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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Community Services Committee
Meeting Date: 8 March 2012
Subject: Reserves Manager's Report
Report Author: Beryl Wilkes, Reserves Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the regular report summarising the current and upcoming projects Parks and Reserves staff are working on.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Reserves Manager's Report RCS12-03-05.

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1. RICHMOND WARD		
Project update		
Site	Projects for 2011/12	Timeframe
Aotea Council Cottages	New cottages (Francie)	Cottages completed and are now tenanted.
Dellside Reserve/ Kingsland Forest	Mountain bike tracks (Steve)	This work is on hold due to damage from the December storm event.
Jubilee Park	New cricket practice nets (Glenn)	WIP

2. MOUTERE WAIMEA WARD		
Project update		
Site	Projects for 2011/12	Timeframe
Waimea River Park	Walkway extension from Livingston Road to Waimea West Road (Francie/Glenn)	Fence to be shifted for last of the connection to be made.
Rabbit Island	Moturoa Forest Walk and Cycle Track (Steve)	Map and signage being finalised, tracks measured.

3. MOTUEKA WARD		
Project update		
Site	Projects for 2011/12	Timeframe
Decks Reserve	Historical plaques (Beryl/Glenn)	WIP
Sanctuary Ponds	Soroptimist Group (Kathy)	Our Soroptimist volunteers have very sadly now given up the valuable work they were doing in this reserve. A thank you morning

		tea has been held in recognition of their many years of involvement and contributions to the reserve.
Motueka Cemetery	Rhododendron shift	As part of the Puketutu Subdivision the rhododendrons on Cemetery Road require shifting. This is being planned for the Autumn.
Wharf Road to York Park	Walkway extension (Kathy/Glenn)	Resource consent is being prepared for boardwalk areas.
Woodlands Canal	Walkway upgrade (Glenn/Kathy)	Work now completed.
Tapu Bay	Reserve upgrade (Steve)	On hold as material for beach replenishment is now not available.
Sportspark Motueka	Toilet and shop building (Glenn)	The building permit has been applied for; tender notice is out and will close early March.

4. GOLDEN BAY WARD

Project update		
Site	Projects for 2011/12	Timeframe
Parapara	New playground (Glenn)	Awaiting installation.
Takaka Memorial Reserve	New playground (Glenn)	WIP
Rototai Reserve	Toilet (Francie)	Building and resource consent granted. Waiting for toilet building to arrive.
Rototai Cemetery	Natural Burial Area (Beryl)	WIP

5. REGIONAL

During the December storm event a number of Council reserves were affected by floodwater causing slips and washouts of walkways and damage to reserves. The worst affected area was Dellside Reserve where slips caused serious issues for two neighbouring residents requiring them to vacate their houses. Other residents voluntarily vacated as they were worried about slips further up the hills moving. All the gully walkways were damaged and are slowly being repaired by the regular team of volunteers working with Keep Richmond Beautiful along with Council staff advice. Fallen pine trees on the Jimmy Lee Creek walkway are still blocking the area

and are to be removed in the near future with Council's Forest Managers organising this work.

Washbourn Gardens received a huge volume of water which has left the detention pond area with a layer of silt that has killed a number of shrubs but once the water went down little other structural damage was done. Jubilee Park was the same although it was covered for some time with over 500 mm of water. Once the water dried up it was fine.

The water ponded in the low lying picnic areas at Rabbit Island and refused to drain. The areas are now slowly drying out and as they dry will be opened to the public. We are still waiting to see what the final effect on the grass and trees will be. The water was initially contaminated with high levels of coliforms (which over the week reduced) and although several types of tests were carried out the source was not specifically identified. However the new toilet disposal system worked very well with no overflows or alarms being set off.

Pinehill Heights Walkway on Ruby Bay Bluffs suffered a number of slips and the walkway system was damaged, repair work has started. McKee Recreation Reserve had a slip which is being attended to and areas ponded similar to Rabbit Island and were fenced off.

Two Rivers Walkway at Brightwater suffered a big washout as the Wai-iti River shifted and washed away a significant area of revegetation planting. Staff are working to provide temporary walkway access here.

In Golden Bay the most affected reserves were in the Pohara to Tata Beach area. They suffered from silt and debris being washed down onto them from land uphill. Bay Vista Recreation Reserve has a large tomo on it which was blocked by silt and large trees and debris. A very large digger was brought in to clear out the tomo and all this debris is still sitting on the reserve. Paradise Way, Ligar Bay Beach Reserves, Nyhane Drive Walkway, Pohara Recreation Reserve and Tata Heights Walkway were all damaged and will require remedial work to varying degrees. The water supply to the Tata Beach toilets was dug up accidentally when the nearby stream was being cleared by a digger but was very quickly reinstated.

Glenn Thorn our Reserves Officer has been seconded onto the Recovery Team and is also working with parks staff to get the parks areas back up and running. Glenn's regular workload is being picked up by parks staff. However this will mean some projects will be delayed.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received.

7. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Reserves Manager's Report RCS12-03-05.

Beryl Wilkes
Reserves Manager

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