



## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Environment & Planning Committee

**FROM:** Dennis Bush-King, Environment & Planning Manager

**REFERENCE:** S611

**SUBJECT:** **MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT REP11-04-07** - Report prepared for meeting of 21 April 2011

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### 1. REVIEW OF REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Our Regional Pest Management Strategy, developed and implemented in conjunction with Nelson City Council is due for review by 1 July 2012. The Government is still considering amendments to the Biosecurity Act which provides for greater national direction in the content of strategies (which will become regional pest management plans) and new funding arrangements. Staff consider that commencing the review should be delayed until the shape of the legislation and any national direction is further clarified. Any delay will be about 6-10 months.

Any delay is not expected to create any legal or funding issues (except there will be a redistribution of labour costs). A number of regional councils are adopting a similar approach.

#### **Recommendation**

**That the Environment & Planning Committee note, and agree, that commencement of the review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy will be delayed pending enactment of the Biosecurity Amendment Act and development of any national direction arising from the new legislation.**

### 2. DOG REGISTRATION FEES

The Annual Plan Schedule of Fees includes the new figures for dog registration for 2011-2012. Given dogs must be registered by 31 July we will be sending invoices to dog owners before the Annual plan is adopted. Letters and invoices need to be printed in May. Accordingly, to ensure any information we give is correct and to meet the requirements of the Dog Control Act in respect of setting fees, the Committee needs to pass an appropriate resolution fixing the fees for the new registration year. Under the Dog Control Act fees can be set by this process without the need for consultation through the Special Consultative Procedure - because we include all fees and charges in the combined schedule, this has been the normal way of securing Council approval and any community feedback.

## Recommendation

**That pursuant to section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996, the Environment & Planning Committee resolves to set the following fees for dog control for the year 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:**

Dog Control		Charges applicable 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 including GST at 15%
Registration Fees:	Urban Dogs	\$50.00
	Rural	\$30.00
	Seeing Eye and Hearing Dogs	No charge
	Search and Rescue Dogs	No charge
	Late payment fee	Additional 50%
Impounding Fees:	1st impounding	\$70.00
	Neutered dogs	\$35.00
	2nd impounding	\$90.00
	Neutered dogs	\$50.00
	3rd impounding	\$110.00
	Neutered dogs	\$65.00
	Sustenance	\$13.50/day
Drop Off Fee (where dogs are not impounded)		\$30.00
Micro-chipping impounded dogs if required		\$25.00
Owners whose dog is de-sexed during the registration year following its impounding will receive a \$30 refund		
Kennel Licence:	Initial Application	\$100.00
	Annual Renewal	\$40.00
(plus any additional costs associated with staff time, hearings and inspections)		
Replacement Registration tag or disk		\$5.00

### 3. TE TAU IHU TREATY SETTLEMENT UPDATE

We have been advised by the Office of Treaty Settlements that the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and the Tainui Taranaki iwi are about to re-enter negotiations. In October 2010 the Minister suspended negotiations with the four Tainui Taranaki iwi given the proceedings against the Crown by Wakatu Incorporation.

Wakatu Incorporation is seeking remedies through the courts that would duplicate the redress being negotiated by Tainui Taranaki. Subsequent to the suspension three of the Tainui Taranaki iwi sought, and were granted by the High Court, intervener status within the proceedings to protect their right to settle with the Crown.

#### **4. ANIMAL HEATH BOARD REPORT**

Annex 1 contains the February 2011 report on the Tb vector control programme in Tasman.

#### **5. GOLDEN BAY - SUMMER COMPLIANCE**

At the December EPC meeting approval was given to commit an additional \$3,000 to employing extra compliance resource in Golden bay over the summer period (Resolution EP10-12-18 refers).

Because of timing and health and safety issues, it was decided easier to extend the contract to Control Services to cover in the main freedom camping issues although some other issues like dogs and litter were also attended to.

Feedback received indicates the availability and responsiveness of the contractor was appreciated.

#### **6. NEW BUOY DEPLORED**

Cawthron Institute has installed a new marine monitoring buoy in Tasman Bay in a location off the Motueka River. The Tasman District Council is involved in assisting with the maintenance of the buoy which allows us to access the data that it will produce. The location is within the area containing the three Tasman AMAs so it not only provides some state of the environment monitoring potential for us but it also acts as a control point in any AMA monitoring.

There has already been a buoy in the area for a few years now installed as a part of the Motueka Integrated Management programme. This previous buoy while providing information was very limited in its functionality and reliability. The new buoy replaces this and offers a considerably better platform for now and into the future. We are confident that its presence will attract additional government and industry research money for new and expanded programmes in the area. We have seen this occur with our involvement in getting the NIWA meteorological buoy in Golden Bay. The data from the GB buoy is already available on our website much like out rivers and rain fall information.

#### **7. WATER METERING REGULATIONS**

We are still in discussions with Ministry for the Environment regarding implementation issues of the water metering regulations. The advice expected will provide direction as to how Council needs to respond to the regulations for replacement consents. This is an issue for Tasman as we have many consents requiring renewal before the transitional dates in the regulations require meter upgrades. Very few of the meters presently installed in Tasman will meet the new regulations. This issue also impacts on any advice we are to provide to Council in alleviating the Moutere water waiting lists.

Irrigation NZ has started work to promote industry installer and auditor accreditation, something we will require our local industry to have to meet the requirements of the regulations but the system may still be a few months away.

## 8. NEXT LiDAR ROUND

We are still waiting for the last of this year's LiDAR (ground survey) capture to be completed. There have been some delays due to equipment failure but it is anticipated that we will have the information by the end of June as required. The two immediate projects waiting for this information are the before and after 28 December Aorere River breakout, and a project to deliver tsunami inundation layers to Council funded via an Envirolink advice grant.

## 9. ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Attached as Annex 2 is a memo from Rob Francis, Environment Educational Officer, which seeks feedback from members on the timing and frequency of the Environmental Awards. Because of the Rugby World Cup later this year, it has been decided to defer the Environmental Awards ceremony but this give rise to the opportunity to consider other changes that might be made.

## 10. RECOMMENDATION

**It is recommended that this report REP11-04-07 be received.**



Dennis Bush-King  
**Environment and Planning Manager**

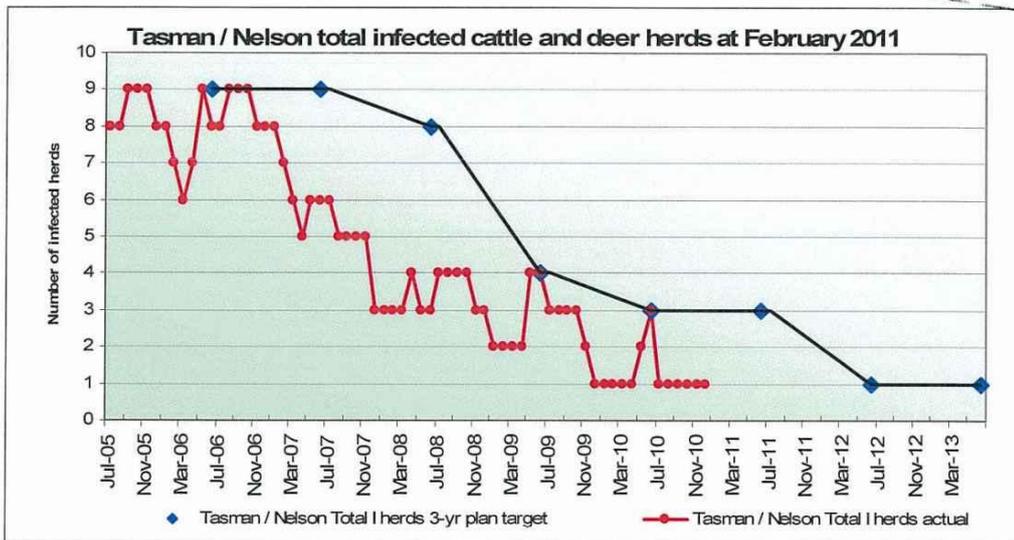


## Animal Health Board Programme Management Monthly Report for Tasman: February 2011

To: Paul Wylie, Chief Executive, Tasman District Council  
 From: Paul Brady Programme Manager, West Coast Tasman  
 Date: 7 March 2011



### 1. PROGRESS TO STRATEGY OBJECTIVES



### 2. VECTOR CONTROL

#### 2.1 Approved programme for Tasman for 2010/11

	Approved Projects	Approved Hectares (Ha)
Possum Control	14	84,524
Possum & Ferret surveys	0	0
Pig Surveys	0	0
Performance Monitor	10	62,317
Trend Monitor	16	89,780

## 2.2 Activities completed in February

Operation Name	Possum Control (Ha)	Performance/Trend Monitors (Ha)	Ferret & Possum Surveys (Ha)	Post Mortems	Pig Survey (Ha)	Total Hectares	Value (\$)
Anatori/Anaweka	Nil	5,686.75	Nil	Nil	Nil	5,686.75	28,946
Aorere Extension	Nil	2,237.24	Nil	Nil	Nil	2,237.24	6,500
Hope Range	4,161.72	4,161.72	Nil	Nil	Nil	8,323.44	45,910
Mangarakau	Nil	2,001.78	Nil	Nil	Nil	2,001.78	15,051
South Motueka	7,910.86	7,910.86	Nil	Nil	Nil	15,821.72	53,500

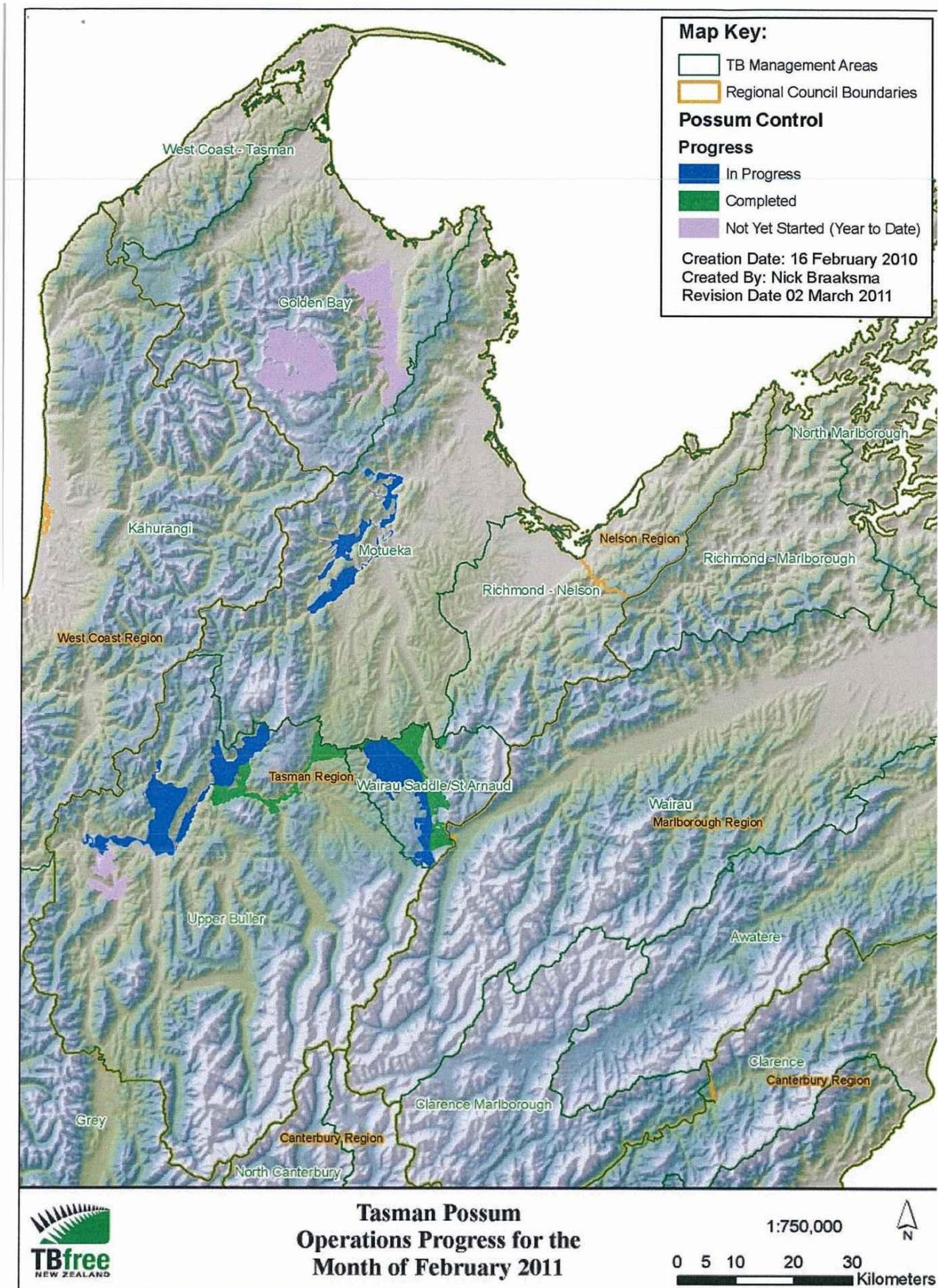
Vector Operations summary to date:

- Eight output ground control operation and associated performance monitors have been completed.
- Three ground control operations are in progress.
- Nine trend monitors have been completed and seven remain to be completed in March/April 2011.

## 3. 2011/12 TENDER ROUNDS

The first 11 output ground control projects for the period between July 2011 and December 2011 have been released; the remaining survey projects will be released after funding and specifications have been confirmed.

Those 11 tenders close on April 15, followed by tender evaluations.



**TO:** Dennis Bush-King  
**FROM:** Rob Francis, Environmental Education Officer  
**DATE:** 14 April 2011  
**SUBJECT:** **TASMAN NELSON ENVIRONMENT AWARDS**

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### **Background**

The Environment Awards are a joint initiative of Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council recognising and celebrating people and organisations in our region who have demonstrated the use of good environmental practice, enhancement and sustainability. The Awards have been running since 1999 and, since 2009, have been run jointly with NCC after a break of several years.

The partnership between the two councils for the awards has added real value both in terms of communicating and supporting each council's objectives, and in offering a genuinely regional opportunity to our community.

### **Entries** (last four years)

2007 – 27 entries  
2008 - 36 entries  
2009 - 87 entries  
2010 - 81 entries

### **Sponsors**

We have good and enduring sponsors for the event:

- Sealord
- Nelson Pine Industries
- Cawthron Institute Trust Board
- Radio Nelson
- NZ Historic Places Trust
- Landcare Research
- EECA
- Irving Smith Jack
- Parkes Automotive
- Wakatu Inc

### **The Awards Ceremony**

The Awards ceremony has been held at the Woollaston Estates in November for the last two years and has gained a high media profile. On a longer term basis the intention is to alternate venues between the TDC and NCC areas, with locations such as the Theatre Royal being an obvious choice for future ceremonies.

### **In 2011**

After discussion and review between TDC and NCC staff, we propose to **not** stage the next Environment Awards this year. The reasons being:

- This year personnel and resources to support the Awards are at a premium, particularly in light of the Rugby World Cup 2011, which will account for a high level of community and council involvement (particularly NCC) during the time usually committed to the awards.

- The opportunity to allow a longer time frame to disseminate relevant information and gather new prospective entrants – in some categories it is more effective to allow longer periods between each award event to allow projects to develop.

### **Options**

1. Running the Awards at a new time with the ceremony in June 2012 allowing the opportunity to review the format, operation and delivery of the Environment Awards
2. Resume the Awards with the usual timing and ceremony in November 2012 allowing the opportunity to review the format, operation and delivery of the Environment Awards

Note: The Review could address the timing and frequency of the Awards.

Our expectation is that both options will enable both councils to offer a fully resourced and well targeted event which will encourage environmental support and engagement across our community.

Rob Francis  
**Environmental Education Officer**