

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2015 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER  
ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

**2. Matters of Importance to be raised as Urgent Business**

**3. Environmental Services Report**

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■ **Building**

■ **Resource Planning**

■ **Resource Consent Update List**

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**4. Minutes Action & Issues List Update**

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>BY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Environmental Services	Provide a report on the proposal for 25 Beach Road	Chief Executive Officer	In progress
Environment Services	Find out about Wairoa District Council's freedom camping policy	District Planner	Report included on page

**5. Urgent Business**

- **Building**

There were 7 Building Consents with a combined construction value of \$770,900.00 issued during July 2015. These consents were for:

- 2 dwellings
- 2 heaters
- 2 alterations/extensions
- 1 shed

We currently have 15 consents being processed.

Building consent revenue for July was \$16,138.

11 Land Information Memorandums and 11 Code Compliance Certificates were issued in the month of July 2015.

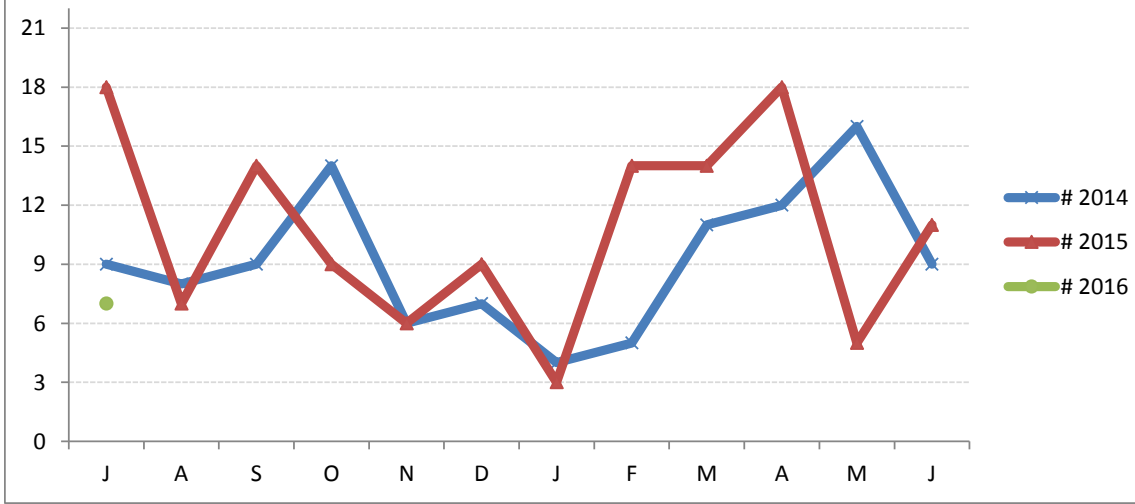
Things are steady in the building department, the hospital is nearing completion and we have a regular flow of consents coming in.

Worked has started chasing up businesses which have let their Building Warrants of Fitness lapse and getting those up to date.

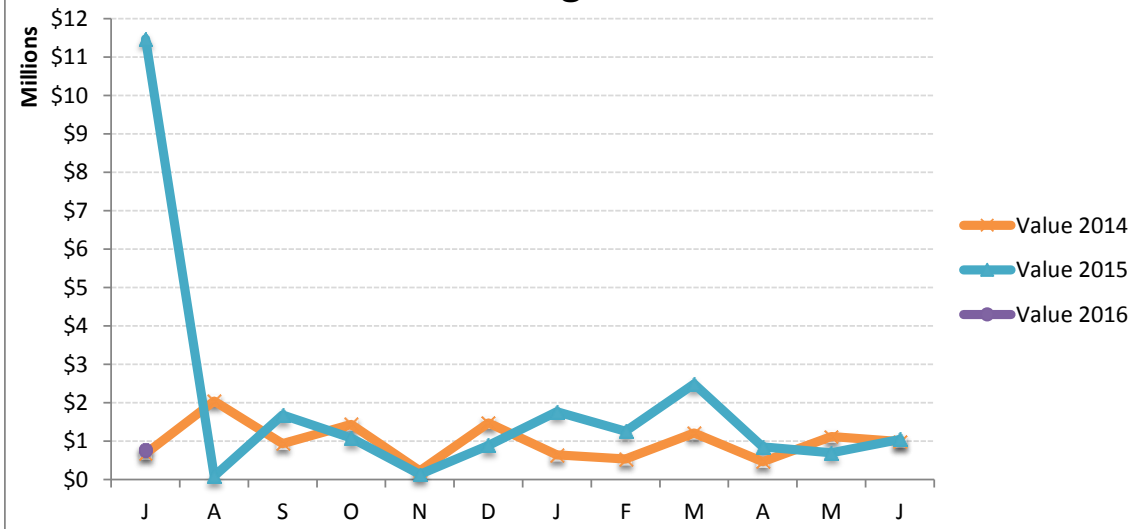
The Building Team is functioning very well with staff gaining experience and competency adding to the department's credibility.

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### # of Building Consents Issued



### Value of Building Consents Issued



- **Resource Planning**

**Resource Consent Update: From 8 July 2015 to 10 August 2015**

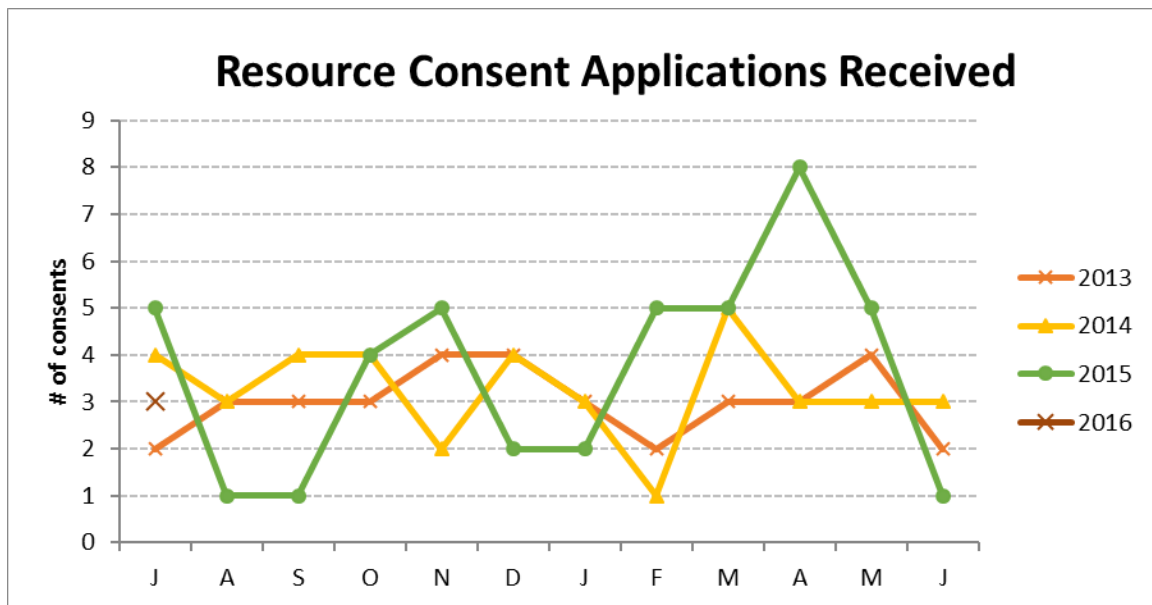
One land use and two subdivision applications were received in the reporting period.

Consent revenue for July was \$8,300.

Consent activity is picking up, with consent applications up on the on previous months. The majority of consents are visitor accommodation or small scale 2-3 lot subdivisions.

Staff on annual leave has meant that the department has been particularly busy, however with the staff member now returning, work load should even out.

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- **Resource Consent List Update**

RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD FROM 8 JULY 2015 TO 10 AUGUST 2015

Resource consents decisions issued:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity	Number of New Lots / Guests
Subdivision and Amalgamation	Kaikoura District Council	25 Beach Road	
Land Use –Commercial Activity in Rural Zone	Karen & Bruce Barwick	140 Shwy 1	

Active consent applications currently in process:

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
Subdivision: 3 lot Subdivision	Elevation Holdings Ltd	Bay Paddock Road
Subdivision: 2 lot Subdivision	R & ND McDonald	73 Athelney Road
Land Use – Earthworks in Archaeological Sites	Kaikoura District Council	Global Consent for Kaikoura District

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

Type of Consent	Applicant	Address of Activity
Subdivision: 2 lot Subdivision	J Kennedy	149 South Bay Parade
Land Use – Visitor Accommodation	P Hammett	61 South Bay Parade
Land Use- Visitor Accommodation 8 Guests	Br & Page	148 Torquay Street
Land Use- Visitor accommodation and Non-compliance with Height Standard	N Mitchell	13 Swyncombe Place
Subdivision: 2 lot Subdivision	P & S Thomas	1946 Inland Road
Land Use – Non complying boundary setback	J & P Turner	26 Moa Road
Land Use -Extensive farming – Chicken farm	Waikoura Springs Ltd	90 Mill Road

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### District Plan & Environmental Planning Report 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015

#### National Legislation

##### Approval for use of drones

From 1 August 2015, new rules regulating the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs), more commonly known as drones, come into force.

Key aspects include the user of the RPA must:

- Have the consent of the property owner or person in charge of the area you are wanting to fly above.
- Be able to see the aircraft with your own eyes (e.g. not through binoculars, a monitor, or smartphone) to ensure separation from other aircraft (or use an observer to do this in certain cases)
- Not fly closer than four kilometres from any aerodrome (unless certain conditions are met).

Buddle Findlay (Lawyers) have provided some general comments in their legal updates.

“Territorial authorities may be approached for consent to have RPAs flown in the airspace above land they administer or own (e.g. a park). Territorial authorities will need to consider their options and may wish to develop policies when considering such requests. Some territorial authorities have chosen to include drone regulation in bylaws which restrict the use of RPAs in certain public areas.”

Given the limited use of RPA's within Kaikoura's parks and reserves, and the lack of any complaints, it is not considered a nuisance exists. Some Councils have seen the lack of nuisance to allow the creation of drone friendly parks, where bylaws provide for use of drones. It is not considered a bylaw is presently justified at this time for Kaikoura.

#### Canterbury Regional Council

##### Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS)

Discussion has occurred with Ngai Tahu as to how Council may be able to give effect to the Papakainga Housing and marae requirements of the CRPS. Additional research and papers are currently in preparation.

##### Natural Resources Regional Plan – Air Section

The Air Plan proposed timetable has been advised. An addendum to the further submissions has now been notified. Further submissions are now invited on the addendum to the Summary of Decisions Requested until 6 August 2015.

##### Coastal Erosion

Hannah Berger MSc Geography University of Canterbury continues with her thesis with an aim to understand and predict coastal shoreline changes over the next 100+ years for the settlement of Kaikoura. All research should be completed by November this year. Deirdre Hart, Geography,

University of Canterbury will be the Senior Supervisor with Justin Cope, Team Leader Hazards & Coastal, Environment Canterbury the co-supervisor of the thesis.

### **Kaikoura Enhancement Group (KEG) formally Business Discussion Group**

John Taggart who is the group secretary for KEG has resigned as he is moving to Blenheim, the future of the group is uncertain. Funding still remains the key factor for completing the project.

### **Te Korowai**

A formal response from the Ministers has been received regarding the makeup of the Advisory Committee advising the ministers on implementation of the Te Korowai Act. The Ministers have now advised the Ministerial Advisory Committee will be made up of 11 members, with 8 members appointed from Te Korowai with 2 additional people nominated for consideration by the Ministers to make up the requirements outlined by the Act. The final individual is an appointment by Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

The staff member on Te Korowai has not volunteered for appointment to the Committee due to workload. Links to the Advisory Committee will be maintained through the Te Korowai forum.

### **Earthcheck**

Work has begun on gathering data for the Annual Earthcheck Benchmarking program. The annual onsite audit will follow lodgement of the data.

### **Waste Minimisation**

The rural recycling station at Clarence has now been repaired. Investigations are being held into improving the rural recycling stations; however, capacity and visual access seem to be the key to keeping the stations effective.

### **Sustainable Living Program**

Kaikoura is now part of the Sustainable Living programme. The Sustainable Living programme is a practical, fun way to learn and use actions to reduce your environmental impacts at home. It's an opportunity in New Zealand to 'make a difference for the planet', to live a healthier lifestyle and save a little on everyday living costs. Kaikoura District Council is now part of the program.

There are informative videos, learning guides, information, downloads and links.



For free access to the learning materials, please go to the Sustainable Living Website [www.sustainableliving.org.nz](http://www.sustainableliving.org.nz). Staff are hoping to coordinate volunteers to offer workshops using the resources.

### **Freedom Camping**

It was requested staff look at the Freedom Camping Policy of Wairoa District Council. The Wairoa District has a strict no camping bylaw over the whole of the District but allows camping on five specified Council sites subject to conditions.

Wairoa District had a blanket no camping bylaw prior to the implementation of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. In accordance with the Act after it was enacted, the Council specified areas where freedom camping could occur.

- The town areas are for self contained vehicles.
- Rural areas are more flexible and allow tenting.
- Most are near a public toilet.

During summer the Council have patrols to monitor use and length of stay. All camping areas are clearly sign posted outlining types of camping, length of stay and maximum numbers in each area. No camping signs are prevalent around the District.

The Wairoa District Council has no written policy on Freedom Camping, but has an existing consolidated bylaw, which states:

### **2.6 FIRES AND FREEDOM CAMPING**

*Notwithstanding the requirements of any other section of this Bylaw, no person shall in any public place:*

*(a) light a fire, except at fireplaces specially provided or in an appliance designed for outdoor cooking, and in accordance with any restriction imposed by Council on the lighting of fires;*

*(b) camp in an area that is not a registered camping ground or an area specified in Schedule 1. In this context, camping shall include the use of any vehicle for sleeping in, whether or not it is specially equipped for sleeping. Nothing in this section shall prevent a person from sleeping in a vehicle in circumstances where driving of the vehicle will endanger human life or health, or cause injury or serious damage to property.*

The Wairoa District Council has recently notified an updated Bylaw prepared under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and are awaiting hearings on submissions. Helen Montgomery, Regulatory Manager states:

*Yes NZMCA have submitted (in support) we got around 92 submissions (most in relation to particular sites not really any around the document or concept itself which is nice).*

*The basic premise for our proposed bylaw is that freedom camping is permitted in certified self-contained campervans everywhere and in non-self-contained vehicles only within in a set distance from a public toilet that is open 24-7 (identified in a schedule). Though of course we have identified some reserves that are not suitable and are only for day trips and any sensitive cultural sites (cemeteries, urupa, old battle grounds and memorials etc). We also added a section for private land that is often mistaken for public land so people didn't think they had a right to camp on someone else's land. I have attached our statement of proposal which includes the proposed bylaw.*

*Hope that helps*

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# Environmental Services Budget Report

