

# **Resource Management Law Association Newsletter Nelson/Marlborough Branch April 2006**

## **IMPORTANT – NEXT RMLA EVENTS**

### **1. June 2006 – MFE and RMLA – Enforcement Workshop**

The Branch has expressed interest in holding one of the National Roadshow workshops on Enforcement in Nelson, based on whether we can generate enough numbers. We need around 25-30 at least to attract the Roadshow here. The Branch thus extends the invitation to members of the West Coast Branch of both RMLA and NZPI to attend and have a day out in wonderful Nelson.

Whilst the workshop is primarily geared towards the territorial Council enforcement staff, it will be of interest to the regional officers as well, as well as practitioners from both sides – consultants and lawyers alike. It is directed to all enforcement staff (building inspectors, planners, environmental health personnel). One outcome that the MFE hopes will arise from this will be plenty of networking and sharing of experiences.

The intention is to provide both practical and process-based training to RMA enforcement practitioners. This training will involve developing a one day workshop, loosely titled “An Introduction to the RMA Enforcement Manual”. This would provide a general overview of the content of the Manual, and enforcement tools, with an emphasis on abatement notices and infringement notices

Can you please contact the Branch Secretary, Rob Harris, either by phone (03 5456 5678) or at [tasmanhill@ts.co.nz](mailto:tasmanhill@ts.co.nz) as soon as possible (by 10 April? at latest) so that we can get an idea of numbers, and advise MFE of the interest.

### **2. Visit of the Minister, David Benson-Pope to Nelson**

This is a reminder to all members of the Nelson–Marlborough Branch to let either Rob Harris or Hugh Briggs know if you intend to come to the breakfast meeting on Thursday 20 April to listen to David Benson-Pope speak on the RMA. There will be a “light and tasty” breakfast served (self service!) at a cost of \$5 per head. It is to be at the Maitai Club rooms, which are located on Kinsett Drive which is by the roundabout of SH6 and Trafalgar Street by the Maitai river bridge. Plenty of parking available. The rooms will be open at 8am and the talk will start at 8.15am.