

# Environmental Reference Group Meeting Minutes

## 2 March 2009, Korimako - Committee Room 2, Wellington City Council

### **Present:**

Hamish Allardice (Co-chair)  
Tushara Kodikara  
Councillor Wade-Brown  
Mike Ennis  
Philip Mladenov  
Peter Gilbert  
Bev Abbott  
Ian Shearer

### **Apologies**

#### ***Members***

Councillor Pannett  
Nick Potter  
Mel Cutler  
Kathryn Maxwell  
Liz Hibbs  
Ralph Chapman  
Sea Rotmann (Co-chair)  
Nigel Smith (Youth Council)

### **WCC Officers:**

Genevieve Drake (Policy)  
Donna Sherlock (CitiOps)  
Mike Mendonca (CitiOps)

### **GWRC Officers:**

### **Mana Whenua Representatives:**

**Guests/Speakers:** Melanie Thornton WRS  
Jane Hill WRS

### **Welcome**

- Attendees were welcomed and apologies recorded.
- Draft minutes from the 9/2/09 meeting were moved for confirmation by Ian Shearer and seconded by Mike Ennis – carried.

### **Presentation - Melanie Thornton - WRS**

Melanie Thornton – Project Leader Wellington Regional Strategy presented on the Wellington Regional Strategy Indicators with reference to genuine progress indicators which is a process that accounts for the value of natural resources.

#### Questions asked included:

- How far back the data collection went –  – 2001 census data
- What about indicator variance in other areas? –  – data sets should be comparable for indices of change
- What were the criteria for the WRS indicator selection? The Department of Conservation monitoring indicators are coming out soon –  – A formal process was undertaken for the selection of criteria.

## Discussion

### Waste Minimisation Act Implications – Mike Mendonca

Mike Mendonca spoke about the Waste Minimisation Act and the opportunities availed to Council via the Waste Levy provisions. There was round table discussion regarding possible priority products that could receive support:

- a) Contestable fund for electronics
- b) CFL's disposing of them – mercury disposal
- c) Glass – recycling glass as a material to make tiles
- d) Venture Capital – how to use waste products in art/crafts and returning industrial waste to raw products
- e) Life cycle analysis – manufacturing with a view of recycling component parts.  
Education about the habits of consumption

### World Water Day – Sunday 22 March 2009

“Water Crossing Boundaries” theme. The event will ‘piggy back’ the school dragon boat festival and Greater Wellington and UNICEF will be involved on the day. Also a debate is scheduled to occur in the Ilott Theatre.

### Group Goals

The terms of reference for the ERG was discussed however, as some members were not present at the meeting, group goals for 2009 were deferred until the next meeting.

## Additions to Forward Programme

- Greater Wellington – Proposed Regional Policy Statement (March '09)
- Department of Conservation – Wellington Draft Conservation Strategy

## ERG Draft Forward Programme for 2009

Date	Theme / Key Items
2 February	1. Final recruitment selection
9 February	1. LTCCP - engagement 2. Sewage and storm water mixing - inflow & infiltration 3. Sludge process – how this operates 4. Waste Operator Licensing Bylaw
2 March	1. Waste Minimisation Act 2008 – implications [ recycling, cradle-to-cradle, consumption, design 2 Waste] 2. Wellington Regional Strategy – genuine progress indicators 3. Water Day – discussion 4. Group Goals – discussion
6 April	1. LTCCP – formal stage – Presentation 2. Greater Wellington – Proposed Regional Policy Statement 3. Group Goals – discussion

8 June	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Update from Climate Change team</li><li>2. Transport and joint Road Safety/ERG Reference Groups meeting (Celia and Ian)</li><li>3. DOC – Wellington Draft Conservation Strategy</li></ol>
3 August	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. ERG impacts 2009 – December SPC report planning</li></ol>
5 October	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li></ol>
7 December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li></ol>

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm