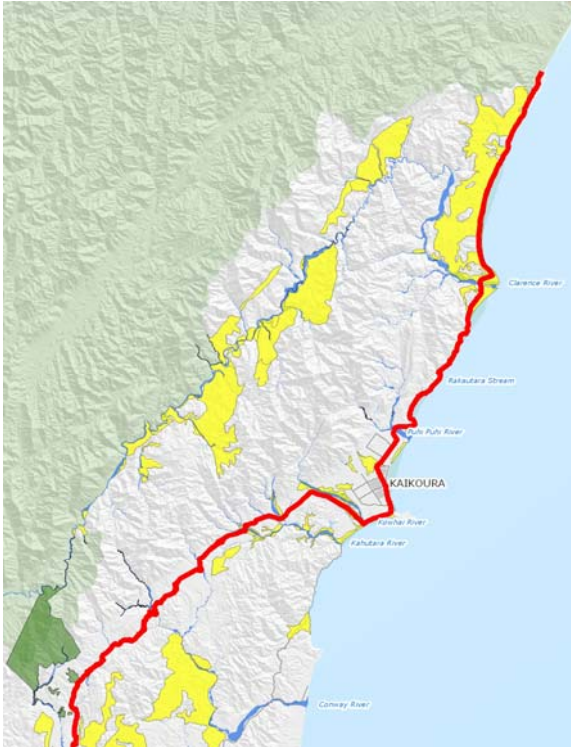
The Canterbury Regional Council will not exercise the consent itself, if granted. Rather, it will authorise licensed contractors who hold appropriate handling and application qualifications to carry out 1080 or pindone operations. Neither will a regional consent preclude an individual landowner or contractor pursuing a separate consent.

Landowners may choose not to allow to the use of 1080 on their land and use more expensive and labour intensive control tools instead provided they achieve rabbit densities below Level 3.

## **Application**

An application by the Biosecurity section of Environment Canterbury was lodged with Environment Canterbury on 28 April 2010 for a regional consent to apply aurally apply 1080 and pindone to predominantly private land and mainly for rabbit control purposes. The need for the consent has been promoted by private land owners through their representative Pest Management

Liaison Committees and arises from escalating levels of rabbit immunity to Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease (RHD).



While the consent covers all privately owned land, it is expected that it will mostly be exercised in rabbit prone locations only (marked yellow on the map).

**Note1:** The map shows the Kaikoura area only and not the whole region.

**Note 2:** The consent will **not** be used on public land including any in the areas marked in yellow.

The application includes a request that it be publicly notified because of the likely public interest in the use of 1080. An independent commissioner/s will consider the application. If granted, the Canterbury Regional Council will not exercise the consent itself but will authorise licensed contractors who hold appropriate handling and application qualifications to carry

out 1080 or pindone operations. Neither will a regional consent preclude an individual landowner or contractor pursuing a separate consent.

Landowners may choose not to allow the use of 1080 on their land and instead use more expensive and labour intensive control tools. Their primary obligation is to maintain rabbit densities below the Modified McLean Scale Level 3. Also, the consent will not be used for Bovine Tb vector control.

Prepared by: R K Maw, Policy Analyst Pests & Biodiversity, Environment Canterbury, 28th April 2010.

It is noted that the consent application is for a 15 year period – when this was discussed with Environment Canterbury staff it was noted that this was chosen (rather than the standard 35yrs) to ease community concerns but also to practically allow 2 operations through out this period; giving the ability to reset the population of rabbits in the knowledge that it takes 7-10yrs for Rabbit Haemorrhagic Virus (RHD) to pass.

As noted above, given the timeframes and the 1080 group work ongoing, the following is recommended to Council:

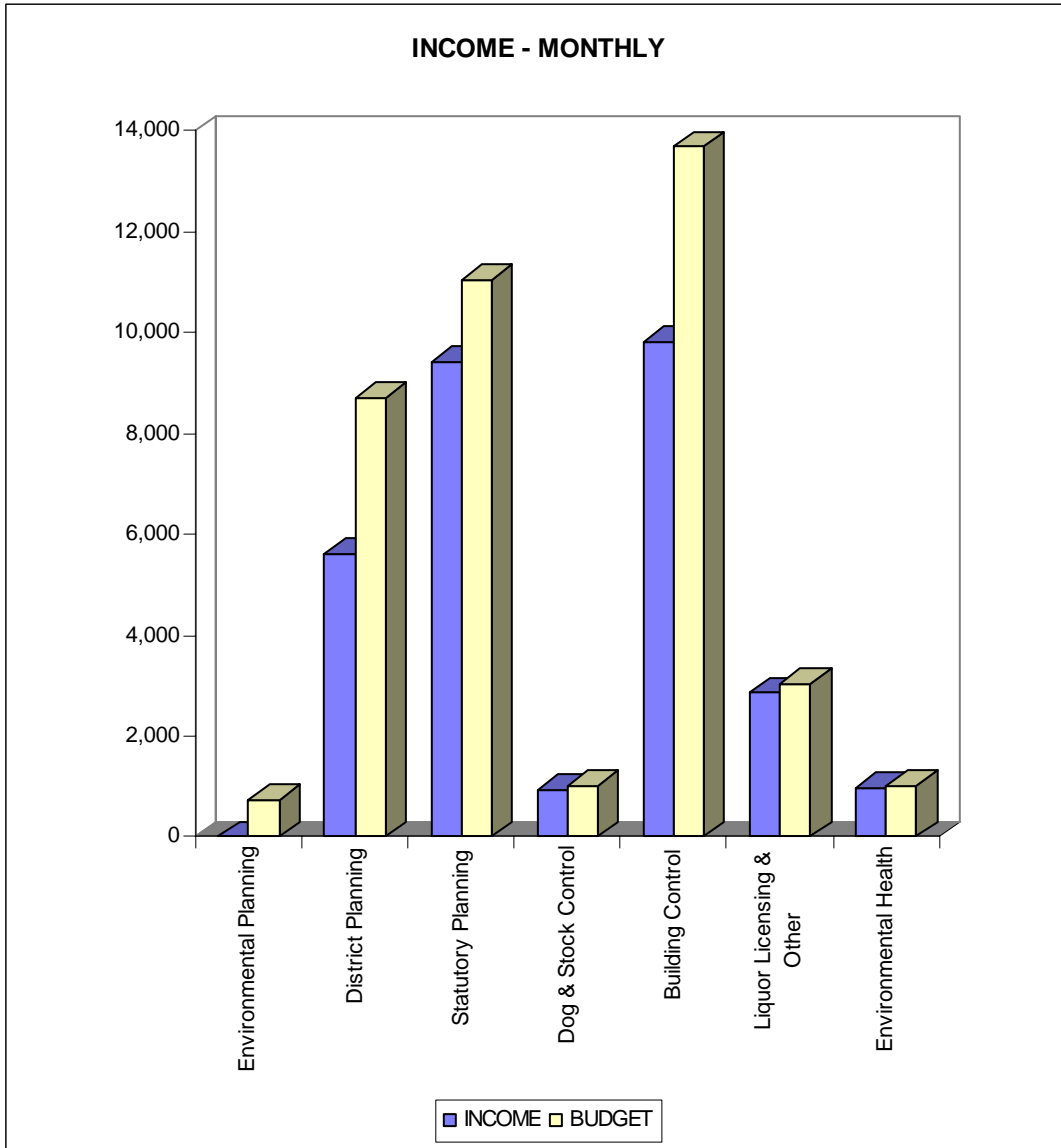
***It is recommended that staff write a submission on behalf of Council outlining: the communities approach via a working group, the lack of formal stance currently, neither support or oppose, wish to be kept in loop throughout process and do not wish to be heard. The committee may wish to adapt this with regards to content of the proposed submission.***

**Enviro Schools.**

As a note, the 3 year funding allocated for this programme is in its final year.

An annual update on schools' progress and how the programme links to Council outcomes will be presented by Jen Rodgers - Facilitator for EnviroSchools Canterbury and Andrea Taylor - Regional Coordinator EnviroSchools Canterbury. Amber McClelland and Isobel Scott students from Kaikoura High School will also give a brief update on sustainability projects and learning outcomes at their school.

# Environmental Services Budget Report



### EXPENDITURE - MONTHLY

