# Flood Protection Manager's report for period ending 8 August 2003

## 1. Manager's comments

We have now largely completed our year-end review requirements. This includes the asset maintenance and the Floodplain Management Plan implementation progress reports included in this Order Paper.

My focus has now turned to getting our work programme for 2003/04 completed, and tasks assigned. The list of tasks is daunting, and some of the lower priority jobs will need to be deferred until future years. However the team is already into the work and I am confident we should be able to nail all the key priorities for the year. In particular the key construction jobs at Strand Park and Belmont on the Hutt River, the new floodwall by the Otaihanga Domain, Waikanae, and another section of edge improvements on the lower Otaki River.

I recently completed a residential management course at Taupo. I have quite a long list of "action points" which I want to put into place. The aim being to "fine tune" the way we work and hopefully improve our outputs and overall results.

## 2. Waikanae River floodplain management [Graeme Campbell]

#### 2.1 Friends of the Waikanae River

The Friends Executive Committee has not met since the last report. The next meeting is programmed for 27 August 2003. The Friends are currently focusing on the care group planting programme for this year.

#### 2.2 Jim Cooke Park realignment

Planning of this three year project is underway. Design and consents is programmed for the current 2003/04 financial year, with construction in the two following financial years. The landowners affected by the realignment have been identified and we will shortly initiate discussions regarding access for construction.

## 3. Otaki River floodplain management [Graeme Campbell]

#### 3.1 Friends of the Otaki River

The Otaki Friends activities are focused on their Care Group project with two planting days programmed for 9 and 16 August 2003. In the order of 1,500 plants will be planted in the lagoon area at the mouth of the Otaki River. The most recent Committee meeting was on 13 August 2003.

#### 3.2 Flood hazard mapping

Approximately 200 formal submissions were received on the flood hazard plans issued for consultation by the Kapiti Coast District Council. These responses have now been divided into areas of responsibility between Kapiti Coast District Council and Greater Wellington on the basis of area of concern and will be dealt with by the respective Councils over the next two months. We are still unsure as to the quantum of work involved in dealing with these submissions. A first off assessment is now underway and we should be able to more accurately determine the work input required following the completion of this initial assessment.

In response to the public meeting held in Otaki on 23 June 2003, we have commenced some additional investigations into specific areas of concern raised over the revised flood hazard maps and the proposed changes to the Kapiti Coast District Plan. The principal investigation relates to the stopbank breach scenario on the Otaki River, upstream of the Railway Bridge. There is clearly a risk of failure in this area, with the existing haul road (stopbank) located very close to the river. The current investigation is to critically assess the degree of this risk and review whether the current determination of the direct flood hazard for Otaki is reasonable. A workshop and on-site assessment has already been carried out.

The results of the Otaki River breach risk review may also indicate that further consideration needs to be given to the current priority of the Chrystall's extended stopbank. It is too early to comment on that aspect at this stage, but a full report on this matter is planned for the October 2003 Landcare Committee meeting.

#### 3.3 Winstones walkway

Further meetings have been held with Winstones Aggregate staff regarding the construction of a walkway on the river side of their plant. All major issues have been resolved and we are now preparing a detailed design plan with construction proposed in March 2004.

## 4. Hutt River floodplain management [Daya Atapattu]

#### 4.1 Ava to Ewen project

Good progress is now being made with the transfer of Strand Park. The agreement between this Council and the Ministry of Education for the Strand Park land transfer was executed on 17 July 2003. The Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) advertised the proposed transfer on 3 August 2003. Submissions on the proposal close on 5 September 2003. If there are no significant claims, we can expect LINZ approval of the land transfer by January 2004.

The Tararua quarry in Linton is the nominated source for the rock supply for Strand Park river realignment. While our preferred contractor has given a written assurance that Tararua quarry is able to supply rock to programme and specification, we think a final follow up of the nominated rock supply is appropriate before letting the construction contract. We propose to visit the quarry during August/September to get a first hand assessment. Rock from Cashmore Contracting's alternative source at Ohakune costs an extra \$12 per tonne.

On 25 July 2003, Mayor Terris wrote to the Council Chairperson requesting us to consider accelerating the project to complete the Alicetown stopbank upgrade by June 2006. At first glance, the requested acceleration appears to be difficult given rock supply logistics, possible higher risks associated with accelerated construction and extra costs. We will investigate accelerating possibilities and report to the Hutt River Advisory Committee (HRAC) in due course.

The proposed agreement for the Opahu Stream pumping improvements has now been jointly prepared by Greater Wellington and Hutt City Council officers. Report 03.484 in this Order Paper recommends approval of this agreement.

#### 4.2 Belmont improvements

The resource consent process for the Belmont edge protections has progressed well. There were only two submissions and both were generally in support of the proposal. We expect a decision by 8 September 2003.

We are currently preparing the tender documents for the edge protection works. Our plan is to call for tenders at the end of August 2003. We do not expect any major construction issues other than possibly rock supply. Our intended quarry visit will confirm, or otherwise, the ability of the Linton quarry to supply both the Strand Park and Belmont jobs. We are currently following up an alternative rock source and expect that we will receive a tender based on this source.

#### 4.3 Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade

The Flood Protection 2003/04 budget includes provision for completing the preliminary design for the Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade. The existing capacity of this stopbank is under a 100-year event and the HRFMP recommends that the stopbank be upgraded to the 2,300-cumec standard.

Investigations for the stopbank upgrade commenced in July 2003. A scope was prepared and tenders were invited for the first investigation job, a topographical survey.

#### 4.4 **Port Road improvements**

Design of new edge protections is on hold until the Hutt City Council completes the long-term development plan for the eastern Hutt River banks. This work is now progressing with the aim of an update report being provided to the HRAC in October 2003. We hope to commence construction of the edge protections during summer 2003/04.

#### 4.5 Non-structural implementation

Developing draft District Plan provisions is complete for both Upper Hutt City Council and Hutt City Council District Plans. Both City Councils are yet to set dates for the proposed plan changes, which they will lead. We will call a Working Group meeting in August/September 2003 to discuss this process and we have engaged Tracy Berghan, Consultant, to provide the required assistance. The exact scope of work required from Flood Protection will not be known until the Working Group meets. Emergency Management officers of the three Councils have identified six emergency management projects to be implemented during this year. Debbie Cunningham has prepared a preliminary scope for these projects. A programme will be agreed at a meeting in September 2003.

## 5. Porirua Stream

### 5.1 Findlay Street

We have arranged a meeting with Wellington City Council officers to discuss the best way to follow up on the submission from Wellington City Council.

## 6. Planning and development services [Phillip Purves]

	July 2003	YTD
Requests brought forward	29	29
Additional requests received	11	11
Responses provided	17	17
Outstanding requests	23	23

The following summarises the formal, written requests for information or advice attended to during July 2003:

## 7. Investigations [Phillip Purves]

### 7.1 Waitohu flood hazard assessment

The hydraulic modelling component of this project is currently running behind programme. However, as the results of this work are fundamental to all of the remaining packages for the flood hazard assessment, a concerted effort is planned to bring the hydraulic modelling component back on schedule for completion by the end of September 2003.

#### 7.2 Other investigations

We are assembling a list of the minor investigation projects that require progressing this financial year. Key priorities for the year will probably include Waiwhetu flood improvement options at Hayward Terrace and Hutt Park, and possibly some further work on the Mangaone Stream flood hazard.

## 8. Operations

### 8.1 Wellington [Jeff Evans]

#### Hutt River

We have just received a trial shipment of rock rip-rap from Takaka in the South Island. This was barged across and unloaded at the sand plant site at the Hutt mouth. The rock is of good quality, is from a proven reliable source, and is comparable in price to what we have been paying from North Island sources.

The contractor still needs to find a suitable long-term landing place for the barge to moor and unload in. We will investigate this further to assist this source becoming a viable option.

Staff are busy with the willow and native planting programme. 3,000 willows and 2,500 native plants are to be planted on the Hutt River berms this financial year.

Rejuvenation of our existing willows along the Hutt River is also underway. Willows are thinned out to encourage further growth, and those that are dying or not performing well are cut out and replaced.

#### Hutt River trail

Construction of the new Estuary Bridge walkway is well advanced. Greater Wellington has funded the walkway with the help of significant contributions from Rotary and the Hutt City Council. The walkway has generated a large amount of public interest with numerous phone calls complimenting staff on the work. There has also been some very good newspaper articles.

#### Hutt River ranging service

Patrolling and surveillance is ongoing. Several members of the public have caught people dumping garden waste and reported them. The offenders were asked to return and remove the waste to avoid possible prosecution. Follow up letters were then sent.

Last month Fraser Crescent and Belmont School were given a presentation about the river and its environment. Both schools were then involved in a very successful planting day at the former Whakatiki shingle plant site and at Belmont, planting more than 200 native plants. The children and teachers involved each received a planting certificate, an information book on the river and a native seedling to take home and grow on.

#### Watercourses

Fallen trees have been removed from the Porirua Stream at Linden, and willow planting to control erosion on the Wainuiomata River is underway.

#### 8.2 Kapiti [Garry Baker]

#### Kapiti Rivers

All major waterways – Waikanae and Otaki Rivers and Waitohu Stream – are running at unseasonably low levels for this time of year, due to lack of significant rain on the Kapiti Coast.

Our major activity during the months of July through to September is the annual planting programme. We plan to plant about 1,000 willow stakes and poles cut from existing stands on the Otaki River, and some 8,200 willows, poplars and alders brought in from local nurseries.

An order for some 600 native trees and shrubs has been placed for inter-planting around the Waimanu lagoon at Chrystalls Bend.

#### **Otaki River**

Kapiti staff assisted students from Otaki College to plant flaxes, cabbage trees, coprosmas and taupatas along the foreshore of the Otaki Estuary lagoon. Some 110 plants were planted on the day. Four further sites are to be planted, and the College has expressed interest to again be involved.

We also assisted with the first of the Friends' planting days at the Rangiuru Stream outlet, as part of the ongoing project to enhance the Otaki Estuary lagoon. About 20 members of the public, including most committee members of the Friends of the Otaki River, planted around the Rangiuru Stream outlet.

There was no extraction from the Otaki River in July, as Winstone Aggregates are currently extracting from their land-based source adjacent to the rail ballast plant.

#### Watercourses

We have completed in-fill planting (275 willow poles) of the buffer zones along both bank of the Waitohu Stream from Askews' property down to the Convent Road Bridge.

#### 8.3 Operations support [Steve Murphy]

#### Waiwhetu Stream – flooding Hayward Terrace

Councillors may recall the annual plan submission from the residents of Hayward Terrace in Woburn. Their main concern is the regular flooding of their properties from the Waiwhetu Stream, and they have been lobbying hard for some form of protection.

There has been several meetings with the group and Flood Protection has agreed to do a local flood hazard study and look at the options available to provide limited protection to their properties. These options will be presented to the residents. The issue of funding any works will also be discussed, as there is presently no budget for improvement works on the Waiwhetu Stream.

#### Asset management

Part of our asset management monitoring programme is a peer review. Current practice is to arrange a reciprocal visit and report with flood protection staff from the Wairarapa Division. While this has worked very well to date it is now appropriate to bring a fresh set of eyes into the process. For the next inspection we intend to approach our neighbours, Horizon Regional Council and suggest we carry out a reciprocal peer review of each other's assets.

**Geoff Dick** Manager, Flood Protection

# Parks and Forests Manager's report for period ending 8 August 2003

## 1. Manager's comments [Murray Waititi]

#### 1.1 Parks closed for lambing

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park will partially close for lambing from 1 August to 30 September. As with last year the bush reserve, front paddocks and Battle Hill summit paddock will remain open to the public during this time. An access way will be kept open so that park users can get into the forest. This has proven to be a popular move and people are much happier as a result of this.

The Waitangirua Farm, Belmont Regional Park will be closed from 15 August to 17 October. No public access is permitted in zone three during this time.

#### 1.2 Queen Elizabeth Park wetland restoration project

For the first time ever one of our environmental restoration projects has made prime time television! Following the discovery of a WWII cache at the site, the army disposed of over 200 anti-tank grenades and 67kg of rifle and machine gun ammunition through four controlled explosions over four days. This was the largest ever ammunition find in Queen Elizabeth Park.

The find and subsequent disposal was also reported on national and local radio, and in at least 14 newspaper articles, including several on the West Coast of the South Island.

On the downside, the find significantly disrupted progress on our wetland restoration project, as we had to halt the contractor, install 24-hour security and other safety measures. However, the ongoing fine weather has meant that once back on site the contractor has been able to proceed with the work with no major problems. A planting programme for the area will commence shortly.

#### 1.3 Rimutaka toilets

Negotiations between ourselves and the current lease of the Rimutaka Tearooms over the cost of power needed to run the toilet block have stalled. We are currently investigating options available to us over securing future power supply for the toilets (programmed for 2005/06). The current arrangement sees GW buying power from the tearooms' lease, however the rate per kw that the lease wants to charge is untenable.

#### 1.4 East Harbour Regional Park

A lot has been happening as we prepare for the ranging service planned for East Harbour. The transfer of the Northern Block of East Harbour Regional Park is progressing well. The land to be involved in the transfer has been 'ground truthed' and agreed to by Hutt City Council, Department of Conservation and ourselves. The paperwork for the reserving and transfer may go over our self-imposed deadline of 1 November 2003 to start the ranging service. Peter O'Brien is co-ordinating a "Heads of" agreement to ensure the service isn't compromised by a delay in the paperwork. A draft agreement has been completed. The working group (comprising delegates from the Wellington Tenths Trust, Te Atiawa as well as Councillors) had its first meeting in June. During the meeting, local Maori expressed special interest in customary harvesting rights, the naming of the Park, and Iwi involvement in the recording of historical information about the area. We are currently working on ensuring that these matters are recognised.

Finally, our staff have started getting "on the ground." Work gangs are preparing to spend a couple of weeks walking the tracks so they can get to know the area better and identify work that needs to be done. Some staff have also given a presentation to East Harbour Environmental Association, MIRO and Eastbourne Rangers on Greater Wellington and its role with parks and forests.

#### 1.5 Queen Elizabeth Park property leases

Gerald Smith, a registered valuer, has investigated options for leasing the Northern Block dairy unit and Southern Block grazing lease at Queen Elizabeth Park. Currently the grazing lease is due to expire at the end of July and the dairy unit lease expires in May 2004. The current leaseholder of both blocks does not intend to renew the leases. At present, it would appear that the best option is to lease both blocks out as one lease for dairying. Therefore the Southern Block grazing lease will be re-leased up until May 2004 so that the two leases can be combined. After that, the combined lease will be tendered for a period of three years while the management plan for the Park is prepared and future options for the use of the land are assessed.

## 2. Planning and policy [Dr Philippa Crisp]

### 2.1 Draft Regional Parks Network Management Plan

Staff have been completing changes to the draft Regional Parks Network Management Plan based on submissions and feedback from the Councillor workshop. The revised version of the plan has been presented at this meeting of the Landcare Committee.

### 2.2 Capital works projects [Graham Laws]

#### 2.2.1 Kaitoke toilets construction complete

The contractor has completed the toilets and rangers' office on the upper terrace at Kaitoke. Our staff will be finishing decking and planting over the next month.

#### 2.2.2 Tenders received for Queen Elizabeth Park toilets

The architects are assessing the tenders received for toilets at Whareroa beach (4 cubicle) and MacKays Crossing (6 cubicle including 2 disabled access), Queen Elizabeth Park. Work is expected to begin in August and be completed before peak summer visitors in December.

#### 2.2.3 Rimutaka Rail Trail works proceeding

Contractors have fabricated the footbridge for the Munitions Bend Bridge. Our staff will be working with the Silverstream Railway in September to reinstate the rail track and plant the area.

## 3. Marketing and design [Amanda Cox]

#### 3.1 Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park

The first meeting of the Establishment Group was held on 2 July at the Kapiti Coast Library meeting room. Twenty-five people attended the meeting facilitated by Derek Wilshere and addressed by Cr Chris Turver. Ross Jackson and Park Ranger Chris Muller spoke of activities in the Park and there was a lot of interest expressed by those present. Even though a number of the Establishment Group have different views on how the Park should be managed and developed, there was mutual respect of the various viewpoints and there was a very positive feeling about the meeting. A further meeting was held on 14 August.

#### 3.2 Hutt River Trail

30 Hutt Valley and South Wairarapa Rotarians together with Council staff had a field trip on Saturday 26 July. They were looking at the extension of the Hutt River Trail as an opportunity for Rotary to celebrate their centenary in 2005.

The trail will continue from Birchville through to the Te Marua end of Kaitoke Regional Park and connect with the Rimutaka Rail Trail via the State Highway 2 underpass to be constructed at the top of Kaitoke Hill. Rangers Thane Walls, Steve Edwards and Dean Hearfield all spoke and guided the group which went right up to Summit. Each of the 10 Rotary clubs is now considering their further involvement in development of the trail.

## 4. Environmental asset management [Dr Philippa Crisp]

#### 4.1 Hutt Catchment 1080 possum control operation

The Hutt Catchment 1080 possum control operation has been completed. The operation was publicly notified in the Upper Hutt Leader, the Dominion Post and Contact in late June. The feed bait was sown over the 8,615 hectare area on 23 July and staff reported that possums were feeding well on the bait. The toxic bait was then sown on Monday 28 July and all tracks were cleared of bait the following day. Water supply intake from the Hutt River ceased prior to the operation and water will be taken from the Stuart Macaskill Lakes until the bait is broken down. The bait breakdown rate and water 1080 levels are being carefully monitored.

Post operation monitoring will be completed in late August/early September to determine the success of the operation. The weather during the operation proved ideal and there were three fine nights following the operation (the best conditions for possum bait take). The Upper Hutt Leader printed a Council news release about the completion of the operation on 30 July. The Hutt River will be checked for possum carcasses if a flood event occurs and the public will be warned if any carcasses are found.

#### 4.2 Other control operations

Two professional pig hunters worked for 10 days in the Wainuiomata/ Orongorongo Water Collection Area. Seventeen pigs were culled (nine boars and six sows).

Pest plant control operations include:

- convolvulus and German ivy in Battle Hill
- Chilean rhubarb, banana passionfruit, cathedral bells and buddleia in Korokoro Valley
- old man's beard in Cannon's Creek
- Mexican daisy, eleagnus, privet and boxthorn in Pakuratahi forest
- ivy and banana passionfruit in Wainuiomata Recreation Area.

## 5. Western sector [Matt Ballantine]

#### 5.1 Battle Hill Farm Forest Park

#### 5.1.1 Gorse and thistle control

Weed control has been carried out on the Park with the main focus being thistles and gorse. Some areas on the farm are prone to gorse infestation and regular maintenance is needed to keep on top of it. The older gorse has been cut and stump treated while the smaller plants have been sprayed. By keeping on top of the weed problem and using more manual means of removal we have been able to significantly reduce the amount of chemical used on the farm. With the thistles, alternative means of controlling them such as goats are being tried. It makes far more sense to turn the thistles into money than spend money removing them. A certain amount will always need to be spent but early indications are that the goats have been effective in the paddocks trialled. The native tree nettle onga onga has also been sprayed in some areas to reduce the risk to public recreating on the farm. It can grow profusely around shelter belts and is dangerous if people that have fall into it.

#### 5.1.2 Transpower volunteers

Recently Ranger John Bissell played host to two staff from Transpower who were taking part in a volunteer's day at the Park. Staff at Transpower are entitled to one day per year voluntary work and had requested to work at Battle Hill. The day was spent refilling bait stations and checking traps in the bush reserve which are pulse fed on a regular basis to ensure that a possum population does not get a chance to re-establish. The volunteers enjoyed the chance to get outdoors and learn more about what goes on in the parks and forests. John enjoyed the fact that he had a couple of extra packhorses to help carry the bait around.

#### 5.2 Belmont Regional Park

Wellington Search and Rescue have made use of the Stratton Street education facility on two occasions, for a first aid and tracking course. It is good to be able to offer this group the use of the facility, as they are involved in search and rescues throughout our parks and forests.

Students from Wellington School of Medicine studying environmental health visited both East Harbour and Belmont Regional Parks. The ranger led the group on a field trip to both areas.

#### 5.3 Queen Elizabeth Park

A wetland area alongside the Wainui Stream at the Paekakariki end of the Park has been fenced off from stock. This area is being planted up by the local Kohanga Reo Whanau and will be used for cultural harvesting purposes in the future. This area is in close proximity to Tilly Road. A bridge across the Wainui Stream has been constructed so that walkers will be able to access the inland track and the Wainui Stream walk from Tilly Road.

## 6. Eastern sector [Fraser Oliver]

#### 6.1 Pakuratahi Forest

Within Tunnel Gully reserve a culvert pipe was replaced as the previous pipe was too small in diameter and has caused scouring of the road surfaced on several occasions in the past.

Four consented events occurred during this period. These included two school groups in the Tunnel Gully reserve and two mountain biking events in Tunnel Gully and Maymorn Forest. Poor weather prevented a mountain bike downhill event planned for Mount Climie Road but rescheduling is in the pipeline and hopefully weather conditions will be kinder.

#### 6.2 Kaitoke Regional Park

Work continues on the Pakuratahi River truss bridge and associated tracks. The decking and handrails have been installed. The track linking the bridge site to the Pakuratahi Forks requires a section of boardwalk and signage before it can be opened.

A winter storm in early July brought snow to low altitude areas of the Park for the first time in several years. A large number of people visited the Park to enjoy the winter scene. There was some damage to the forest with snow laden trees falling across tracks and roads. These have since been cleared.

#### 6.3 Wainuiomata

Work on the northern boundary fence is progressing well considering recent weather conditions and post-holing difficulties, i.e. rocky sub-soil. Taking this into account, the workmanship from the contractor is top rate and completed sections look great.

The last of the current programme of balloted tours was held on 20 July. Balloting for the 2003/04 programme will be advertised in the coming weeks. Tararua tramping club (family section) and the Wednesday Walkers partook in the visit and thanked staff and interpreter guides for the day's experience. Interesting to note, during a thank you speech to rangers and interpreter guides, were comments regarding how good it is to see where our rates money actually goes e.g. the water treatment process, environmental and recreation management.

Murray Waititi Manager, Parks and Forests

# Landcare Support, Divisional Accountant's report for period ending 8 August 2003

## **Financial summary**

#### Direct expenditure

Overall, Landcare had a 3.1% (\$250,000) favourable variance against budget (or 1.1%, \$87,000 favourable against forecast) for the year ending 30 June 2003.

This is particularly pleasing given the quantum of extra projects that were undertaken in both Parks and Forests and Flood Protection.

A considerable driver behind the variance to budget was a saving in personnel cost of \$334,000. This was a result of the restructuring that occurred in Landcare late in the 2001/02 financial year, and natural staff attrition, although some of this saving was used to pay for additional contract staff and the projects mentioned above.

Landcare Division Financial Summary Statement For the 12 months ending 30 June 2003 \$000					
	Actual	ear to Date Budget	Variance	Full Year Forecast	
External Revenue	12,656	12,566			
Internal Revenue	963	1,088		1,101	
TOTAL REVENUE	13,619	13,653		13,709	
Direct Expenditure	7,802	8,052	250 F	7,888	
Indirect Expenditure	3,739	4,044	305 F	4,002	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	11,541	12,096	555 F	11,890	
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	2,078	1,558	521 F	1,819	
Net Asset Acquisitions	268	576	308 F	274	
Capital Projects	1,015	2,706	1,691 F	1,103	

There were a couple of significant direct expenditure items that did not occur during the year as planned. These were the Hutt Catchment 1080 drop, which resulted in a 2002/03 saving of \$80,000, and the use of the environmental education budget to create the new truss bridge in Kaitoke Regional Park (resulting in a direct expenditure saving of \$60,000).

#### Indirect expenditure

Total indirect expenditure came in at \$305,000 under budget. This is a combination of a \$230,000 savings in depreciation resulting from the capex spends in 2001/02 and 2002/03 being lower than planned, and a \$67,000 savings in financial costs for the same reason.

#### Net asset acquisitions

Net asset acquisitions had a favourable variance against budget of \$308,000.

The items of significance making up this variance are the delay in purchasing the Strand Park land (budgeted at \$211,000) and the Logan Whanau land (budgeted at \$42,000). Both of these items have been rebudgeted in the 2003/04 financial year.

#### **Capital projects**

Capital expenditure was under budget by \$1,691,000. The main variance here was the Strand Park Channel work where the delay in the land purchase has pushed the construction back a year (resulting in a saving in 2002/03 of \$1,550,000.

Two other capital projects were not progressed to the expected level in the financial year. These were the Otaihanga road raising which has been rebudgeted in 2003/04 (a saving of \$142,000 in 2001/02) and the new toilet blocks in Queen Elizabeth Park which were under spent by \$90,000.

The favourable variances were slightly offset by the construction of the truss bridge in Kaitoke Regional Park which was rates funded (\$78,000).

## **Annual performance indicators**

A mixed bag throughout the Division, with a total of six out of seven Parks and Forests, and six out of nine Flood Protection performance indicators being either substantially achieved or complete.

The capital works programme performance indicators were the main culprits. We intend to catch up on these programmes over the coming financial year as they do not have any funding implications.

**Tina Walker** Divisional Accountant, Landcare