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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Engineering Services
Meeting Date: 15 September 2011
Report Author: Dugald Ley, Development Engineer
Subject: **Tasman's Great Taste Trail - Update**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on progress with Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman Great Taste Trail Update Report, RESC11-09-10.

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1. Update

1.1 Construction works are progressing on Tasman’s Great Taste Trail with works in various locations including:

- Pugh Road off-road trail;
- Ranzau Road to SH60 – Former Reserve Railway trail;
- Rabbit Island – Redwood Road/Ken Beck Drive trial; and
- Bridge “ferry” progress.

1.2 Two tenders for upcoming works have recently closed. Details are as follows:

Contract	No. of tenders	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	Council estimate
Ranzau Road to State Highway 60	5	Asphalt & General	\$100,906	\$159,728	\$134,585
Rabbit Island – Redwood Road, Ken Beck Drive	5	Oldfields	\$41,267	\$62,453	\$62,417



Rabbit Island along Ken Beck Drive



Railway Reserve through Waimea Estate



Ranzau/Pugh Road



*The Ferry
"The Flat Bottomed Fairy"*

- 1.3 The bridge (ferry) from Rabbit Island to Mapua is progressing with the ferry now in the water (launched 31 August) and the engines being fitted.
- 1.4 Boat survey trials are being carried out during September prior to the open day at Mapua on Sunday 2 October. (Please keep this day free to see the first "floating bridge" crossing).

2. Branding

- 2.1 Following discussions at the last Engineering Services Committee meeting, the name of the trail has been resolved. The protocol is to use the word "Tasman" before Great Taste Trail in any media releases.
- 2.2 The new logo was shown to a recent partygoer who was in town for another event. He gave it the "thumbs up" and I was told to "keep up the good work". Its great to have mates like this! Note the two bodyguards keeping an eye on the photographer who they thought was up to no good!



3. Signage

- 3.1 Signage incorporating directional and information/interpretive material will be in place at Rabbit Island by 2 October 2011.
- 3.2 Assistance from the Ornithological Society is appreciated for information to be included in these signs.
- 3.3 The Airways Corporation has given approval for Tasman District Council to make use of a redundant VOR structure located on the stopbank near Cotterell Road to use as a shelter and interpretive panel area on the cycle trail.
- 3.4 Negotiations with the Ornithological Society and New Zealand Fish & Game are continuing in relation to Pearl Creek and Nieman Creek. This issue is all but resolved with mitigation measures being put in place that will cement the location of the cycleway along this preferred route. The measures include:
- Installation of brush fencing 30 metres each side of the trail near Pearl Creek;
 - Installation of interpretive panels providing information about wildlife and environmental issues;
 - A planting regime;
 - Retiring of grazed paddocks and reversion to native habitat;
 - Repositioning the cycleway to the paddock side and below the stopbanks in one location;
 - Allowance for new areas between Cotterell Road and the Waimea River to become available to game bird hunters; and
 - Relocation of a maimai and signage about hunting in the area;
 - Implementation of a bylaw to control dogs and horse use in the area.

4. Resource Consent

- 4.1 The resource consent to establish a shared path around the estuary from the ASB Aquatic Centre to Lansdowne Road (note 2.8 kilometres has already been completed) has closed with nine parties in support and 22 either in opposition or support subject to conditions.
- 4.2 Preliminary discussions are being held to see if agreement can be reached prior to a potential hearing.

4.3 Building consent for the Wairoa suspension bridge (see Newsline, 12 August) has been submitted to Council with a likely completion period in January 2012.

4.4 Sponsorship and naming rights for the bridge are still being sought.

5. Bylaw

5.1 As part of the bylaw consultation process a meeting has been scheduled with Tiakina te Taiao on 26 September 2011 to outline the proposed bylaw. Following that meeting consultation will be carried out with stakeholders and the public.

6. Licence to Occupy – New Zealand Transport Agency / Tasman District Council

6.1 The New Zealand Transport Agency has advised that Council will need to enter into a licence to occupy agreement for the shared path along the Railway Reserve (Ranzau Road to State Highway 60).

6.2 An update on this issue will be provided to the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

7. Summary

7.1 The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust are progressing with construction and consultation on many fronts. A key date is 2 October when the ferry link between Mapua and Rabbit Island is launched and this event is eagerly anticipated by the Mapua community.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That the report is received.

9. DRAFT RESOLUTION

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