

Meeting Notes

Meeting title	BIOSECURITY ADVISORY GROUP
Group Area	Central Canterbury
Date	22 March 2022
Time	9:00am – 12:00pm
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Invited	Helen Stewart, Roger Bray, Andy Cox, Barry Austin, Chas Todhunter, Fiona McDonald, Hamish Gilpin, Maree Goldring, Michael Salvesen, Nicky Snoyink, Cllr. Bob Mugford, Cllr. Ian Mackenzie, Michael McMillan, Carl Diamond, Laurence Smith, Bruce Marshall, Zoe Buxton, Paige Lawson, Morgan Shields, Rich Langley, Kaitlin Brydon
In attendance	Cllr. Ian Mackenzie, Andy Cox, Kaitlin Brydon, Cllr. Bob Mugford, Bruce Marshall, Hamish Gilpin, Helen Stewart, Laurence Smith, Morgan Shields, Nicky Snoyink, Paige Lawson, Rich Langley, Roger Bray, Mike Salvensen
Apologies	Carl Diamond, Barry Austin, Fiona McDonald, Zoe Buxton

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Person:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.	<u>Welcome, introductions, apologies & housekeeping</u> Cllr. Mackenzie opened meeting. Apologies from Carl Diamond, Barry Austin, Fiona McDonald	Cllr. Mackenzie	
2.	<u>Notes/Actions</u>		
2.1	<u>Actions/Updates from last meeting</u> Wilding conifer information was sent out to group. Draft copy of Wilding Conifer rules will be discussed later in the meeting Update of the Check, Clean, Dry programme was provided by Rich, will talk to it later in the meeting Discussion re article in Timaru Herald about the Wilding Conifer Programme, was taken out of context.	Rich Langley / Laurence Smith	
2.2	<u>Council Update</u> Cllr. Mackenzie gave brief Council Update. Concentrating on annual plan, currently out for consultation. 24% rate increase proposed. River rating costs to be spread more fairly across Canterbury. Working to improve how river ratings are applied.	Cllr. Mackenzie	

<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p>	<p><u>Public Forum</u></p> <p><u>Opportunity for public engagement with the BAG</u></p> <p>No public in attendance.</p>		
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p><u>Main Discussion Items</u></p> <p><u>Regional and local programmes update</u></p> <p>Regional report update that was sent out taken as read.</p> <p>Laurence briefly highlighted some regionally focussed items from the update provided.</p> <p>Touched on Velvet Leaf – time of year to be on lookout for it.</p> <p>Biosecurity Act Review update – nothing to update, still waiting for the update to go across the Minister’s desk, then needs to go out for public review</p> <p>Feral animals/ungulates – have had a meeting, was quite productive. Good to talk to that group of people, get a feeling where everyone sits. Established communication and will be an ongoing discussion. Department of Conservation are currently working on a strategy, will be out in the near future. Will be good to see what they’re proposing. Main thing was to hear from LINZ and DOC at that meeting, will be further meetings with wider groups of people.</p> <p>Question – who was at that meeting?</p> <p>Initially was going to be a meeting with DOC & LINZ only, but did invite NZ Game Council & Deer Stalkers Assn. Fed Farmers asked to be included from hearing about it at a BAG meeting. Key thing was to learn more about the strategy being developed at a higher level particularly to do with LINZ & DOC – LINZ made some comments but DOC is the main player. Looking at having further meetings with a broader range of groups.</p> <p>Comment re Forest & Bird wanting to be included at a higher level.</p> <p>Question from the update regarding the large Nassella tussock find in Southern area, why wasn’t it found earlier?</p> <p>Many reasons e.g. budget under the previous pest management plan for surveillance was very small, coupled with lack of awareness from the community and focus on the known infested areas predominantly in North Canterbury.</p>	<p>Laurence Smith/ Bruce Marshall</p>	<p>Forest & Bird to be included in future ungulates meeting</p>

	<p>parts of the country. Considering climate change as well. Long term approach. Focusing on pests, weeds, insects, etc. Trying to prevent the next big pest getting out of control.</p> <p>Morgan currently contacting community groups/industry/Crown research institutes/universities – open to receiving information from all sources. Researching distribution of pests etc. Once we have the list, will be able to prioritise species and increase our surveillance programme. Very broad approach initially, then will narrow down. List is currently 470 species.</p> <p>People are encouraged to use Find-A-Pest – great to have digital report.</p> <p>Will be getting advice from Technical Advisory Group (TAG) as well, pretty much there with terms of reference etc, will be an external group looking at practical/scientific methods around invasive organisms.</p> <p>Aim is to be more informed and make better decisions in the future and contain/exclude some very problematic species that could cost us in the future.</p> <p>Work will feed into the surveillance programme and inform pathway management.</p>		
4.5	<p><u>Five Year Business Plan</u></p> <p>Apologies from Carl for this meeting, this item will be held for a future meeting.</p>	Carl Diamond	Held for future meeting
4.6	<p><u>BAG Chair Election and future membership</u></p> <p>November 2022 marks 3 years of the BAGs. There will be a review of membership. Question to the group, should we wait until November and review who is staying on the group before we elect new Chair, or do we elect new member Chair now?</p> <p>Should the Chair remain the Councillor, or a member?</p> <p>Councillor will still be on group whether elected Chair or not.</p> <p>Group discussion, consensus being that happy to stick with status quo and wait until after Council elections. Terms of reference should prevent group going off on a tangent, comfortable with Chair being any member.</p> <p>Want to make sure there is a consistent process across the four BAGs, thoughts from all groups to be collated and a process will be sent out.</p>	Laurence	Rich to send out email with Chair election process.

4.7	<p>Continuity would be great, be good to bear in mind that Councillors may not get re-elected, so could be good to have a group member as Chair.</p> <p><u>General Business</u></p> <p>None</p>	All	
5.	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Invites for next 2 meetings have been sent out – please confirm availability for both meetings.</p>	Rich Langley	
5.	<p><u>Meeting Close</u></p> <p>Meeting closed 11am by Cllr. Mackenzie</p>	Cllr. Mackenzie	