

NOTES OF THE RCA FORUM STORMWATER GROUP MEETING

NZTA National Office

9.30 am Friday 9 November 2012

Present: Wayne Newman
 Nicci Wood
 Craig Redmond
 Balt Gregorius
 Hayley Vujcich
 Dale Nicholls
 Laura Keown

Wellington City Council
 NZTA, National Office
 NZTA, National Office
 Greater Wellington Regional Council
 NZTA Operations, Napier
 Ministry of Transport

Convenor

to 11.00

Apologies: Jon Schwass
 Napier City Council

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome and apologies	<u>Noted</u> apologies from Jon and welcomed Hayley.	
2. Minutes of 31 August 2012 and matters arising	<p><u>Noted</u> the actions from the previous meeting that were completed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of model to Jonathan for contaminant load model research. • Completion of draft note on waterfront devices case study and circulate. • Promulgation of rain garden maintenance guidelines. • Preparation of new website landing page for Stormwater. • NIWA research proposed as November Forum topic. <p><u>Agreed</u> the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record.</p>	
3. Update of Stormwater Group pages on the website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New structure • Material to come down 	<p><u>Received</u> a report from Wayne on the changes made to the website.</p> <p><u>Noted</u> the problem with text being visible on the page in some browsers, but not Windows Internet Explorer, appears to have been fixed.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material to go up 	<p><u>Noted</u> the material still fails to address the purpose of the pages or to clearly identify the target audience. The threshold for effects from use of the road is far higher than traffic levels on almost all roads in NZ and the principal contributor of urban contaminants in road runoff remains urban land-use of land adjacent to those roads. Industrial and commercial land use is a far more certain determinant of high heavy-metal and TPH contamination than VPD counts, but the material on the web-site fails to draw this conclusion from the research or to give expression to it with sufficient clarity.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u> the new draft structure is adopted.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u> to the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add new text to landing page linking stormwater, roads and the landmark decision to lead into quote Rename pages to keep to a standard format – Stormwater Issues, Stormwater Research, Stormwater Guidance, Stormwater Group, Stormwater Workshops Add case studies with link to recent research report of effectiveness of devices Check all links are to current sites and documents Insert links directly from text to other pages wherever possible Raise list of current members to precede former members of Group Reorder research by topic area and remove unnecessary abstract material Remove links from full title of research projects and apply only to the report number Add thumbnails for photos Add photos to all pages as appropriate Check external links and add links to waterbydesign.com.au and greencrossaustralia.org 	<p>Craig to provide photos</p> <p>Wayne to make changes.</p>
<p>4. Report to Forum</p>	<p><u>Noted</u> the Group has met its Terms of Reference and has not sought to extend its activities past the current financial year ending 31 March 2013.</p> <p><u>Noted</u> that further research remains to be done on the proportion of non-road source contaminants entering stormwater and the appropriateness of treating these contaminants under the NLTP, but funding for this research is not available at present.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u> the Group can report that it has delivered on its terms of reference.</p>	<p>Wayne to draft report for Forum.</p>
<p>5. General Business</p>	<p><u>Received</u> a report from Nicci on the Biophilic City team within Wellington City Council set up to take the lead on achieving the council's Eco City vision.</p>	

	<p><u>Noted</u> Wellington is joining Singapore, Portland and other recognised leaders in LIUDD around the world, but the precise outcomes sought from this initiative are still being developed.</p> <p><u>Received</u> a report from Hayley on the review of all plans by GWRC.</p> <p><u>Noted</u> this is the first attempt at integrated catchment management by GWRC since the RMA. The review has identified five general catchment zones and intends to use the Ecan model as much as possible, allowing for very different physical backgrounds, regulatory processes and drivers.</p> <p><u>Received</u> a report from Dale on the Waipaoa River <i>iwi</i> governance group.</p> <p><u>Noted</u> the increasing incidence of <i>iwi</i> governance of water bodies has the potential to improve catchment management. While the need to negotiate with governance bodies can be expected to add initial costs, these should be balanced by savings achieved by knowing expectations and avoiding delays, disputes and challenges later in the process.</p> <p><u>Received</u> a report from Balt on initiatives to provide better information to applicants for making funding applications.</p> <p><u>Noted</u> the provision of contextual information and an ability for applicants to compare their own performance against others more effectively should allow for better planning based on better information.</p>	
6. Next meeting	<u>Agreed</u> the next meeting will be 8 March 2013.	
	Meeting concluded at 12:25	
ACTIONS	<p>Craig to provide photos for use on the website.</p> <p>Wayne to make agreed changes to the website.</p> <p>Wayne to draft report to the Forum.</p>	