

# StAG Updates

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## Incentives Board

*Te Taru White, Programme Director*



The Rotorua Lakes Incentive Scheme Board announced the appointment of Te Taru White as the new Programme Director for the scheme. Te Taru has been a Te Arawa representative on STAG for the past year; he comes with a scientific and extensive senior executive level background and is well connected into the community.

He started work on 30 March and since then has been busy setting up the administrative systems for the Board and getting familiar with the reporting

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## Opportunities Symposium

*Hariata Ngatai, Marketing and Communications Advisor, BOPRC*

Progress is being made in finalising the programme for the two-day symposium, an updated draft programme is available on request which will be finalised by April 30th. A list of topics and potential speakers were brainstormed late last year and have been invited to submit abstracts for review by Land TAG of. 13 abstracts have already been received and we are expecting another 23 from the list of those invited to submit.

The Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre has been booked for 16th and 17th June.

Staged communications will begin to roll out in the next couple of weeks. We encourage members of StAG to forward information that is sent to their respective groups that they represent as well as any interested parties.

If you have any queries relating to the programme please contact Warren Webber.

## Lake Rotorua Nutrient Rules Update

*Stephen Lamb, Acting Manager Water Policy, BOPRC*

The date for adopting the rules as ready for notification has been under review. The reasons for this are continue the process of engaging with the community to increase the understanding of why the rules are required, and to re-run the methodology behind the numbers underpinning the Integrated Framework.

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## Incentives Board cont'd

mechanisms required of an "arms length" subcommittee of the BOP Regional Council. The Incentive scheme is now effectively operational and while priority has been given to establishing an operational plan and budget which includes a service level agreement with the BOPRC, the need to make early contact with key internal and external stakeholders in particular land owners in the Rotorua catchment area, is a high priority.

Introductory meetings have already been held with several landowners who expressed an interest to

## Lake Rotorua Nutrient Rules Update cont'd

While Council remains confident about the science and methodology there is a need to make sure that the numbers generated under the latest Overseer version add up in the same way as those that were generated under the benchmarking process.

For the above reasons the Regional Council's Regional Development and Delivery Committee at its 01 April meeting decided to aim to adopt the nutrient rules by **August 2015**. This is a change to the previously noted June 2015 deadline.

## Laugh Corner

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy.

He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing.

Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.

The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

