### SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

15 JULY 2015

### **AGENDA ITEM E1**

### REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

### **Purpose of Report**

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

### Recommendations

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. Receives the information.

### 1. Meeting Report 1

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples				
Meeting – Date & Venue	Social Sector Trial 9 June 3 July				
Key issues from meeting	The SST contract has been renewed by government for a further year. The contract held by Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council to deliver the Trial ceased on 30 June. The trial will now be delivered by Matt and Julie Brunton as employees of MSD. Matt and Julie were previously the project coordinators for the SWSCC contract. The updated Action Plan has been accepted by the Trial Office. The membership of the Advisory Group is being re-evaluated.				

### 2. Meeting Report 2

Name	Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
Meeting – Date & Venue	Upper Hutt City Council Chambers 26 June 2015
Key issues from meeting	Interim report 14 May flooding Lifeline Group Activities Update MCDEM Monitoring and Evaluation NZ Shakeout CDEM Group appointments WREO Quarterly Report
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Of particular note is the improvement Capability Assessment Score from 44.2 to 68.6. The full report and WREMO quarterly report are appended as Appendix 1.

### 3. Meeting Report 3

Meeting – Date & Venue	Mayoral Forum Upper Hutt City Council Chambers 26 June 2015
Key issues from meeting	Update on Transmission Gulley Alternatives Governance Models – report from Chief Executives
Specific item/s for Council consideration	The region's Chief Executives have explored a broad range of possible governance arrangements that could deliver improvements and win broad community support. They have prepared more detailed information on three options.  These options must to be referred back to individual councils for discussion.  CE's are to start exploring the feasibility of a Combined Transport Agency together with the LC, DIA and NZTA.

### 4. Update on Other Projects

### **Featherston Town Square**

Council has received correspondence from the group who wish to place a Paul Dibble sculpture in the town square precinct. That correspondence is attached in Appendix 2.

They wish to move the location of the sculpture to that of the 'Windgrass' artwork. It is not clear who is to pay for relocating the 'Windgrass' work or whether permission from the artist has been sought.

If Council was to agree to the relocation they would need to consider the effect on the mini train. Although it is acknowledged that the Town Square original design will need some reworking due to the tight nature of the turn for the train around the 'Windgrass', one of the main concepts was bringing the train to the public's attention therefore creating interest and a reason for families to stop. Shifting the Dibble sculpture to this site will require a rethink of this aspect of the TS project.

Also to be considered is that the sculpture group contacted Council's landscape designer directly, without advising Council of its intention to do so and agreed that the site offered in the original plan was acceptable.

Council should also seek Community Board input. Council has delegated decision making to Community Boards for items concerning urban reserves that fall within the scope of existing management plans and budgets. While this request does fall outside these criteria it does affect an urban reserve therefore Community Board advice is paramount.

### Recommendation:

Council can either:

- Agree to the request with the required permissions and costs of relocating 'Windgrass' and redrawing the Town Square design in consultation with the Mini Train Group being the responsibility of the Dibble Sculpture Group.
- 2. Refer the matter to the community board before deciding.
- 3. Decline the request.

### Rimutaka Re-enactment March

Rimutaka Re-enactment March – this project is progressing well. Applications to register for the march closed on 30 June. It is expected that the limit of 200 participants will be reached.

### Wellington Free Ambulance

Free Ambulance –an agreement to take over the running of the Martinborough Ambulance and premises has been reached with the Martinborough Ambulance Trust and St John. They are currently recruiting volunteers so that the ambulance can once again be brought up to full transport capability.

WWUP	Final possible sites have been announced.

### Fell/Heritage Museums Featherston

These two organisations have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pave the way to combine both museums. The Chair of the Combined Committee, Fraser Donald has requested that Council consider leasing them space within the information centre (at the suggestion of the Information Centre Co-ordinator). The email is appended as Appendix 3. Amenities Manager Helen McNaught has also had a request for use of the space so she suggests advertising its availability.

### **Recommendation:**

Council can either:

- 1. Recommend that the Amenities Manger negotiate an agreement with the Combined Museums for use of the Information Centre for display purposes.
- 2. Advertise for expressions of interest for the space.

### 5. Leave of Absence/Appointment of Acting Mayor

### Leave of Absence/Appointment of Acting Mayor

I will be out of the country from Saturday 25 July 2015 through to Wednesday 5 August 2015. As the Deputy Mayor is also out of the country during this time a councillor is required to be appointed to the position of Acting Mayor.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Resolves that Cr Brian Jephson be appointed as Acting Mayor from 25 July 2015 to 5 August 2015 during Mayor Adrienne Staples' absence.

### 6. Correspondence

### 6.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
21 May 15	Simpson Grierson/CE LGNZ	Survey requests.
27 May 15	Remuneration Authority	Update.
28 May 15	Richard Winder, Secretary, Rural Residents Environment Society Incorporated	Letter of complaint regarding resource consent to establish, operate and site a clay-bird target shooting range and subdivision in Moroa Road, Tauherenikau.
28 May 15	Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management	NZ Shake Out is coming – 9.15am, 15 October.
3 June 15	Masterton Returned & Services Association (Inc) Greytown Branch	Thank you for participation in Civic Service.
3 June 15	George Preddey	Newsletter to all politicians etc. re emissions targets.
5 June 15	Victoria University	Attachment "Victoria at a Glance, 2014".
7 June 15	Datacom Pride Awards Ceremony 2015	Invitation to attend.
8 June 15	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.	Enclosing newsletter containing advice on how to attract NZAMC to the region.
9 June 15	Tourism Industry Association of NZ	State of Tourism 2014.
June 15	Volunteering New Zealand	Recognising the value of volunteers: National Volunteer Week 21-27 June 2015.
16 June 15	Mayor Gary Howard, Buller District Council	Seeking contract work for the dredge MV Kawatiri.
3 July 15	Fraser Donald  Thanks for attendance a signing of MOU between Fell and the Heritage Mu and alerting council to the interest in having Feather history displays Toy Library	

### 6.2 Outwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
26 May 15	To whom it may concern	Letter of support for funding for Scott Parker for his studies as a Jade Master Carver.
7 July 15	Wairarapa Safer Community Trust	Advising of the change in membership of Board and advising that Cr Viv Napier is SWDC's representative.

### 7. Other Meetings and Engagements

Date	Engagement	Date	Engagement
04/06/15- 05/06/15	Rural and Provincial	23/06/15	Featherston Community Board
04/06/15	Wellington Sports Person of the Year	24/06/15	Extraordinary Council Meeting
05/06/15	WWUP briefing	24/06/15	Greytown Community Board
08/06/15	SST briefing	25/06/15	Mayoral Forum
08/06/15	Joint council LTP hearings	28/06/15	Wgtn Free Ambulance
09/06/15	SST	28/06/15	Rotary Changeover
09/06/15	LGC Announcement	29/06/15	Cloud Nine
10/06/15	LTP	29/06/15	DoC
11/06/15	Wgtn Orchestra	30/06/15	WSCT
11/06/15	Patrons Night Kokomai	30/06/15	Rimutaka March
12/06/15	GW Spacial Planning	01/07/15	Fell/Heritage MOU
12/06/15	Wai Moana Treaty Settlement briefing	01/07/15	Infrastructure and Services
13/06/15	Lake Ferry Fire Appliance dedication	02/07/15	Federated Farmers Forum
15/06/15	Menz Shed Masterton	03/07/15	SST
15/06/15	Audit NZ	03/07/15	Wai Moana
15/06/15	CE Review Committee	07/07/15	Hon Paul Bennett
16/06/15	Shared Services	07/07/15	Wai Moana
17/06/15	Featherston Medical	08/07/15	Zone 4
22/06/15	Economic Development	09/07/15	Gold Awards
22/06/15	Hon Peter Dunn	10/07/15	Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs
23/06/15	Wai Moana Treaty Settlement briefing	13/07/15	NZTA
		14/07/15	Shared Services

### 8. Appendix

Appendix 1 – Civil Defence Emergency Management

Appendix 2 – Correspondence from Featherston Camp Memorial Trust

Appendix 3 – Email from Fraser Donald, Heritage Museum

Prepared By: Her Worship the Mayor, Adrienne Staples

### **Appendix 1 – Civil Defence Emergency Management**



23 April 2015

MCDEM ref: 3.069.923

Mr Pat Dougherty Chair Coordinating Executive Group C/- Kapiti Coast District Council Private Bag 601 Paraparaumu 5254

Dear Pat,

### Capability Assessment Report for Wellington Region CDEM Group

Please find attached the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management capability assessment report for the Wellington Region CDEM Group. This report was prepared following the assessment conducted February 2015.

The Wellington CDEM Group score is a reflection of the investment of effort that the Group has made since its 2011 capability assessment. The target score set by MCDEM has been comfortably exceeded, and improvements in parts of the assessment are significant and sitting within the 'mature' scoring areas.

The suite of local authority data provides the Group with some context around local CDEM performance, and highlights where support may be required or where good practice exists that could be used in other areas of the Group.

On behalf of the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wellington CDEM Group for its transparent, honest and self-reflective engagement with this process.

I would like to emphasise that the central regional office of the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management is able to assist the Wellington CDEM Group with its continued achievement and improvement.

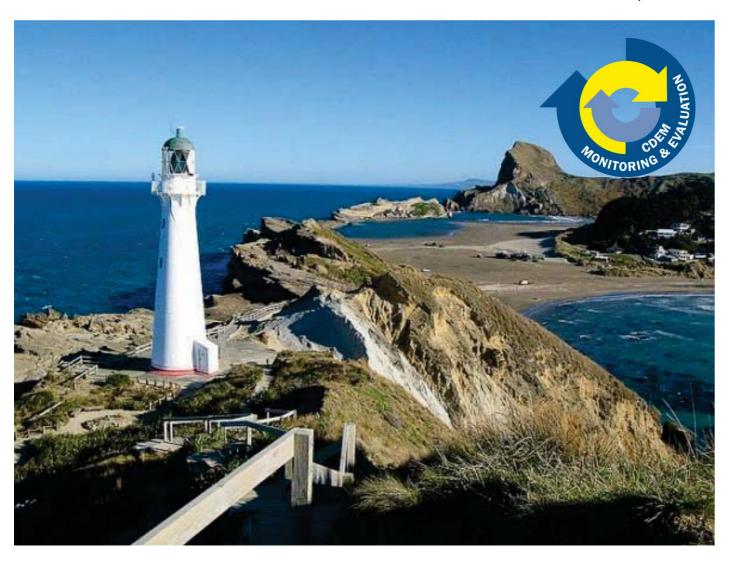
I look forward to receiving the Wellington CDEM Group corrective action plan to address areas for improvement identified in the report.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Stuart-Black

Director Civil Defence Emergency Management

cc. Bruce Pepperell, Regional Manager, WREMO



# Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management

Capability Assessment Report 2.0

**April 2015** 



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### **Executive Summary.**

This report presents the results of the Capability Assessment of the Wellington CDEM Group undertaken in February 2015. The report is informed through the data provided by member agencies through the self- assessment tool, a review of key CDEM doctrine provided by the Group and through a qualitative interview and workshop component.

The Wellington Group has been highly self-reflective in its completion of the Capability Assessment tool, and participants in the interview process were open and reflective of current CDEM capability. Given the significant change process undertaken by the Group following the 2011 Capability Assessment, the Wellington CDEM Group has made a considerable improvement in its score and should be congratulated for this and the engagement of its member agencies. Whilst there are some areas that the Group has highlighted as areas for improvement, there are others where efforts are innovative, community driven and set a standard for New Zealand to follow.

This report makes only one recommendation for the Group to assess its position and develop an appropriate corrective action plan that will enable its continuous improvement. It is intended that the process of corrective action planning should benefit the whole Group through a collaborative process that supports improvements across its member agencies, and levers from existing local good practice. Whilst not a requirement of this capability assessment process, local authorities and shared service arrangements may also benefit from corrective action planning. The process is likely to inform annual work plans and Group Plan development where appropriate.

### Scores:

The comparison score makes a direct correlation to the content of the 2011 tool and is provided to the Group to enable a direct comparison with the 2011 score. The Wellington Group score reflects the content of the new tool (which includes revisions in Goal 2, the addition of community resilience in Goal 1, revision of content around volunteers in Goal 1, and the addition of Enabler 2). The Wellington Group score is comprised of each of the member agencies (local and Group level) with the weighted combination forming the new score for the Wellington Group.

Scores that have been provided directly to local authorities on its CDEM performance are not moderated by MCDEM and reflect the combined self-assessment scores provided by representatives of that local authority. Local scores are not specifically examined in this report.

2011 Wellington Group score	44.2
2013 Target set by Director MCDEM	56.0
2015 Wellington Group comparison score	68.6
2015 Wellington Group score	68.6

### Goal One Increasing community awareness, understanding, preparedness and participation in CDEM.

This section of the report focuses on the following activities;

- Public education, awareness and preparedness
- Public information management
- Community resilience

- Investing in communities and developing social capital
- Volunteer programmes
- Promulgation of hazard risk information to communities.

2015					85.5	
2011				63.4		
	unsatisfactory	developing		advancing	mat	ture

The overall score for goal one is 85.5 which indicates a mature state for the Group. This is a significant increase on the 2011 score of 63.4. Detailed score breakdown by key performance indicator is in table 1.

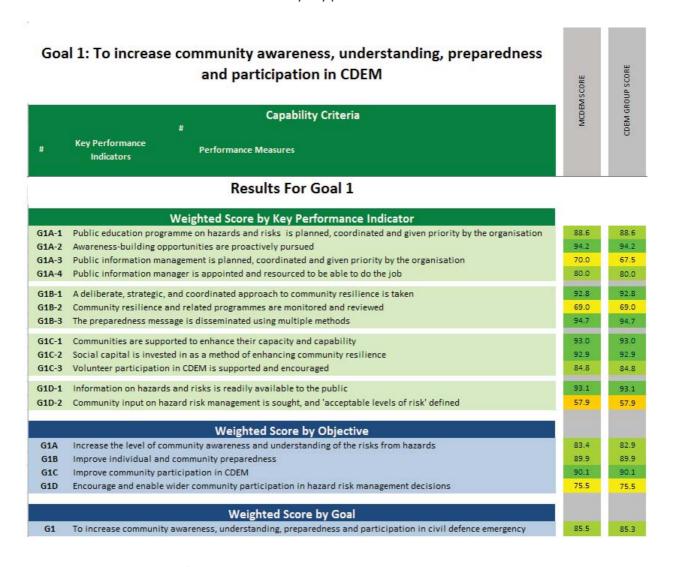


Table 1: Goal 1 scores by Key Performance Indicator and Objective.

### Areas of strength

### Awareness building / the preparedness message

These are both high performing areas for the Wellington Group with scores sitting at the upper end of the mature scoring zone. The Group uses a range of tools and approaches to work with communities to strengthen their awareness of hazard risk and to support them in being better prepared to manage and recover from emergency events. Examples of work in this area include the "It's Easy" suite of publications, the water tank project and the blue line tsunami project which won the Global and Oceania awards for a number of projects by the International Association for Emergency Managers in 2012, 2013 and 2014. In addition to specific projects, WREMO have a website specifically dedicated to providing awareness and preparedness messaging for communities. Further to this, WREMO effectively uses its Facebook site to grow a community who is informed and prepared for emergencies. Following a very deliberate approach, the intent was to step up engagement in this space and create a feeling for Facebook followers of having "an advisor on the inside". This has proven very effective during and following the storm and earthquake events of 2013/14¹ which increased both reach and followers. The platform for an increased opportunity to provide awareness messaging is now greater than any other CDEM group in New Zealand, and the Group should be congratulated for this innovative, and now followed approach to engaging communities regularly in public awareness messaging.

### Community participation in CDEM

The Wellington Group Plan has a very deliberate focus on the community. This approach is reflected in much of the work that WREMO do towards improving individual and community preparedness and this is aligned with objectives in its business plan. A team of seven staff, headed by a manager deliver a range of programmes that include public education; community resilience work; volunteers and improving understanding of local hazard risk (see awareness building section above). The team share the responsibility for delivery across all of these areas, with individuals having an oversight role in particular specialisms. In addition, team members act as local area advisors who champion and maintain specific relationships with the respective local authority partners. Key objectives in this area include strengthening community ownership; provision for vulnerable communities and building community capability and capacity.

Engagement within the community is driven by an approach that includes meeting the needs of the end user, working with communities to identify solutions and having a longer term focus on networks and resilience rather than the preparation of documents or plans. The community resilience team work within a 'continuum of engagement' that meets the differing requirements of individuals and communities; from a more passive engagement via Facebook through to becoming a CDEM volunteer with a range of other approaches in between. Quarterly reporting to CEG and the Joint Committee provides clear KPI driven information on progress in this area and this is supported by additional narrative. The community resilience team are actively encouraged to research and test ideas, tell stories to share concepts and modify approaches to meet the audience they are working with. Although perhaps not a new concept in terms of general community engagement, in the area of emergency management, it is. Interviews with local authority senior staff and mayors indicated that they tended to be more comfortable and confident with the traditional approach to emergency management (focusing on emergency operation centre activities) and were less familiar with the approach taken by the community resilience team. That said, experiences in recent emergency events demonstrated the value of this work and all were supportive of its contribution, with many indicating that they would like to understand more about what this meant for their local communities. The Wellington Group scores in this area fall in the mature category and reflect the effort and approach to strengthening community engagement in CDEM. The Group is to be congratulated on this score.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wellington storm June 2013; Lake Grassmere earthquake August 2013 and Eketahuna earthquake January 2014

### Areas for improvement

### Monitoring of community resilience work

Whilst this score is slightly lower within the overall community resilience focus, work is currently underway to examine how the Group could best monitor its growing community resilience. WREMO has established relationships with other stakeholders and commenced project work to evaluate the impact of its activity with the community. Following further development of its recovery framework and approach, WREMO have indicated that it will be in a position to develop a comprehensive set of resilience metrics. Given the advanced nature of the Group's community engagement work and their involvement as an International Centre of Excellence for Community Resilience<sup>2</sup>, any monitoring metrics are likely to be of interest to most CDEM Groups embarking on work in this area.

### Community input to hazard risk management

This area of the tool examines how local authorities identify and engage with communities that are vulnerable to hazard risk, including their involvement in determining 'acceptable' risk and risk management options. Scores in this part of the tool are variable but fall generally into the developing category. Interviews indicated that any work in this area focused primarily on flood management rather than other specific hazards, and that this had been facilitated largely by the regional council over many years. However the 'Tsunami blue line' project has been highlighted as a community led risk management project. The score in this area is on a par with other CDEM Groups across New Zealand and reflects the development in thinking from a more response focus to a more risk reduction focus.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This regional International Centre of Excellence forms part of a United Nations initiative to enhance the regional and research foci of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) programme through a network of international research and practice clusters.

### **Goal Two:** Reducing the risks from hazards

This section of the report focuses on the following activities;

- Emergency management research
- Hazard risk research and analysis
- Risk assessment

- Risk reduction programmes
- Hazard risk monitoring.

The overall score for goal 2 is 66.3% reflecting an advancing state for the Group. This is an improvement on the 2011 score of 43%. Detailed score breakdown by key performance indicator is shown in table 2.

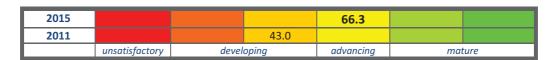




Table 2: Goal 2 scores by Key Performance Indicator and Objective.

### Areas of strength

### **Emergency management research**

The collective horsepower of the CDEM professional staff means that their ability to research emergency management best practice is good. The forward thinking approach by the team to ensure that CDEM is planned over a 5 year horizon is clearly a driver in respect of emergency management research. The team has relationships not only with typical science agencies, but has developed a network of contacts in the community resilience space both nationally and internationally. Although projects per se are still evolving, scores in this area are solid and will clearly grow over time.

### Hazard risk research and analysis

Given the breadth of hazard risk in the Wellington region, the Group has undertaken a significant body of research in a number of these specific hazards. The "it's our fault" project (researching the Wellington fault network), flooding hazard research by the regional council and more recently the tsunami inundation project are good examples of ongoing research that informs the identification of vulnerabilities. Additionally, the group has undertaken infrastructural vulnerability research through the Lifeline Group. Gaps in hazard research and the development of a natural hazards strategy are being steered by the regional planning managers group. This group comprises of planners from each of the territorial authorities and regional hazard manager from the regional council. WREMO staff also sit on this group providing continuity between hazard risk management approaches and emergency management. Although the group is fairly new (approx. 2 years old), the intention is to gain a better understanding of the hazard scape, examine the hazard risk within the region and to link together planning approaches that reduce risk. This approach is in development, but is likely to provide information that provides for a consistent approach to risk management. The Group is to be commended for this approach.

### **Areas for improvement**

### Monitoring of hazard risk and vulnerability

Given the developing nature of risk reduction research, the development of consistent planning approaches, and mitigation work, it is unsurprising that scores focused on the monitoring of hazard risk would be lower. Interviewees indicated that the primary focus at this time was the development of policies that would support mitigating hazard risk in new development (planning approaches) rather than examining mitigation of existing hazard risk / vulnerabilities. That said, interviews indicated that asset engineers use hazard research to inform asset management planning, and that the lifeline group was a good example of where strategic investment decisions were being informed by known hazard risk. CEG representatives when interviewed understood how this asset management approach was supporting in reducing risk within their territorial authority boundary, but that there were few programmes in place to monitor the effects of mitigation work in reducing hazard risk and vulnerability. Additionally, at a regional level CEG indicated that it also had little oversight of the various strands of risk reduction work, how this was targeted to vulnerability and its overall effect on reducing risk within the region. That said the majority of CEO's and Mayors acknowledged that risk reduction was an area that they should have a greater collective oversight of, and all recognised the varied risk profile of the Wellington region and its potential consequences on communities.

The theme of hazard risk and vulnerability is explored further under Goal 4; Recovery planning and management and in Enabler 1; Hazard risk reduction funding prioritised to risk.

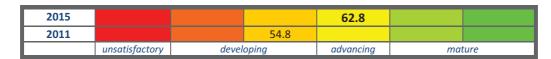
### Goal Three: Enhancing capability to manage emergencies

This section of the report focuses on the following activities;

- Capability development and exercising
- CDEM planning
- Collaboration and cooperation
- Emergency operation centres
- Warning systems

- Multi agency communications
- Controllers
- Critical resources and logistics
- Group and local welfare
- Coordination of Lifelines.

The overall score for goal 3 is 62.8% reflecting an advancing state for the Group. This is an improvement on the 2011 score of 54.8%. Detailed score breakdown by key performance indicator is shown in table 3.



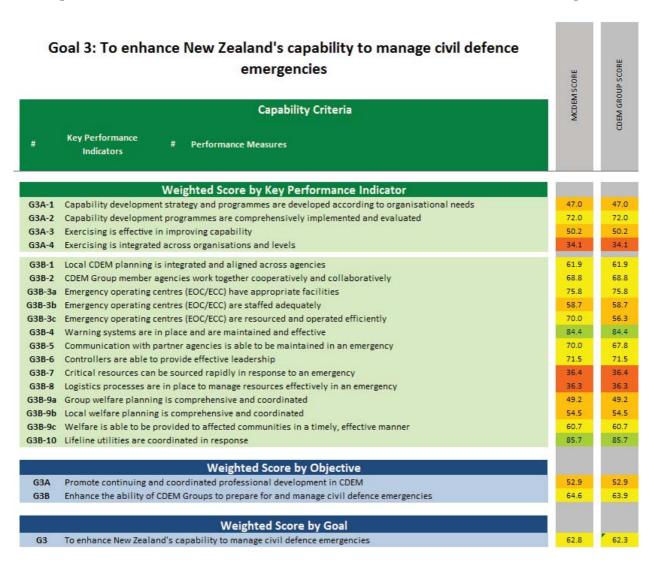


Table 3: Goal 3 scores by Key Performance Indicator and Objective.

### Areas of strength

### **Lifeline Utilities**

The Wellington Group has two lifeline groups; the Wellington Engineering Lifeline Group (WELG) and the Wairarapa Engineering Lifeline Association (WELA) both with a similar representation from relevant lifeline utility organisations. Although connected (through relationships and some project work) the two entities remain separate. The WELG has good engagement from its respective organisation members and have successfully conducted a number of projects aiming to improve lifeline infrastructure capability (including 'Restoration Times for Metropolitan Wellington Following a Wellington Fault Earthquake' and 'Restoring Wellington's transport links after a major earthquake'). Although these examples examine impacts following an earthquake scenario, more recent work is focusing on defining emergency levels of service that could occur as a result of other hazard events. Based on the Sphere Project "Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response", service levels definition is driving minimum standards and informing strategic decision making in asset management. Water supply standards have already been defined through work with Wellington Water. Although the mechanisms for water provision across the Wellington region are not the same, the emergency service standards remain relevant. Further work is being conducted currently to look at other service provision, but this is fairly fragmented and currently lacks a strategic philosophy or management approach. Additionally work is also underway to examine infrastructural impacts following inundation (from tsunami events). WELG members understand the value of collaborative working and meetings have appropriate level attendance from managers who can commit to project work. This is in part due to the strong leadership provided by the WELG Chair who has exceptional connections at a senior level with most significant member organisations.

Although the work WELG stewards adds significant value to the CDEM Group (and the mature score in this area is reflective of this), CEG does not have a full oversight of what the two lifeline groups are delivering or their contribution to overall risk reduction. There is opportunity for CEG to provide support and / or direction to support greater collaboration between the two and to strategically examine how their collective work contributes to the overall risk reduction approach within the Wellington region.

### Warning systems

The CDEM team has dedicated staff providing a 24/7 duty arrangement and has given thought to how the centralised model will ensure relationships are maintained at a local level following the issuing of a warning. The Wellington CDEM Group uses a suite of tools to promulgate warnings to respective agencies. Automated email and SMS messaging promulgates any national warning, and local warnings (particularly around flooding) are facilitated via duty officer contact with MetService and GWRC, and on-contact with WREMO local area advisors and controllers. Public alerting utilises a suite of tools (depending on the type of warning) including sirens (Hutt city has a siren network, Wellington City has mobile sirens that can be deployed if appropriate), text and email alerts, social media and traditional media (including pre-arranged messaging templates with local radio). Of particular note is the social media side of public alerting where WREMO dovetails its public education side through its Facebook page with its text alerting side (signposted on Facebook but managed through twitter). Messaging to recipients includes advising recipients to forward alert messages on, providing for greater reach within the community. Interviews indicated that following the storm and earthquake events of 2013/14, sign ups to WREMO's text alerting facility increased significantly. This is a highly mature space for Wellington.

### Areas for improvement

### Coordinated professional development in CDEM

Generally interviews locally indicated that there is a 'nervousness' around the local operational response arrangements, and that the previous reduced levels of training delivery and exercising of staff seemed to be in part, a key driver in this nervousness. Almost all CEO's and mayors reflected on their local arrangements prior to the centralised model, and felt that opportunities for training and exercising were better before they "lost" their emergency management staff. When specifically asked about their current trained state<sup>3</sup>, most interviewees struggled to have an oversight of what that would look like. Following further prompting, there was a general acknowledgement that whilst WREMO staff were their subject matter experts, the responsibility to maintain a response capability currently lies with the territorial authority. Where relationships between local and WREMO staff were continuous and catch ups were regular, the nervousness around response capability was somewhat less than areas were staff WREMO staff changes had occurred.

There was a general acknowledgement across all interviewees that the operational side of CDEM wasn't quite where it needed to be, and that there was currently a 're-think' underway that would result in a capability development framework and delivery phase. There is an opportunity for local authority members to engage more fully in the ownership of response capability and that the delivery of a comprehensive capability development programme will provide confidence that staff know what to do, and are well practiced in undertaking their response roles. That said, recent emergency events across the region have provided real-time opportunity to test arrangements, and generally interviewees were happy that things went well and that corrective actions had been implemented.

### **Critical resources**

Measures within this area of the tool include having processes to manage Rapid Impact Assessments; the use of consequential planning to consider resource needs; planning and management of critical resource shortfalls, and planning for post disaster building inspections. Local authority responses to this KPI were highly variable indicating that whilst some thinking may have been undertaken in this area, it was unlikely to be consistent or cognisant of the requirements following any medium to larger scale event. This is a difficult area to examine, particularly for larger groups and especially so for major city environments. Following the Christchurch earthquake in 2011, the effort needed to support critical resource planning became more evident. The Wellington Group scores are similar to those across New Zealand however the risks are higher for the CBD. This is an area that the Group may like to consider further as part of its maturing of the operational response function.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This was qualified with interviewees to specifically consider (1) did they know how many EOC staff would be needed and who they were; (2) did they know how 'capable' they were – i.e. that staff had undertaken training and exercising relevant to their role, and (3) did they know who their key staff were – i.e. controllers, recovery managers, public information managers and function unit leads.

### **Goal Four** Enhancing capability to recover from emergencies

This section of the report focuses on the following activities;

- Recovery structures
- Recovery planning (and integration with other planning processes)
- Transition from response to recovery
- Impact assessment

- Recovery centres
- Integration of the community with the recovery process
- Information management
- Debriefing / learning from past events

The overall score for goal 4 is 36.5% reflecting a developing state for the Group. While this is the lowest score for the Group, this is a slight improvement on the 2011 score of 21.2%. Detailed score breakdown by key performance indicator shown in table 4.





Table 4: Goal 4 scores by Key Performance Indicator and Objective.

### Areas of strength

### Learning from emergencies

From the data and interviews, it was evident that the Wellington Group understands the value of the learning process post emergency. The score in this area is the highest for this goal and is informed by a debrief culture and recent debriefs held after the Wellington storm June 2013; Lake Grassmere earthquake August 2013 and Eketahuna earthquake January 2014. Multi agency in nature, debriefs identified a number of corrective actions which have

subsequently been actioned. Learning from emergencies represents a vital component in ensuring the Group has a continuous cycle of improvement.

### Areas for improvement

### Recovery planning and management

Although scores across all participants for this goal were low, this reflects much of New Zealand where recovery planning and management has been afforded less attention than other goals. Although notionally local authorities have appointed (variably) local recovery managers, and there is an appointed Group recovery manager, very little has been progressed that can tangibly constitute recovery planning. However, during interviews, CEG representatives and mayors clearly identified the beginnings of a more mature approach to recovery planning that extended beyond discussions relating to a recovery framework. Although measures within the capability assessment tool focus on recovery managers (identification, capability), and the functions of a recovery office (plan, transition, framework, etc.), preliminary discussions within the Group at this stage extend well beyond this. Referred to by interviewees as "pre-event recovery planning", the spectrum of this activity is likely to include proactively engaging with the community and strategic investment conversations that essentially 'front load' the reduction component of the 4R's with activities that reduce hazard risk and consequential vulnerabilities, and provide a platform for recovery planning.

Investment discussions are already leaning towards a desire to build assets that 'endure' rather than 'survive' an emergency event. This approach recognises specifically that a major earthquake event could leave communities without services for weeks or months. By way of example the Lifeline groups' project "emergency levels of service" has informed establishing a baseline level of service<sup>4</sup> that could provide water provision to communities post event (15 litres of water/per person/per day). Similar discussions are beginning with other asset owners. This dovetails well with the Groups resilience approach. Additionally, conversations with communities around how to keep people in the region following a significant event are also in the early stages, alongside more strategic discussions around spatial planning that are also helping to inform a recovery planning approach. WREMO staff indicated during interviews that the topic of recovery will become a focus of attention in the coming months. In addition to the more traditional recovery framework and plan, recovery planning would likely be supported by a community engagement approach and by a more complex strategic investment discussion.

One barrier to this approach (particularly around coordinated strategic investment) is the issue of local government reform. Whilst interviewees tried hard to separate wider politics from CDEM, it was evident that the politics within the Wellington region (both local and national politics) will have an effect on strategic discussions around risk reduction and recovery planning.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Level of service based on Sphere Project "Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response".

### **Enabler One: Governance and management arrangements**

This section of the report focuses on the following activities;

- The Group Plan
- CEG and the Joint Committee
- Work planning
- CDEM leadership

- CDEM Group identity
- CDEM culture
- Funding.

The overall score for enabler 1 is 86.1% reflecting a mature state for the Group. This is a high point for the Group and a significant improvement on the 2011 score of 35.8%. Detailed score breakdown by key performance indicator is shown in table 5.



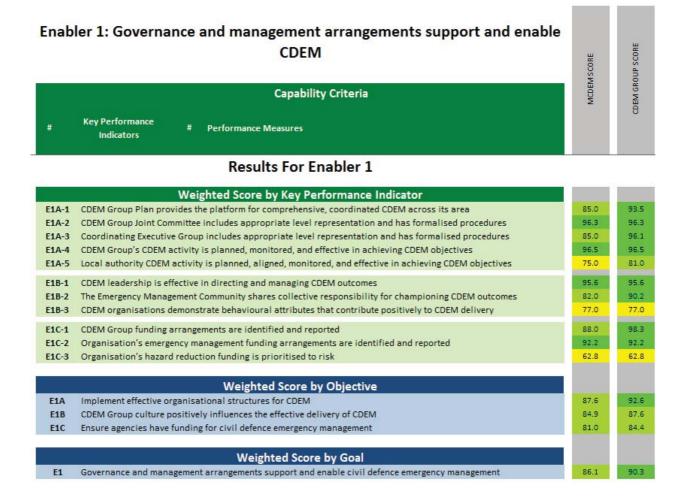


Table 5: Enabler 1 scores by Key Performance Indicator and Objective.

### Areas of strength

### CDEM organisational structures

The mature score for this overall goal and across many of the key performance indicators (KPI's) demonstrates the effort and attention that has been afforded in this space since the last capability assessment report and the Group should be congratulated for its significant improvements.

The objective 'implement effective organisational structures' is comprised of a number of KPI's including the Group Plan, governance and management arrangements and the delivery of CDEM activity. Following the last capability assessment report in 2011, the Wellington Group has given effect to bold changes in its CDEM delivery arrangements through a centralised model with CDEM staff reporting from one central office but retaining local connectivity. Interviews indicated that one of the overall effects of this change has been a significant improvement in the general understanding of how a CDEM group should function, and that CDEM responsibilities lie with all member agencies and do not sit solely with the Regional Council. All interviewees were explicit about the value that WREMO provides in improving CDEM capability within the region.

Other multi agency CDEM structural arrangements are variably successful. The Lifelines Group is certainly a strength for the Wellington Group, whereas the Welfare Coordination Committee (and its respective agency involvement) is currently less successful in strengthening welfare capability. Local Emergency Service Coordinating Committees (ESCC's) chaired by the Police provide an opportunity to strengthen response relationships, and the Regional Inter-Agency Planning Committee (regional ESCC) should provide a layer of strategic response coordination. Emergency Service partners attend CEG but are less confident about their role in that committee. Interviewees indicated that whilst there is much CDEM activity at a regional and local level, there was opportunity to join this up and provide a more holistic overview of capability at the CEG.

### **CDEM** leadership

Following the previous capability assessment report and a number of additional triggers, the Wellington Group took the decision to align its CDEM delivery through one centralised model. CDEM professional staff were transitioned from their local authority employment into a model that looks quite different from other CDEM group arrangements. The Group Plan articulates a clear direction for focus on community engagement and the resulting WREMO model provides a significant capacity for this to occur. At the time of the previous report, CEG members were passively receiving reports from a Group office attempting to fill a leadership void. This is significantly improved. In order to have undertaken this change, CEG and Joint Committee members have had to reappraise themselves of their role and responsibilities in the delivery of CDEM.

Interviews revealed CEG members to be very supportive of the approach taken by WREMO and were unanimous in singling out WREMO's manager as a driving force for change. The CDEM team have been supported by CEG and the Joint Committee to take a long term view of improvement which is now demonstrating significant improvements particularly in the community resilience space. That said, many local authority interviewees when prompted, acknowledged that this level of leadership needs to be sustained, and that for the Wellington Group to get to the next level each local authority needs to examine what it brings to the table. The mature score in this area reflects the commitment made by members in creating WREMO and the ongoing leadership provided by its staff. Whilst there is currently a project underway to better clarify the role and responsibilities of local authority partners, thinking in this area could be extended over time to include emergency service partners and other stakeholders. The most significant contribution in this area should however be targeted to local authorities in order that they can better understand what CDEM components fall outside of the shared arrangement, and how they can add value to the work that is already stewarded by WREMO.

### **Areas for improvement**

### Hazard risk reduction funding prioritised to risk

Whilst there was evidence variably of local authorities having identified hazard risk as a strategic priority, the ability for councils to effectively articulate how it informs budget setting or that risk reduction expenditure was directly linked to identified hazard risk was less obvious. The go-to position in this space (particularly for larger councils) was

expenditure on asset management. Interviewees were less confident on how this expenditure could demonstrate risk reduction within vulnerable communities. Two organisations that felt more comfortable in this area were Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council, but overall at a Group level, there was little evidence of the Group as whole having oversight of how it invests in risk reduction and its impacts on communities in respect of risk. This is a highly mature concept and no CDEM Group is currently doing this well. That said Wellington City Council's pending involvement with the Rockefeller Foundation as part of its "100 resilient cities" programme could provide the leverage to support the Group in better understanding how the range of activities funded and delivered by local authorities contributes towards improving organisational and community resilience.

### **Enabler Two: Organisational resilience**

This section of the report focuses on the following activities;

- Risk management
- Business continuity framework
- Critical functions
- Business continuity planning

- Leadership and culture
- Relationships and networks
- Adaptive capacity

The overall score for enabler 2 is 71.7% reflecting an advancing state for the Group. This is a new area for the Capability Assessment tool, and no data is available to compare this to. Detailed score breakdown by key performance indicator is shown in table 6.





Table 6: Enabler 2 scores by Key Performance Indicator and Objective.

### Areas of strength

### Leadership and culture

The premise of this KPI is that in times of crisis, planning only takes an organisation so far in its ability to respond effectively. A critical contributor to the management of shocks or crisis is that organisational leadership is enabling of adaptive capacity. Measures in this area of the tool include having a wider global approach to the anticipation of risk; accountability and empowerment; having a culture of continuous improvement; being embracing of innovation and change, and adopting practices generally that provide for redundancy. Collectively the Wellington Group scores

well in this area although variably relating to the respective size of the contributing local authorities. This is a difficult area to score as it relies on interpretation in the absence of clearly articulated direction. Interviewees however demonstrated (across CEO's, senior managers and CDEM professional staff) that they collectively share these values. The group should be congratulated on this advancing score.

### Areas for improvement

### Active learning and capability development

Although generally, the adaptive capacity elements of crisis management are well supported by a leadership culture, where the 'rubber hits the road' is in the explicit testing of crisis arrangements. Local authority responses to this KPI were highly variable indicating that whilst some thinking may have been undertaken at a local level, at a Group level the approach to promulgating crisis arrangements or business continuity was somewhat uncoordinated. Generally there appears to be a reasonable understanding within individual organisations of what might cause 'shocks' and what the general priorities would be should this occur, the rigour around the testing and reviewing those arrangements was an area for improvement. From a CEG perspective, having an oversight of the transition of organisational crisis management into a wider CDEM response environment should provide comfort that member organisations would do the right things in a crisis, and would be positioned well to support any escalating CDEM response.

## Conclusions

The table below summarises the suite of scores for the Wellington CDEM Group at objective level<sup>5</sup> (including combined CDEM Group and MCDEM score)

	SUMMARY OF RESULTS COMBINED GROUP	MCDEM	CDEM Group
	Results for Goal 1	SCORE	SCORE
G1A	Increase the level of community awareness and understanding of the risks from hazards	83.4	82.9
G1B	Improve individual and community preparedness	89.9	89.9
G1C	Improve community participation in CDEM	90.1	90.1
G1D	Encourage and enable wider community participation in hazard risk management decisions	75.5	75.5
	Results for Goal 2	SCORE	SCORE
624	Improve the coordination promotion and acrescibility of CDFM recearch	75.3	77.0
G2B		71.3	74.6
G2C	Encourage all CDEM stakeholders to reduce the risks from hazards to acceptable levels	59.3	60.1
	Results for Goal 3	SCORE	SCORE
G3A	Promote continuing and coordinated professional development in CDEM	52.9	53.9
G3B	Enhance the ability of CDEM Groups to prepare for and manage civil defence emergencies	64.6	64.7
	Results for Goal 4	SCORE	SCORE
		0 70	0.40
G4A	Implement effective recovery planning activities	31.0	31.0
G4B	Enhance the ability of agencies to manage the recovery process	41.9	41.9
	Results for Enabler 1	SCORE	SCORE
E1A	Implement effective organisational structures for CDEM	87.6	92.6
E18	CDEM Group culture positively influences the effective delivery of CDEM	84.9	87.6
E1C	Ensure agencies have funding for civil defence emergency management	81.0	84.4
	Results for Enabler 2	SCORE	SCORE
P 20A	Oranginational forming and the same of the	0.00	0.00
E28	Organisational resilience is developed through about the capacity Organisational resilience is developed through adaptive capacity	75.1	78.1
	Results by Goal	SCORE	SCORE
61	To increase community awareness, understanding, preparedness and participation in civil	85.5	85.3
	derence emergency management		
62	To reduce the risks from hazards to New Zealand	66.3	68.4
g :	To enhance New Zealand's capability to manage civil defence emergencies	62.8	63.1
64	To enhance New Zealand's capability to recover from civil defence emergencies	36.5	36.5
<b>=</b> 8	Governance and management arrangements support and enable civil defence emergency	85.1	90.3
73	Olganisational resilience supports effective crisis management	/1/	13.1
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	OVERALL SCORE	68.6	70.6

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Objectives underpin the Goals set out in the National CDEM Strategy

The Wellington Group score of 68.6% is a reflection of the investment of effort that the Group has made since its 2011 capability assessment. The target score set by MCDEM has been comfortably exceeded, and improvements in Goal 1 and Enabler 1 are significant, with both sitting within the 'mature' scoring areas. The suite of local authority data provides the Group with some granularity around local CDEM performance, and highlights where support may be required or where good practice exists that could be levered in other areas of the Group.

The high score in Enabler 1 is the most improved area and reflects the attention invested by the Group in improving its leadership, culture and CDEM structures.

The high score in Goal 1 reflects WREMO's innovative approaches to working within communities to strengthen awareness and uptake of the preparedness message. The community resilience team are energetic and enthusiastic, and this translates into their work within the community. Showing obvious signs of success, this is an area where WREMO demonstrates not only leadership within the communities of the Group, but also leadership that other CDEM groups are learning from. In addition, Wellington City's recent acceptance into the '100 resilient cities' programme has the potential to add value and resource to this work by examining other contributing factors that improve resilience. Collaboration amongst all local authorities in this work has potential to significantly strengthen overall resilience within the Wellington CDEM Group.

Although the Group has lower scores in the areas of risk reduction and recovery, there is a general feeling that the approaches the Group will take in the future will be more strategic than functional. Linked to the 'pre-disaster recovery' planning work, there is early evidence of asset investment decisions that support building a more resilient future. Although some interviews indicated a feeling that councils had "lost" their local emergency management staff, this was more a reflection of how things used to be, rather than an acknowledgement that things had needed to improve. Supporting this was a general misunderstanding by councils of what WREMO was delivering, and that the responsibility for CDEM remained statutorily with them. There is work underway to provide a greater understanding of who does what within the Group. Local authorities may find this presents an opportunity to examine the breadth of activity it undertakes, and how that contributes towards improving organisational and community resilience.

The Wellington Group has been honest and self-reflective during this process and the report presents few surprises for the Group to consider. The Wellington Group's overall risk profile remains a key factor in its CDEM activity and the maturity of thinking across all goal areas demonstrates a good understanding of that risk. It is evident that following the changes introduced after the 2011 capability assessment report, the Group is heading squarely into its next phase.

The table below illustrates a comparison of the Wellington CDEM Group's 2011 and 2015 data across the 4 goals and 2 enablers.

Goal 1	2015					85.5	
	2011				63.4		
Goal 2	2015				66.3		
	2011			43.0			
Goal 3	2015				62.8		
	2011			54.8			
Goal 4	2015		36.5				
	2011		21.2				
Enabler 1	2015					86.1	
	2009		35.5				
Enabler 2	2014				71.7		
		unsatisfactory	devel	oping	advancing	ma	ture

There is only one recommendation for the Group from this report.

That the Wellington Group examines its' collective scores and collaborates in producing a Group level corrective action plan that is approved by the Joint Committee and lodged with the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management.

Further information on the lodgement of this corrective action plan will be provided in due course.

Engagement from member agencies at all levels in the Capability Assessment process has been highly open and supportive. The willingness for CEO's, Mayors, CEG subcommittee reps and professional staff to engage in the assessment process and demonstrate their collective understanding of the CDEM environment is indicative of the collective ownership of CDEM in the Wellington region.

### **Appendix 1: Capability Assessment process and interviews.**

### 1. Scoring

### **Group Scoring**

The Group's capability assessment score is comprised of both local and regional elements. For CDEM Groups without a full shared service model the local component represents 60%, with the remaining 40% assigned to territorial authorities having a weighted proportion based on population size. For the Wellington Group, this is transposed with the regional component of the score representing 60% and the local component representing 40%. Specifically, WREMO represents 50% of the overall score reflecting the services provided by them on behalf of the Group. Figure A shows the capability assessment weighting for the Wellington Group.

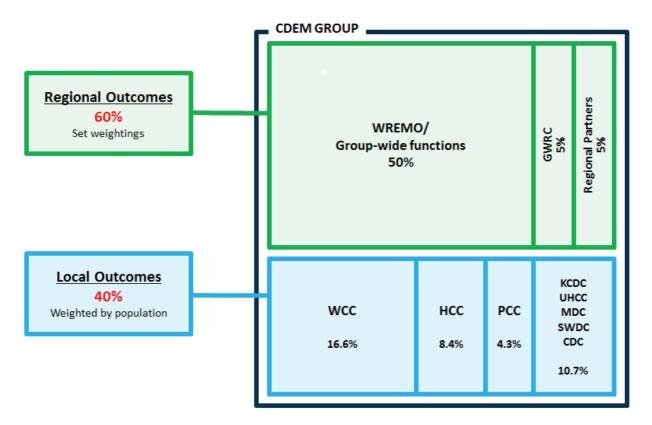


Figure A: Capability Assessment Scoring apportionment for the Wellington Group

### **Goals and Enablers**

Each of the four Goals and two Enablers contributes a proportion to the overall score. At a Group and local level, the apportionment remains the same. Figure B shows the proportional weighting that each goal and enabler contributes to the final score.

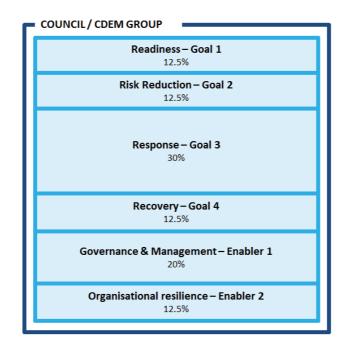


Figure B: Goals and Enabler contribution to the local and Group scores

### **MCDEM Scoring**

As a scoring principle, MCDEM uses the combined Group self-assessment score at a KPI level as the starting point for MCDEM scoring. The assessment team considers whether the combined Group score is reflective of how that particular KPI functions across the all of the member agencies of the Group (as opposed to being the aggregation of high and low performance). The scoring guide<sup>6</sup> detail also informs this assessment. Local Authority data has not been moderated by MCDEM and represents each individual local authority's combined self-assessment data.

### "Developing, Advancing and Mature"

For each of KPI and associated measures, a six level coloured scale is used (Figure C). Referring to the "CDEM Capability Assessment Report: Part 1, August 2012", the coloured scale is directly linked to the attributes of developing, advancing and mature. Groups are likely to have varying scores across the four Goal and two Enabler areas of the capability assessment tool, and scores are presented in this report showing the 2011 and most recent score using this scale.

2014					87.3	
2011		43.5				
	unsatisfactory	developing		advancing	mature	
	0 – 20%	21 – 40%	41 – 60%	60 – 80%	81 – 90%	90 – 100%

Figure C: Example of developing, advancing and mature score percentages

### 2. Interviews and workshops

The MCDEM capability assessment process consists of a quantitative component (the tool), and a qualitative component delivered through an interview component. The interview process was made available to all CEO's / CEG members, Mayors / Joint Committee members and professional staff. For the Wellington Group this was undertaken as follows;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The scoring guide can be found in the red tab of the Capability Assessment Tool spreadsheet.

Carterton District Council	Carterton District Council Elaine Brazendale – Deputy Mayor				
	Colin Wright – Chief Executive				
	Milan Haulter - CEG sub-committee member				
Masterton District Council	Lyn Patterson – Mayor				
	Pim Borren – Chief Executive				
	David Hopman - CEG sub-committee member				
South Wairarapa District Council	Adrienne Staples – Mayor				
	Paul Crimp – Chief Executive				
	Mark Allingham - CEG sub-committee member				
Porirua City Council					
,	Gary Simpson – Chief Executive				
Lower Hutt City Council	Bruce Sherlock - CEG sub-committee member				
Hutt City Council	Wayne Guppy – Mayor				
Trace only obtained	Chris Upton – Chief Executive				
	Lachlan Wallach - CEG sub-committee r	nember			
Wellington City Council	Celia Wade-Brown – Mayor				
Treimigram arry addition	Kevin Lavery – Chief Executive				
	Anthony Wilson - CEG sub-committee n	nember			
	Mark Constable – Emergency and Continuity Manager				
	Geoff McRobie – Risk Manager				
	Simon Fleisher – Local Controller				
	Jenny Raines – Local Welfare Manager				
Kapiti Coast District Council					
	Pat Dougherty – Chief Executive				
Greater Wellington Regional		air: Wellington Engineering Lifelines			
Council	Fran Wilde – Chair Regional Council; Chair: Wellington Engineering Lifelines Group				
	Greg Campbell – Chief Executive				
	Leigh –Anne Buxton - CEG sub-committee member				
	Jane Davis – Group Recovery Manager				
	Donna Baker – Group Public Information Manager				
	lain Dawe – Regional Hazards Manager				
Wellington Region Emergency	ruce Pepperell – Regional Manager				
Management Office					
S	Community Resilience Team	Operational Readiness team			
	Dan Neely	Craig Hamilton			
	Jason Paul	Dave Jack			
	Rebecca Jackson	Adrian Glen			
	Scott Dray	Trevor Farmer			
	Sonali Chandratilake				
	Lisa McLearn				
	Kerry McSaveny				
	Mischa Hill				
	Business and Development team				
	Rian van Schalkwyk				
	Ian Harris				
	Jay Anderson				
	Sarah Gauden-Ing				
	Jessica Hare				
Emergency Services	ncy Services Hamish Milne – Strategic and Operations Planning Manager NZ Police,				
	Paul Smith – Assistant Area Commander NZ Fire				
Lifelines Richard Mowll – Lifeline Utility Coordinator / Project Manager					

# Appendix 2 – Correspondence from Featherston Camp Memorial Trust



### FEATHERSTON CAMP MEMORIAL TRUST

79 Underhill Road, Featherston, 5710

Chairperson: Secretary:
Bernard Jervis Jean McDowall
Please address all correspondence to the Secretary

**To:** The Mayor and Councillors, South Wairarapa District Council

**Copy to:** Paul Crimp, Chief Executive Officer, South Wairarapa District Council

Featherston Community Board

**From:** Featherston Camp Memorial Trust

**Date:** 22 June 2015

**Subject:** Seeking the South Wairarapa District Council's agreement to change the location of the proposed Paul Dibble Featherston Camp Sculpture.

### **Submission**

The Featherston Camp Memorial Trust's (the Trust) original proposal was to erect a significant work in the proposed Town Square to recognise the local, national and international significance to New Zealand of the Featherston Military Training Camp.

The Trust has been granted approval by the South Wairarapa District Council to install a Paul Dibble sculpture in the proposed town Square and resource consent has also been obtained to erect the sculpture on a site that is part of the proposed Town Square. However, after seeing the concept plans for the Town Square, and after closer examination of the proposed site and in consultation with the artist, Paul Dibble, the Trust now believes the sculpture would be better placed where the Wind-grass sculpture is currently situated.

This alternative site would allow the iconic sculpture to stand out as an entity in its own space – as befits a memorial of national and international significance. This will allow greater engagement with passing traffic and pedestrians. The Trust believes that siting the sculpture closer to the RSA and the Featherston War Memorial is also appropriate, given the military links.

The Trust therefore requests that the Council gives consideration to re-siting the Wind-grass sculpture situated on the intersection of Fitzherbert Street and Fox Street onto the site currently proposed for the Paul Dibble sculpture and approving installation of the Paul Dibble sculpture on the site vacated by the Wind-grass sculpture.

### For Featherston Camp Memorial Trust:

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# Appendix 3 – Email from Fraser Donald, Heritage Museum

**From:** Fraser Donald [mailto:fdonald@xtra.co.nz]

**Sent:** Friday, 3 July 2015 9:22 a.m.

**To:** Adrienne Staples - Her Worship the Mayor **Subject:** Information Centre, Featherston

### Good Morning Adrienne,

Thank you for your attendance at the signing of the MOU between the Fell and the Heritage. Further to our discussion, I would like to confirm the Heritage Museum would be interested in leasing the two rooms currently occupied by the Toy Library. After talking to Jocelyn from the Information Centre, we believe we could set up part of the Featherston history display over there to the mutual advantage of both parties. We are seeking your Council's approval. Regards Fraser