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Committee Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee Authors Murray Kennedy, General Manager, Utilities and Services

General Manager's report to the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting of 12 October 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Greater Wellington activities relating the Committee's areas of responsibility.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Utilities and Services

At the last meeting of the Committee, Allie Webber from the Kapiti US Marines Trust and Jan Nesbit of Bike in Kapiti Experiences addressed the Committee. This was about celebrating the 70th anniversary of the US Marines encampment at the park during the second world war and park developments.

As a result of this presentation, officers are working with these two groups to develop a plan for the celebrations and a full report will be brought to the Committee at the meeting on 23 November. This is approximately six months before the celebrations at the end of May 2012.

Mr Joe Clarkson representing Nga Uruora spoke about the bike trail and ecological restoration at Queen Elizabeth Park. Officers have subsequently met with Mr Clarkson at the park to work through these issues.

During September, Lake 2 of the Stuart Macaskill Lakes was been emptied so the embankment could dry out prior to the seismic enhancement work and increased storage capacity work commencing in October. At the Council meeting on 28 September, the Councillors approved letting of a contract for the enhancement work.

As a result of restructuring within Greater Wellington, a new position of General Manager Development has been created and the Chief Executive has appointed Murray Kennedy to this position from 20 October. There will also be a General Manager Water Supply and at the time of writing, an appointment has still to be made. This means there will no longer be a General Manager Utilities and Services. Activities currently reported to the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee will continue but through different Groups.

4. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. **Receives** the report.
- 2. *Notes* the content of the report.

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