

## Catchment Management Division Achievements for the 2008/09 Year

### Biosecurity

- The revised Regional Pest Management Strategy became operative on 12 June 2009 after 2-3 years of review.
- The Bovine Tb vector management team has been successful in ensuring the majority of contracted work for the 2008/09 year was completed. A total of 176,500ha was completed by year end with an additional 4,700ha completed in early July.
- Completion of all Tb vector survey work for 2008/09 (251,000ha).
- The number of Tb infected herds for the Wellington region at the end of June 2009 was five with three of these herds having one clear test. The regional target for 30 June 2009 was nine herds. The new total places the region near the national target of 0.2% period prevalence under the Tb strategy.
- Completed pest control in KNE sites (11,952ha) and 55 TLA Reserves (6,704ha). The programmes were completed 47% over the budgeted cost, but were compensated by a 73% increase in revenue from our TLA funding partners.

### BioWorks

- BioWorks completed 91% of the annual work programme by the end of June. The business unit achieved a funding surplus for the year.

### Land Management

- Work began on the Stage 1 development at the Akura Conservation Centre. This involves the drilling and development of a new bore to upgrade the irrigation system. Funding is to be provided by way of a ten year loan serviced by the Akura Conservation Centre.
- The Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative (WRECI) was approved by MAF in October 2008 and by Greater Wellington in June 2009. WRECI will focus on five priority catchments in the Wairarapa and will prepare new Sustainability Plans and implement erosion control work programmes targeting 3,000 hectares of erosion prone land in the first 10 years.
- The Afforestation Grant Scheme has been operative for the last 12 months. In that time a total of \$5.5M has been allocated to projects from the Regional Council pool. Projects in the Wellington region have accounted for \$1.85M (33%).
- Approved soil conservation programmes were completed on 133 properties, 19 hectares of conservation woodlots and 3km of shelterbelts. Conservation woodlots covering 82 hectares were funded under the Government's Afforestation Grant Scheme.

- 3.9km of new riparian planting and 6.5km of maintenance planting were carried out as part of the riparian management programme to increase biodiversity.

### **Flood Protection**

- \$5.37M was spent on new flood protection defences.
  - Waiwhetu Stream consents for clean up and flood protection works were approved and a contractor appointed. This was a significant milestone in this joint GW, HCC and MfE project.
  - Completion of the Strand Park stopbank \$1.0M under budget.
  - Maoribank investigations were completed and Council approval for remedial works obtained.
  - Completing Year 2 of the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme (LWVDS) development programme.
  - Investigation for the Boulcott/Hutt Stopbank were advanced following extensive community consultation.
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