

## REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss

**DATE:** 9 March 2011

**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC-11-03-01-INF**  
Report prepared for meeting of 17 March 2011

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- 1.1 Welcome to today's meeting. Since our last meeting the disaster in Canterbury has made us all realise how vulnerable we are to events outside our control. It does make our own costs associated with the recent flood damage seem rather small.
- 1.2 The time and costs associated with these events puts a strain on all whether it is homes, businesses or the replacement of the infrastructure needed to get communities up and running again.
- 1.3 As one of the many who have hosted families from Canterbury I would like to thank all residents in Tasman for their generosity helping our fellow South Islanders. The fundraising events that have, and are still taking place in our region, are truly amazing. Thanks to you all.
- 1.4 Local Government Transport Congress**  
Gary Clark and I attended this two-day forum in Wellington and an "outcomes" paper is attached. Many rural authorities are becoming alarmed at the reduction in maintenance funding but it is no use asking the Minister for more. There is no more! We need to be able to show him how we can do more with the same funding.
- 1.5 Engineering Department – Hazard Identification**  
The Engineering team recently held a farewell for Gavin Hutchison who has moved to Beca in Christchurch. After the meeting the team held a workshop to update hazard identification in the workplace. I found this session extremely worthwhile and it gave me an insight into the issues that our staff have to work with as part of their every day job and responsibilities. I enjoyed the morning and thank the team for the opportunity to join them.
- 1.6 Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Working Group**  
The first meeting of this group was held in late February with Cr Bouillir appointed as Chairperson. The rules of engagement were worked through and two community representatives were nominated to join the group. All future reports from this group will come from the Chairperson.

Finally the tragic death of Neil Eder will leave a huge gap in our community. Those of us who knew Neil through his work with the Rural Fire Authority will know just how much he will be missed by his workmates, rural fire parties and the wider community in which he had many friends and contacts. Our thoughts go out to his family and the wider community family at this sad time.

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## 2 RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Chairman's Report (RESC-11-03-01) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.**

Regards

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**Trevor Norriss**