May 9th 2016

Mayor & Councillors

South Wairarapa District Council

Submitters Details

Friends of Stella & Sarah

C/- Jan Eagle

18 Garrison Street Carterton.

Dear Mayor & Councillors, we submit to the Annual Plan seeking support from the South Wairarapa District Council for the Installation of the Kouka Arbor Sculpture proposed for the frontage of Stella Bull Park. At present we have secured nearly all the funding we require and at the time of writing we have a small shortfall of \$5625.70 (please see the attached budget).

In this submission we request funding for the plinth designed and installed under the supervision of Michael Hewison CP Engineer from Eastern Consulting. The estimate of this cost is \$5000.

The Kouka Arbor Sculpture will be constructed by well regarded sculptor Niko Thomsen in steel at his Matarawa workshop and will be transported to the site in sections.

The site selected will be beside Kouka Cottage, back from the footpath. Please see attached New Zealand Transport Agency approval. This varies from the original proposal, where we were intending to locate the work over the top of an existing concrete pole.

Niko Thomsen estimates the work will take 600 hours to complete, and he is intending to approach the MenzShed to engage help for the sculptural decoration to the trunk of the Kouka in an effort to subside the labour/costs.

In Conclusion, the Kouka/Cordyline Australis would become an iconic feature of the Main Street site. The sculpture will pay tribute to the settler history and tradition of Arbor Day in Greytown.

The Friends of Stella & Sarah wish to acknowledge the support of D R Borman, Aratoi Foundation, Toi Wairarapa, Greytown Community Board and the Greytown business Community.

We hope that you will give our request for funding some consideration.

Kind Regards

Jan Eagle (Facilitator, Friends of Stella & Sarah).



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24 September 2015

Jan Eagle 18 Garrison Street Carterton 5713

Dear Jan,

RE: New Sculpture at Stella Bull Park, Greytown

Thank you for consulting with NZ Transport Agency with regard to erecting a new steel cabbage tree sculpture at Stella Bull Park in Greytown.

The proposal is to erect the new sculpture in the Stella Bull Park on Main Street, approximately 2.25m from the footpath/lawn boundary.

The Transport Agency is satisfied that the proposal will not adversely affect traffic safety and efficient operation of the state highway. The Transport Agency has no objections to the proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter in further detail on 04 9318911 or at Dandan.Huang@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Dandan Huang Network Manager

Cc: tncart@xtra.co.nz



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Sculpture in the Park Budget Stella Bull park inc Sarah's Garden

| Expenses (GST incl.) | |
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| Niko Tomsen | 24,186.00 |
| Design Submission to GCB | 1,689.70 |
| Advertising | 1,000.00 |
| Administration, Copy & Postage | 1,000.00 |
| Sponsors Plaque & Contingency | / |
| Total Expenses | 3000.00 \$30.875.76 |
| To be Funded by: | |
| Income (GST incl.) | |
| Held by S.W.D.C on behalf of Friends of Stell | a & Sarah |
| DR Borman | 1,000.00 |
| Trust House | 3,000.00 |
| S.W.D.C. CCS | 1,000.00 |
| Fresh Choice | 1,500.00 |
| Holmes Construction | 1,000.00 |
| Aratoi Foundation | 5,000.00 |
| White Swan | 500.00 |
| Liz Koh | 500.00 |
| S.W. Rotary | 1,000.00 |
| Property Brokers | 500.00 |
| Sargood Bequest | 2,250.00 |
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| u de la construcción de la const | <u>~ 5.250 00</u> |
| Current Shortfall | <u>25.250 00</u> 5-625-70 |
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Income held with S.W.D.C 17,250.00Expenditure as listed 320×75.70 This Request is for 45.000.00



inc Sarah's Garden Share the History Enjoy the Park Picnics Market Days Family Trees Iconic Kouka Sculpture

Stella Bull Park

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Arbor Day Celebration

Heritage Apple Orchard Primary School Plantings Kouka was

SCULPTURE

a food source

Greytown's Green Heart Community Ownership Friends of Stella & Sarah Stella Bull Park inc. Sarah's Garden Main St Greytown

Sculpture in the Park

Overview:

A Niko Thomsen sculpture in steel will depict an iconic cabbage tree as a symbol of the fortitude displayed by Greytown's early pioneers. It is expected this tribute will generate visitor/public interest in the history of sustenance provided by the land.

Today as a community edible garden, the focus is on sustainability and well-being that will benefit the community. The Kouka or Cabbage tree also refers to the fact Greytown is the Abor town of New Zealand

Evidence of Need:

What.

An image/branding on the Main Street frontage will invite visitors to stop and walk through – not past.

Stella Bull Park inc. Sarah's Garden

The Friends of Stella & Sarah believe that our green space in the heart of Greytown has a unique history.

The land retains the direct link with the process of the settlement and survival by both Maori and Pakeha.

Thomas Kempton Snr, Greytown's first mayor, gifted the land to his daughter Sarah on her marriage to Edward Dunn. Sarah created a garden of Eden, that provided not only for her family, but the community as well.

We are told that Maori grew the Kouka (Cordyline Australis) as an important food source on the land near Kouka Cottage. Some Remain.

Sarah loved the native bush and nurtured seedlings for replanting, the Podocarpus Totara remains a healthy tree. The frontage also has Kowhai, Miro, as well as the huge Phoenix Canariensis planted by Sarah.

We, the Friends, have focused on the educational value this history provides for primary school children using the park daily, as well as visitors and community.





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9th May 2016

South Wairarapa District Council

PO Box 6

MARTINBOROUGH

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Annual Plan Submission Whakapuaki whānau

On behalf of the Wairarapa Safer Community Trust we are making a submission to the Council's Annual Plan 2016 / 2017process.

This submission is in the form of financial assistance for our Whakapuaki whānau programme which is delivered by Wairarapa Safer Community Trust and we are asking the Council to consider funding \$10,000.00 as a contribution towards this programme.

Attached please find a summary of this programme that fully supports the South Wairarapa region. South Wairarapa District Council has historically provided support and a financial contribution to Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council. This organisation has recently rebranded to Wairarapa Safer Community Trust and introduced Whakapuaki whānau.

This is an opportunity for the Council to support this initiative and I would like to thank the Council for considering our submission and Wairarapa Safer Community Council would like the opportunity to present this submission to South Wairarapa District Council.

Yours sincerely

Tere Lenihan Manager



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Whakapuaki whānau

Programme summary

Wairarapa Safer Community Trust (WSCT) is centrally located within Wairarapa to have full and easy access to North, South, East and West of the Wairarapa Region. Due to this, WSCT is in an ideal position to offer services to a wider clientele. WSCT is delivering a Māoricentred-strengths-based wrap around service that ensures it considers the positive impact of the Whakapuaki Whānau programme in the lives of rangatahi and their whānau. Whakapuaki Whānau is a Māori-centred strengths-based wrap around programme that is based on the notion that all whanau have potential and mana. Whakapuaki Whānau will ensure that rangatahi are supported to:

- Establish mechanisms for wellbeing, 0
- Increase self-confidence,
- Establish connections to whenua, whānau, and the wider community,
- Seek appropriate assistance when required,
- Establish meaningful relationships with others, .
- Access relevant services,
- Increase whānau development, .
- Increase communication within whanau, and
- Actively participate in education. .

Whakapuaki Whānau suggests that eliminating negative interactions with education, health and social service systems will lead to a decrease in poor negative outcomes. Whakapuaki Whānau is holistic and supports whānau and to work together to minimise social isolation and duplication of services. Whanau sit at the core of this programme and will be active participants in creating new pathways. For more information about Whakapuaki Whanau see Appendix One.

Wairarapa Safer Community Trust currently offers a range of services to the community and can demonstrate their ability to deliver similar programmes to rangatahi and their whānau. Services in the South Wairarapa have improved over the years yet still highlight the limited number of programmes. There are instances where services have been increased due to need. Twice the amount of contracted interventions was utilised for programmes, for example:



The graph below demonstrates the referral locations for Whakapuaki whānau:



The following graph demonstrates the amount of work that Wairarapa Safer Community Trust does in South Wairarapa from our other services from 1 July 15 to 29th April 2016. The following graph does not include Whakapuaki whānau.





- Life to the Max (LTTM) has exceeded contracted volumes by 200%. This programme is designed to support young people and their families who are demonstrating behaviours that indicate risk of offending. Young people and their families are assessed on the four cornerstones: education, health, community and family/whānau. The aim is to decrease youth offending and increase participation in education, training, and employment.
- 2. **Parent Education and Support** works alongside parents of young people and children and provide skills and strategies to help with behavioural issues, and to enhance relationships and family dynamics.
- 3. Strengthening Families WSCT is a lead agency for this strategy.
- 4. **Youth Services** this includes Youth Payment (YP), Young Parent Payment (YPP), and Young Partners.

To date Whakapuaki whānau clients have access to a team of staff, Parenting Educator delivering 1-1 parenting programmes which has enabled the parents to become confident and competent on meeting family targets. Parents have acquired new skills, strategies and the tools to manage as parents. Mentors (Youth Coordinators) work the children, young person / rangatahi to assist with the goals of the programme. The mentors work with the schools and community to build the Childs self-esteem and improve behaviour and mentors provide support when community works is required to be completed. This ensures a consistent practise occurs which is evidenced based.

Parents feel that they have the tools to parent without violence and can now parent in public with the new tools to manage the situation. Graduation and celebrations occur when the clients have completed the Whakapuaki whānau programme.

Whakapuaki whānau clients have had the added advantage of having an onsite Counsellor and this has provided the opportunity to offload and deal with many issues that have been contributing to their ability not cope as a family / whānau.



Clients if they did not have Wairarapa Safer Community Trust versus what clients receive from this organisation.

Note: Italics font illustrates Wairarapa Safer Community Trust involvement.

There are many reasons to why our clients would be lost if they did not have us here is some of the reasons why:

- Loneliness Empowering the whānau regular visits and contact phone from staff for support. Empowering clients with them, knowing that we are there for them and offer empathy. Providing company / humour and enabling clients to not feel isolated
- **Poverty / Vulnerable** Providing support and advocacy in WINZ Job seekers employment, links to clubs (Sports), libraries, Youth Payments, Youth Payment Food parcels, Churches. Engaging youth into holiday programs, school meetings, supporting with other agencies i.e.: CAMHS, Alcohol and Drug services
- Not in employment Supporting with Job seekers, employment, trades apprenticeship, CV writing, interview skills, confidence building, looking for employment that is suitable for the client, Youth Guarantee for UCOL and Wellington UCOL, Educational opportunities to completed Level 1,2,3 i.e.: Trade and commerce, Taratahi, Schools Colleges.
- Lack of understanding in finding resources to assist Advocates, WINZ, ACC. Lawyers, Doctors, Specialists appointments, FGC and Youth Justice / Child youth and family/ Housing. Police Youth Justice. Most clients need support and a voice with them to help with the challenges that they are going through.
- Lack of educational opportunities work experience Guidance as above - Enrolling clients into school, early exemptions if needed. RTLB referrals if required, School Counsellor referrals if needed.
- Zero support from other avenues Wairarapa Safer Community Trust agency intervention, support and referral for the appropriate agency that the client wishes and connects with.
- Counselling and Alcohol and Drug issues We offer clients rides and support to appointments with a Counsellor and should they not get along with the Counsellor we assist in providing different options.
- Lack of parenting support and skills Parenting one one and group parenting is provided within the organisation.
- No money support Poverty re Youth Payments and Young Parent payments still need help through Budgeting. We supply budgeting for clients as an option for them to become more savvy with money and are able to help with NCEA fees for young Payment clients to succeed in Level 1,23,
- Voice for children Education, activities referring to agency help for Bullying,
 Violence, Domestic, Violence, abuse, Alcohol and drugs, Unable to complete
 community hours due to isolation from community, unable to attend important



Wairarapa Safer Community Trust is well versed in all aspects of business management and is committed to best practice. WSCT has sound policies, practices and systems that enable the transparent maintenance and auditing.



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Appendix One

Purpose:

Whakapuaki Whānau is built on key Kaupapa Māori philosophies where rangatahi are a valued component of the whānau unit. It utilises range of methods in relation to Tikanga Māori where kaupapa Māori enables analysis of issues that are distinctively by and of Aotearoa, particularly Wairarapa. It is also informed by Kaupapa Māori Principles:

- Tino Rangatiratanga: Self determination
- Taonga Tuku Iho: Cultural Aspiration
- Ako Māori: Culturally Preferred Pedagogy
- Kia piki ake I ngā raruraru o te kainga: Socio-Economic Mediation
- Whānau: Extended Family Structure
- Kaupapa: Collective Philosophy
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Treaty of Waitangi
- Āta: Growing Respectful Relationships

The programme seeks to ensure that opportunities for access across the four cornerstone domains (Education, Health, Community and Whānau) which is aligned to Mason Durie's (1984) Te Whare Tapa Whā (Hinengaro, Wairua, Whānau, Tinana). Whakapuaki Whānau aims to:

- Engage rangatahi and their whānau
- Provide support via customised whānau development plans
- Reduce risk factors
- Increase protective factors
- To provide tuakana/teina 'mentor-rich' environments

The benefits of an approach such as this include:

- Utilises Mātauranga Māori
- Enhanced wellbeing

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- Improved self esteem
- Links to culture
- Access to cultural resources
- Increased self confidence
- Connections to whenua, whānau, and wider community
- Appropriate assistance
- Increased whānau development
- Increased communication
- A coordinated approach to education goals.

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Submitted on Monday, 9 May 2016 - 3:05pm Submitted by anonymous user: [202.36.137.5] Submitted values are:

--Submitter Details--Name: Sue Fox Deputy Chair Organisation: Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Assoc Inc

--Submission Hearings--Do you want to speak to your submission? Yes Speaking preference: May 25th pm

--Sewerage--

How would you like to see the sewerage upgrade funded:

--Roading--

Are there any streets or roads in the district you think the speed limit should be reviewed?

--Water Supply--

If water supply revenue is in excess should we: Reduce the rates requirement while maintaining current service levels

--Cycle Strategy--

Do you support the draft Cycle Strategy? If not what changes would you like to see? FRRA supports the need for a cycle strategy in principle and looks forward to working with Council officers in the finalisation of the document.

--Which aspects of the Cycle Strategy are most important to you?--Please rank from 1-5 with 1 being the most important:

- Urban cycling (safety and marking routes): 5

- Urban amenity (cycling parks, racks and support): 5

- Development of linkages (routes between destinations e.g. Featherston to Martinborough/Greytown): 5

- Traffic safety (as most cycling is on road a concentration of safer roads for cycling): 5

- Tourism and development (cycle races and events and tourism trails e.g. vineyards): 5

Are there any other cycle ways or physical works you would like to see considered in the cycle strategy future works plan? FRRA supports the need for a cycle strategy in principle and looks forward to working with Council officers in the finalisation of the document. --Pensioner (Community) Housing--

How would you like to see SWDC pensioner housing managed in the future? Status quo

--Fees and Charges--

Do you support the draft fees and charges? If not, why? It is not possible to offer a yes or no comment on fees and charges. FRRA members would like to see fees moderated and competitive to encourage commercial and residential development in South Wairarapa.

--Additional Comment--

If you would like to comment or propose something different now is your chance: FRRA would like to see work on the Waihinga Centre deferred until an independent comparative analysis is undertaken of the project in the light of the recently released Carterton Events Centre Report. No prudent Council would proceed without a re-examination of the figures and projections and approaching all those who have pledged money for the centre. This is especially so in the light of the Plunkett decision to withdraw its pledge. THERE CAN BE NO ARGUABLE CASE FOR PROCEEDING without calling for reports internally and from consultants on the Waihinga Centre project. Upload submission: Upload additional information:

The results of this submission may be viewed at: http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/736/submission/598



Submission to South Wairarapa District Council's Annual Plan 2016/17

Introduction

Sport Wellington would like to thank South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) for the opportunity to provide feedback on its 2016 - 2017 Annual Plan.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge SWDC's current investment and support of community recreation, including sport and active recreation and the positive impact that this work is effecting on the communities in the district.

Sport Wellington would welcome an opportunity to speak to this submission.

Sport Wellington

Sport Wellington's purpose is to provide region-wide leadership to the sport and active recreation community to help ensure everyone in the greater Wellington region has a life-long involvement in sport and active recreation.

The space where Sport Wellington wishes to operate in is that of an objective, independent and influential advisor of the sports sector in the Wellington region. Sport Wellington wants the organisation to be considered as the regional leader for sport and active recreation and will do this through:

Partnering: Identifying organisations and work with them to achieve shared outcomes

Expertise: Gain recognition as the subject matter experts in relevant areas of sport and active recreation

Knowledge sharing: Share expertise through our strong networks

Influence: Advocate, mentor and bring positive change to the Wellington region

Sport Wellington also provides a range of capabilities that can be of value to Councils. In particular we:

- use our professionalism, expertise, and objectiveness to act as a facilitator to work with and communicate council(s)' priorities and plans to Regional Sports Organisations, community funders and other key stakeholders
- work with the region's sports organisations to develop a collective regional approach to facility development needs and challenges in a logical and principled manner
- work with key stakeholders to identify key regional and local facilities development requirements and take a key role in objectively prioritising regional and local facility development needs

- provide regional intelligence and trend data about active recreation and sport across the region and nationally
- engage with communities of interest throughout the region
- ensure the resources of Sport NZ and community funders are utilised in the best interests of the region to ensure everyone in the region has the opportunity to have a life-long involvement in sport and active recreation
- can provide Councils with cost-effective project work of a high standard, tapping into examples of best practice from across the country, that will save rate payer funds.

A Regional Strategy for Sport and Recreation

As SWDC is aware, a current focus for Sport Wellington is the development of a regional strategy for sport and active recreation provision. The purpose of this strategy is to provide a framework for planning that helps to identify appropriate opportunities to work collaboratively across the region in order to maximise the use of our collective resources and to create benefits both locally and regionally.

The strategy is being developed in response to changes occurring across the sport and active recreation, local and central government and societal landscape. These changes are increasing the demand for support and putting pressure on the use of finite resources.

Through using a common planning framework it is hoped that opportunities for all parties to work together on key aspects of active recreation and sport will become more apparent. By working together we will achieve some efficiency in spending and other resources. At the same time we can reduce duplication, address gaps in provision and prepare the sector for the future.

This approach has been well supported by the sector and all nine Councils across the region (as major stakeholders in active recreation and sport) and we look forward to working closely with SWDC in order to sign off both the strategy and implementation plan early in 2016/17.

We take the opportunity to note that for the benefits of the strategy to be sustained long term and for continued independent facilitation to be achieved, Sport Wellington will look to the nine Councils in the region for financial support from 1 July 2017.

We acknowledge and thank SWDC for the support already provided to the project.

Regional Sports Awards

The annual Regional Sports Awards showcase the talent we have in the region and provide an opportunity to celebrate and recognise sporting success and excellence across the Wellington region. Sport Wellington runs these awards on behalf of the region but cannot do so without the support of key stakeholders. Without this support the awards would not function in their current form and the opportunity to celebrate regional, national and international sporting successes would be lost or diminished.

We acknowledge the financial commitment made by SWDC to this event and hope that through partnering with Sport Wellington for this event SWDC is acknowledged as a major provider and leader in South Wairarapa and the wider region. Sport Wellington is committed to working alongside SWDC to reinforce these outcomes.

South Wairarapa District Council 2016-17 Annual Plan

The following responds directly to the changes proposed in the Annual Plan Consultation document, Consolidating the Plan, and as they relate to active recreation and sport.

Sport Wellington acknowledges SWDC's ongoing investment into the development of community recreation and sport in the district. We support the work you are doing to develop a walking and cycling strategy. Our views on the ranking of areas within the strategy are as follows:

- 1. Traffic safety
- 2. Urban cycling
- 3. Urban amenity
- 4. Tourism and development
- 5. Development of linkages

Conclusion

Sport Wellington values SWDC's continued commitment to the ongoing development of the partnership with Sport Wellington and its support of active recreation and sport across the region, and in particular, your support of Sport Wairarapa. We also value the opportunity to work collaboratively around planning and decision-making for recreation and sport and enjoy the interaction at different levels of operation.

Phil Gibbons Chief Executive Officer 9 May 2016

9 May 2016

Dear South Wairarapa District Council

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to submit on the South Wairarapa District Council 2016/2017 Annual Plan. My submission addresses footpaths, the Wastewater systems, Lake Reserve and access to Lake Reserve and the Featherston Library.

Currently people in wheelchairs and scooters in Featherston struggle to make their way around town and access the train station from the existing footpaths. This is because many of the footpaths along the main streets lack properly designed curbs for wheelchairs and scooters and some of the footpaths contain cracks and flaws that are problematic. I would encourage Council to **reconsider increasing the current \$135,000 per annum footpaths budget.** Also people in wheelchairs cannot access the Featherston library independently and I would encourage Council to ensure funds are allocated to resolve this accessibility issue.

For **Wastewater** I believe that the proposed 35-year timeline is too long for this project. I support the option 2 to accelerate the discharge of Wastewater to land in Martinborough and Greytown.

I am also unsure from the consultation document 2016/2017 if or how much funding is allocated to maintaining and improving the **Lake Reserve and** for the creation **of direct walking and cycling access** to the Lake from Featherston. Specific funding should be identified in the Annual Plan for these projects. Currently, visitors to Featherston do not have an easy way to access the lake. The town of Featherston benefits from its association with this nationally and internationally important lake and these benefits will be increased with the improved water quality from the new land-based treatment of our wastewater, and could be increased even more with improved access and improved management of the Lake Reserve.

I **do** want to speak to my submission.

Kind regards

Katie Beattie

Submitted on Monday, 9 May 2016 - 3:25pm Submitted by anonymous user: [125.239.246.120] Submitted values are:

--Submitter Details--Name: Deborah Donaldson

--Submission Hearings--Do you want to speak to your submission? No Speaking preference:

--Sewerage--How would you like to see the sewerage upgrade funded:

--Roading--

Are there any streets or roads in the district you think the speed limit should be reviewed?

--Water Supply--If water supply revenue is in excess should we:

--Cycle Strategy--Do you support the draft Cycle Strategy? If not what changes would you like to see?

--Which aspects of the Cycle Strategy are most important to you?--

Please rank from 1-5 with 1 being the most important:

- Urban cycling (safety and marking routes):

- Urban amenity (cycling parks, racks and support):

- Development of linkages (routes between destinations e.g. Featherston to Martinborough/Greytown):

- Traffic safety (as most cycling is on road a concentration of safer roads for cycling):

- Tourism and development (cycle races and events and tourism trails e.g. vineyards):

Are there any other cycle ways or physical works you would like to see considered in the cycle strategy future works plan?

--Pensioner (Community) Housing--

How would you like to see SWDC pensioner housing managed in the future?

--Fees and Charges--Do you support the draft fees and charges? If not, why?

--Additional Comment--

If you would like to comment or propose something different now is your chance:

My submission only relates to the absence of funding within the Annual Plan for new footpaths, with funds only being allocated to the refurbishment of existing paths. The absence of funding for new footpaths concerning given the plan identifies the communities demand for new paths and the genuine need for new footpaths for community safety.

We live in Elmstead Lane in Greytown with a young family and are concerned with the absence of a footpath along Humphries Street from Kempton Street to Elmstead Lane. With the amount of new residential development within Elmstead Lane and Garrity Lane, a new footpath should be considered essential infrastructure for this area. The speed limit along Humphries reduces from 100km to 50km just before Elmstead Lane, and for this reason a number of cars travel well in excess of the 50km speed limit when travelling past Elmstead and Garrity Lanes. As a mum of two small children it is quite nerve wracking taking a buggy and toddler (on scooter or bike) along this road.

I would urge the Council to reconsider a blanket veto on new footpaths for the coming year, and look to provide new paths where there is a genuine safety need in the first instance. I am happy to be contacted should you require anything further.

Upload submission: Upload additional information:

The results of this submission may be viewed at: http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/736/submission/600 From: Claire Bleakley Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 3:38 p.m. To: LTP Subject: Annual Plan SWDC

Dear SWDC,

Regarding the annual plan 2016/17

The council must keep the status quo on pensioner housing in Featherston.

I would like to speak to the submission morning 25th May.

Claire Bleakley 06 3089842 p.bleakley@orcon.net.nz From: Sue BallSent: Monday, 9 May 2016 10:43 p.m.To: LTPSubject: In support of submission to draft plan by Marion & David Pawson

Any progress on preventing tipping down Underhill Road, Bucks Road and the DOC area at the end of Bucks Road would be very welcome.

We live at 321 Underhill Road.

Sue & Mike Ball





9 May 2016

Annual Plan Submission South Wairarapa District Council PO Box 6 Martinborough

Destination Wairarapa would like to add its support to the joint submission to the annual plan process from the New Zealand Cycle Classic and Huri Huri; Wairarapa's Bike Festival.

The New Zealand Cycle Classic is operating for the 30th year in 2017. This is an event which has grown on the international stage and particularly in the last three years when work has been done to engage the community in more of a festival atmosphere through Huri Huri.

In 2018, the New Zealand Cycle Classic is expected to become a top tier international race. This is equivalent to running a Super Rugby game and then running an international test match.

Already the New Zealand Cycle Classic provides the Wairarapa with an international audience, media opportunities and community engagement opportunities beyond any other event in the region. In 2018, the benefits of these elements can be expected to double.

To get to the top tier event, the New Zealand Cycle Classic and Huri Huri; Wairarapa's Bike Festival needs council financial support. This financial support is only needed to establish the event and then it is expected to be financially independent.

Cycle is changing the shape of New Zealand and Wairarapa tourism and community engagement. This is an opportunity the Wairarapa needs to own.

Yours sincerely

David Hancock General Manager +64 272 272 118

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NGAWI RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF WHATARANGI, NGAWI, MANGATOETOE COASTAL RATEPAYERS

PO Box 27 567 Wellington 6142

May 5th 2016

SUBMISSION TO SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL – CONSOLIDATING THE PLAN

Introduction

The Ngawi Ratepayers Association (NRA – the Association) is established to represent the interests of Palliser Bay ratepayers in the area extending from Te Kopi to Cape Palliser lighthouse. We acknowledge that we are fortunate to enjoy a productive working relationship with the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) and the Association remains confident that we can rely on their good offices to manage budgets whilst maintaining necessary levels of services to the coastal communities.

The Association pro-actively maintains a programme of regular Committee meetings and a work plan principally directed at the maintenance of various amenities along the coast, most of which are for the benefit of the increasing numbers of visitors, freedom campers and tour buses which are now regularly observed during the year. More particularly, the Association – with assistance and support from SWDC officers – is now maintaining facilities which are placed under immense pressure by the seasonal influx of holiday makers, campers, caravaners, and mobile home owners.

Background and Context

The Long Term Plan (LTP) outlines the SWDC role as follows:

Council, along with other key stakeholders, has a role in promoting the sustainable well-being of its district and communities. Well-being is achieved through the collective application of Council's ten significant activities:

- Governance/Leadership/ Advocacy
- Public Protection
- Economic, Cultural & Community Development
- Resource Management
- Amenities
- Land Transport
- Water Supply
- Solid Waste Management
- Sewerage

• Storm water Drainage

Each significant activity comprises a number of sub-activities. The scope and cost of providing each significant activity is determined through a series of agreed levels of service. The quantity and quality of each level of service translates into cost – generally the higher the service the higher the cost. In a number of cases, the minimum levels of service are determined by statutory and regulatory compliance rather than community requirements.

We note that the LTP identifies the treatment and disposition of urban wastewater is the 'key issue' facing the district over the next 40+ years. We submit that this is indeed \underline{a} key issue but that the burgeoning tourism sector is another issue which is already manifesting itself along the Palliser Bay coastline.

In order to promote and maintain the sustainable well-being of our coastal communities it is necessary in our view for Council to maintain existing coastal amenities and infrastructure to a high standard; and to be willing to invest in capital works that will allow the natural character of the district to remain relatively unspoiled over time.

With reference to the current consultation documents the Association agrees that the SWDC should continue to 'manage existing assets efficiently and effectively'. We note that Council acknowledges that investment in new infrastructure assets should 'only be made where demand is certain, and long-term is based on the concept of kaitiakitanga ... given the intergenerational lifecycle of assets such as land, waters (ocean lakes and rivers), amenities and roads'.

It is from those principles that the Association advances our submission that the assets (including infrastructure) in which we have a particular interest – it is our submission that the general coastal area from the Hiropi Stream to the Stone Wall must remain a priority consideration in the SWDC 2016/17 operational plan.

Public Amenities

- 1. The Association is pleased to see that Council is making explicit provision to deal with the water and toilet issues that have been of such concern for us as managers and custodians of the Ngawi Community Hall and fire station.
- 2. The urgency in regards to remedial work has been evident for some time but is accelerated by the demand on water and toilet facilities by the ever increasing numbers of visitors to the coast. In order to protect the quality of landscape and natural beauty that consistently draws tourists, improved and reliable toilet facilities are necessary, and more of them, particularly at peak times over the Summer months.
- 3. The situation at Ngawi is such that the septic tank system must have high priority in the 2016/17 Plan. The existing system has been condemned and the prolonged spell of dry weather and the corresponding low water table provide an opportunity for urgent remedial work.

- 4. The refuse and recycle array in the Ngawi camp grounds must continue to be regularly serviced and some consideration may need to be given to installing a similar facility closer to Whatarangi or possibly at Humenga Point even if only for the summer holiday period. The sad truth is that many visitors do not leave only footprints along the coast last Summer was notable for the quantities of discarded bottles, boxes, plastic containers and general household rubbish stuffed under bushes or half-buried in sand. In many cases it was local residents who cleared this mess and transferred it to the bins provided at Ngawi.
- 5. The Association supports the installation of a 'bottle bank' disposal bin in the Ngawi camp ground as a means to avoid litter and the regular mis-use of, and to free up space in, the refuse and recycle bins.
- 6. The Association also supports the provision of plastic bags and installation of 'little green dog' pet refuse disposal bins for the use of dog owners. These should be sited at Ngawi and at the Cape Palliser lighthouse parking area.
- 7. The Association has previously submitted to Council that improvements to an off-road parking and picnic area at Whatarangi Point would be of benefit to locals and visitors alike. A cleared area with picnic tables installed was suggested. The Association is not entirely helpless in this regard. We have a proven track record of voluntary labour to improve drainage, camp ground facilities and maintaining lawns and garden areas.
- 8. SWDC assistance with plant, materials and manpower to enable these successful collaborations is greatly appreciated by the Association and by our constituents on the coast. However, many projects cannot start if the SWDC is unwilling or unable to facilitate them.
- 9. To that end the Association requests that Council makes an explicit commitment to an ongoing 'community partnership' with the Ngawi Ratepayers Association so that cooperatively we can make best use of limited resources available to at very least 'manage existing assets efficiently and effectively' and extend ourselves to modest capital works such as proposed for Whatarangi Point.
- 10. The Association has also asked Council officers to consider the provision of a green waste disposal site within easy distance of the Whatarangi settlement. In our view the provision of a green waste facility would reduce potential fire risks in the settlement and possibly improve road safety by opening up better view corridors into and from Cape Palliser Road.
- 11. Erosion of the beach at Ngawi is an ongoing problem but one of particular concern to the recreational boating community which relies on being able to safely launch and retrieve vessels on the eastern corner of the beach. The Association requests that some coordination be done with road repair contractors to enable a modest amount of backfilling and beach 'grooming' to ensure the safety of those using the area.

Road Safety

- 12. The Association has previously made submissions to Council in regards to road maintenance and road safety. We have nominated several stretches of road which we believe require speed limits to be reduced and we have consistently requested improved signage at the approaches to the Whatarangi and Ngawi settlements to alert drivers to the pedestrian use of the roads and the roadsides.
- 13. There are many distractions for drivers using Cape Palliser Road, particularly for those who may be on the coast for the first time; and it is timely to consider whether or not the 100 kmh general speed limit other than where posted lower should be re-evaluated.
- 14. This is increasingly an issue in light of the number and the variety of vehicles using the road, the succession one lane bridges that need to be negotiated and the sheer volume of traffic at peak holiday periods.

Road Maintenance and Access

- 15. Road maintenance is now clearly a never-ending requirement along the Palliser Bay coast. The combination of increasing road use, coastal erosion and seasonal flooding is a reality, now and for the future; and the Association encourages the Council to maintain and consolidate the road maintenance programme.
- 16. It is of significant importance to ratepayers and residents that this be done; but also of equally significant importance in light of the South Wairarapa now being actively promoted as a tourism destination and Cape Palliser receiving international recognition in prestigious tourist guides.

<u>Tourism</u>

- 17. In addition to the natural attractions of the Palliser Bay coast there are various contemporary and historical attractions which are clearly of interest to tourists. One of the most photographed fishing fleets in New Zealand is located at Ngawi; the Zuleika grave site and the anchor of the Ben Avon on display at Mangatoetoe continue to draw interest.
- 18. The Association has been keen to promote some improvements to the Zuleika site and made the approach to the SWDC for support both in cash and in kind to be partnered up with donations and fund raising to be undertaken by a community working group. The project lost momentum in 2015 because of the priority that had to be given to repairing the coast road after a succession of storms.
- 19. The Association remains supportive in principle of the Zuleika Project and requests that the Council not discount that initiative completely in the 2016/17 Annual Plan. The link from that grave site to a strategic regional tourism promotion around the concept of a *Shipwreck Coast* is potentially very strong and the Association is keen to ensure that any development is done with

Council and the coastal community sharing a significant role. The Zuleika volunteer working group is happy to bide its time until Council has resources to facilitate the project and they and the Association are satisfied that the proposed site improvements are in character with the coast and appropriate to the history of the Zuleika stranding.

General

20. This submission is understandably focused on the coastal area for which we hold representation. There are many aspects of the 2016/17 Annual Plan which will be of particular interest to our membership and they are encouraged to make their submissions accordingly. The Association is not seeking either priority or preference in terms of Council time and resources. Rather we are seeking to consolidate what continues to be an open and productive business relationship with Council in terms of sharing and assisting the role in promoting the sustainable well-being of the district and its communities.

Yours sincerely

Ngawi Ratepayers Association Incorporated

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Chairman

From: Peta Campbell
Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 3:14 p.m.
To: mdc@mstn.govt.nz; Enquiries
Subject: Submission for annual plan 2016

ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

TO: Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils

FROM: WAIRARAPA FOREST & BIRD, SUSTAINABLE WAIRARAPA, the SOUTH WAIRARAPA BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Kia ora

In addressing this submission to all Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils, we highlight matters common to all and impacting our present and future well-beings - whether economic, social, cultural or environmental.

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- we would like to be heard

Note: while this submission has been something of a last-minute effort put together by a small group representing the above organizations, we have confidence it will be endorsed by those bodies through their next round of meetings.

Peta Campbell, Forest and Bird Wairarapa Ray Stewart, Sustainable Wairarapa Perry Cameron, SWBG From: Anne Hynds
Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 5:11 p.m.
To: Suzanne Clark - Committee Secretary
Cc: 'Marion Pawson'; derek.mcluskie@fire.org.nz; 'Sue Ball'
Subject: Writing in support of the recent submission to the draft plan by Marion and David Pawson
Importance: High

Kia ora Suzanne

My husband (Derek McLuskie) and I (Anne Hynds) own a property on 347 Underhill Road, Featherston. We like other residents in Featherston are very concerned about the rubbish that is currently being dumped at Bucks Road and at the river. We wish to record our support of the recent submission to the draft plan by Marion and David Pawson. The river and surrounding area are taonga and need to be protected. The rubbish situation at Buck Road campsite and surrounding area will only get worse unless a more proactive approach by the Council is taken.

Ngā mihi Associate Professor Anne Hynds



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TO: South Wairarapa District Council

FROM: SWBG: Some Shared Views - Wairarapa Biodiversity Interests

Re: SWBG 2016/17 Plan Consolidation

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P.C. For SWBG 9 May 2016





Submission to South Wairarapa District Council Annual Plan

Submitter: Stuart Edwards, Managing Director Green Jersey Cycle Tours. **Date:** 9 May 2016

Introduction

Green Jersey Cycle Tours were established in 2011 to promote and service cycle touring in the Wairarapa District. We have be appreciated of SWDC support for our venture and have experienced considerable growth in our business, particularly over the past 18 months. For cycling this is exciting times.

People who ride bikes are normally motorists, often truck drivers and always pedestrians. Often they have high disposable incomes and share expectations of courtesy on the road. As outlined in the Draft plan from Roger Boulter, motivations for riding vary and expectations in regard of facilities sought differ. Not everyone will ride even the best cycle lane in the world!

Our target market are baby boomers, they have high disposable income, empty nests and are looking for active lifestyles and soft adventure opportunities. They are high value people who spend on comfortable, exciting experiences. They buy wine by the case and stay at Martinborough Hotel, Peppers and The Claremont.

We are interested in the improvement and development of cycling infrastructure in Wairarapa for multiple reasons.

- Tourism/Commercial it supports our own and the regional tourism sector development. Tourism is now NZ's biggest export earner and contributes significantly to our local economy. We believe there is huge potential to further develop the appeal of Wairarapa as a tourism destination due to its proximity to the Capital and abundant natural beauty.
- 2) Community/Health Cycling is a virtuous endeavour. It has minimal infrastructure costs (when compared with development of general road and passenger transport options), it has a low carbon footprint, massive health benefits and as a transport option it allows riders to move around quickly and conveniently.
- 3) Publicity HuriHuri and The UCI world cycling events promote Wairarapa to the world (particularly Europe and USA) in a hugely positive light at very little cost to the region. These events successfully encouraged high levels of community engagement in the races and associated events - a touch of "Le Tour" Wairarapa Style.

CYCLING SUPPORTS A HEALTHY FIT PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Our Submission

Urban road environments:

Cycle lanes

Urban roads in South Wairarapa towns are generally wide with ample room for cyclists. Motor vehicles travel slowly and do not cause unnecessary danger to other road users. I do not believe there is a great need for development of off road cycling opportunities, separated paths or substantial road markings. However, we do support these developments if they attract funding that could be shared in other projects.

Our experience in Martinborough is that many locals love the growing numbers of cyclists on the roads, rather than seeing them as an impediment, they are viewed as adding vibrancy to the town, they calm traffic and they are generally very happy customers for local businesses. Routing cyclists off the roads in Martinborough would be a retrograde step in our opinion.

Signage

We encourage the adoption of signage that promotes towns as safe environments for cyclists encouraging all road users to share the road with care and directing cyclists to safe cycling routes (such as East Street and West Street in Greytown). It has to be noted that as legitimate road users, some cyclists will choose to ride the most direct convenient route even when safer alternatives are offered.

Speed Limits

Martinborough - The proposals to reduce speed limits in Martinborough as described in the Annual plan document are strongly supported. We believe speeds in the area bounded by Princess Street, Huangarua St, Puruatanga, Martins Road, Hinakura Road, Todds Road and Dublin Street, should be limited to 50km/hour. This would have the biggest impact on reducing risk to all road users, cyclists, motorists or agricultural traffic. There appears to be little reason to have open speed limits or 70km/h limits in this area.

Greytown - Lobbying NZTA for a 70km/hr zone on the approach to Greytown to encourage vehicles to reduce speed early and gradually is supported. The possible introduction of traffic calming measure on West street would be desirable.

Featherston - Extension of the 70km/hr zone on the southern entrance to Featherston is supported.

Rural Road Environments

South Wairarapa has the potential to be a mecca for road cyclists and cycle tourists. These road users have different needs and impacts on other road users.

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Road Racers/Riders - These are the people often responsible for giving cyclists a "bad name" garnering comments such as "they always ride 3 abreast, blocking the road, never giving way", "road warriors!!", "lycra wearing *&%#?!".

In my experience, here in Wairarapa we are more likely to get held up by a mob of sheep or a herd of cows for a significant period than we are a peloton of cyclists. Animals are much less likely to provoke a reaction than MAMiLs (Middle Aged Men in Lycra).

Continuing to provide signage that encourages road sharing and good behaviour from all road users is the preferred way of managing this.

Cycle Tourists - We are seeing increasing volumes of independent and guided cycle tourism in Wairarapa. It causes some distress to us that they are often seen riding through on S.H. 2, which is not an ideal route, from the perspective of safety or interest.

We strongly support the identification and development of scenic cycle tour routes throughout the region that link towns and encourage riders to spend more nights in the region.

We think this development should be made through partnership between councils and private funding sources.

We are certain that existing back roads, not currently linked (e.g. Underhill road, Kuratawhiti and River roads) are suitable to carry cycle tour traffic with very limited capital input. We encourage the development of cycle pedestrian infrastructure such as bridges to cross the Tauherenikau and Waiohine rivers.

We think this is low-cost and achievable as a relatively quick win if a suitable funding partnership is identified.

Our support is with the Greytown Trails trust and Trails Wairarapa Trust on this matter.

Te Whiti Road in Masterton via Longbush is another excellent route to be further promoted, an alternative route from Greytown to Martinborough should be investigated.

Mountain Biking

Currently there are limited opportunities for mountain biking in Wairarapa. Substantial opportunity exists to develop trails.

We are limited by a small rate-payer base with significant competing priorities and a limited number of volunteers to cut trails when compared with Wellington. Bearing this in mind we think the tracks would need to be generally built by professionals with limited volunteer input.

Mountain biking requires a plan of it's own. We think the best value for money would be soft adventure cross country, single track mountain biking trails, developed progressively from the

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Rimutaka Summit, taking in the lower slopes of the Tararuas and joining up with Carterton's Mt Dick MTB park.

Identifying opportunities on the eastern ranges are also appealing.

Mountain bikers are likely to spend several nights in a single accommodation using a "hub and spoke" model travelling each day to a destination, but enjoying a warm shower at the end of the day. They could add a substantial amount to the local economy.

Events

The global appeal of cycling is growing. Wairarapa has hosted UCI cycling events for the past two years thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Jorge Sandoval. These events have garnered great international attention. Local engagement is growing through the HuriHuri Festival of cycling. As the UCI prepares to send yet another tour our way in 2017 it is increasingly important the council gets in behind this and Huri Huri to bring spectators to the event and increase our profile.

Hurihuri has made a compelling submission to council which we unconditionally support and would add a mention of comments made by John Key at the official opening of the Rimutaka Cycle Trail...he said something like this...

"Although I was surprised that the main product of the Job Summit was Nga Haerenga (NZ Great Rides) and I am not sure that the promised number of jobs were created, what is sure is that the amount of positive publicity we have received from that official \$50Million investment would not have been gained from any other similar promotional campaign we could have invested in".

So for their relatively small investment in the National Cycle Trails, it has been repaid by 24 Great Rides AND huge international publicity.

It is an easy investment decision for council to make to provide substantial support for HuriHuri and the UCI cycling event 2017.

Funding

We would encourage the council to support a fundraising drive to establish a significant fund to support development and maintenance of cycling initiatives in Wairarapa.

Creating a fund of \$5 Million (less than required for the proposed Waihinga Centre)with private philanthropic investment could be enough to establish a strong network of cycling opportunities with sufficient reserves to invest and use for the maintenance of cycling trails and infrastructure.

With a strong triple bottom line, cycling is worth supporting.

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