

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

15 MAY 2013

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## AGENDA ITEM D2

### INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES GROUP REPORT

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To update Councillors on the Infrastructure and Service Group activities.

#### **Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

## **1. Consents**

### **1.1 Costs and Compliance**

Officers attended a regional consent meeting with GWRC on the new consent costs structure. These added costs are being allowed for in the new financial year's budget.

### **1.2 Wastewater (All sites)**

Consultation with affected parties has taken place during the period by way of a monthly update outlining progress during the period. Work has largely revolved around land suitability investigation at Featherston and Martinborough. Other work including technical review of the improvement programmes and their integrity at each site is underway.

A Combined Steering group meeting was held on 11 April 2013 to further consult with the group membership. Three external stakeholders were in attendance. Following this officers plan to engage on a one to one basis with stakeholders.

In addition it has been deemed important to revisit the combined environmental foot print (one land disposal site for three communities) option to make sure that we can adequately answer any relevant questions in the formal hearing setting.

The review of earlier work as well will serve to ensure that over time the cost dynamics around scale have not significantly changed and that stand alone improvement programmes for each of our sites remain the most cost effective approach for this Council.

Carterton District Council have been approached to see if they are interested in participating in this exercise and are to be included in this

review a single site solution. A study including Carterton Urban may establish additional economy of scale factors that would benefit both Councils after consideration.

The timeline for application completion for all sites is 30 June 2013.

### **1.3 Wastewater Strategy Overall**

Efforts continue to the undertake more in depth assessment of adjacent land that might be available (Council owned land included) for land treatment in the future for all sites.

In addition, Council has been approached by two separate landowners near the Greytown site on the basis that they are interested in taking treated waste water for irrigation purposes.

Given this interest and to maintain probity within the process, it is intended to publically seek expressions of interest from landowners in the vicinity of the three wastewater treatment plants. To date no interest has been received.

### **1.4 Water**

Nil to report.

### **1.5 Coastal**

Consent applications for coastal works are in process, these include retrospective approvals for past emergency work, rehabilitation of damaged rock structures and for new works required in specific locations.

Re-nourishment of the existing boulder beach at Te Kopi will be undertaken as conditions allow over the winter period.

### **1.6 Gravel Pit Extraction**

Several river gravel extraction consents in the rural areas south and east expire in November 2013 and preparation of renewal processes including consultation and documentation is underway. Lodgement before the end of May is anticipated.

### **1.7 Land Fill Consent**

Nil to Report

### **1.8 Wastewater and Water Reticulation**

The wastewater and water pipeline renewal contract has started. The replacement of the sewer pipeline in Wallace St has been completed. The next section of sewer pipeline to be replaced is in William Benton Street. Water main renewal is programmed to start after the sewer works is completed. The contract is expected to be completed by the end of September.

This contract will deliver two years of budgeted renewal work.

### **1.9 Wastewater Treatment Plants**

Planning and delivery for capital work at the treatment plants will be initiated this when consent certainty and agreed environmental outcomes are available. This is not expected to occur until the 2013/ 14 financial year.

### **1.10 Water Supply**

The Capital Assistance Funding application for the Featherston Water Supply upgrade project has been lodged with the Ministry of Health and is currently being processed. A decision is expected in two months.

Community water usage and rainfall records and trending is attached for Council's information in Appendix 1.

Further leak detection is to take place this year based on previous results and comparative analysis of the system.

## **2. Operations Utility Assets and Services**

### **2.1 Wastewater Treatment Plants**

Greytown, Martinborough and Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period with a continuing non-compliance issue.

There has been two other incidences where the allowable parameters to discharge to the river have been exceeded at the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant. These were investigated by City Care Ltd and Council officers to rectify the causes of these breaches.

### **2.2 Wastewater Reticulation**

2 pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

### **2.3 Water Treatment Plants**

Martinborough and the Featherston/Greytown Water Treatment Plants operated routinely throughout the period. River levels have lifted above the Resource Consent low flow and low water level trigger points following the rain on the 19 March. Water restrictions were lifted on the 24 April once river levels were consistently above the trigger levels. Public notification that the restrictions have been lifted was done early May.

### **2.4 Water Reticulation**

There were 14 water reticulation repairs reported and rectified during the period.

### **2.5 Water Races**

City Care Ltd has been performing the routine monthly inspections and blockage clearing of the water race network to maintain satisfactory flows for both networks over the summer months.

### **2.6 Waste Management**

Operations continued on a routine basis throughout the period.

Waste export and recycling tonnage data for the period is attached in Appendix 2.

### ***2.7 E-Waste Collection Region Wide***

Earthcare Environmental Ltd E-waste diversion from landfill proposal is still workable without involving MDC. Council is to prepare a short form contract that would include requirements for TV takeback between Earthcare Environmental Ltd, CDC and SWDC to operate out of the two regions transfer stations.

## **3. Roothing and Reserves**

### ***3.1 NZTA***

Submissions have been made in reference to the proposed changes to the Funding rates for Roothing works. This issue is crucial to the Wairarapa District as the Roothing network owned and managed by the Wairarapa councils is critical for the success of the local, regional and national communities in terms of economic and social outcomes.

### ***3.2 Roothing Maintenance – Oldfield Asphalts***

Grading of unsealed roads has continued despite the dry weather to relieve corrugations and satisfy complaints from residents.

Oldfields are doing a satisfactory job of the routine tasks of grading unsealed roads, signs maintenance, and repair of potholes.

In addition to maintenance, recent ordered works undertaken by Oldfields include:

- Further repairs to drop outs and slumps on the Hinakura Hill and similar works on the White Rock Rd on the Whakapuni Hill.
- Digout repairs on the white Rock Rd.
- Clearing of high vegetation, Hinakura area.
- Temporary repairs to the deck and temporary one lane restriction on Wards line bridge.
- Manufacture and stockpiling of road maintenance aggregate.

Planned work by Oldfields over the next month includes:

- Dig out repairs on Lake Ferry Rd.
- Asphaltic levelling of Lake Ferry Rd south of Pirinoa.
- Water table cleaning in preparation for winter.
- The metalling of unsealed roads.

In addition to Oldfields maintenance contract work the annual roadmarking contract has just been completed by Roadrunner Markers from Wanganui.

### ***3.3 Parks and Reserves***

City Care are doing a satisfactory job. There are budget constraints on the amount of berm mowing and weed spraying of footpaths and kerbs that they can do. It is these two items that generate most public complaints. The budgets will be addressed for the 2013/14 year.

All other parks and reserves works are going well.

City Care will shortly be constructing a new path at Stella Bull Park and changing some of the planter beds as prescribed by the development plan.

## 4. Property and Facilities

### 4.1 City Care Contract

Maintenance of parks and reserves is going well and feedback has been positive.

Berm mowing was limited again at times during March due to the high fire risk, and staff have been requested to be extremely cautious when using machinery in dry areas. Berm mowing was also limited in April in an attempt to minimise costs, while still managing the growth from the combination of rain and warm weather.

### 4.2 Graffiti

**Table 1 – Graffiti strikes March 2013**

Town	No. of strikes	Location
Featherston	23	Skate park; rubbish bins
Greytown	1	Sign on Farley's Oak
Martinborough	0	

**Table 2 – Graffiti strikes April 2013**

Town	No. of strikes	Location
Featherston	87	Skate park and gazebo; public toilet; playground
Greytown	0	
Martinborough	0	

**Table 3 – Graffiti strikes October 2012 – April 2013**

Town	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	TOTAL
Featherston	13	0	17	102	9	23	87	251
Greytown	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	10
Martinborough	5	0	5	0	14	0	0	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>285</b>

### 4.3 Playgrounds

Featherston – Community Board is considering options for new equipment. Quotes have been received for repairing the tractor and replacing the cable on the flying fox and this work will be carried out shortly. The wooden fence around the playground and the vehicle barriers are being repaired and will also be repainted.

Greytown – the donkey rocker is being repaired after the spring broke, this is believed to have happened as a result of a large number of older children being on it at the same time. Officers are looking into upgrading signage at all playgrounds to advise age/weight limits for equipment.

#### **4.4 Trees**

Greytown southern entrance –Community Board has agreed to proceed with City Care's proposal up to the \$10,300 budget available this year and next year. Costs will be reduced by using volunteers to dig and plant the new trees.

Farley's Oak, Greytown – Greytown Community Board has agreed to maintain and monitor the tree, while simultaneously proceeding with the resource consent application process for its removal, when this becomes necessary.

Two dead trees have been removed from Featherston sports ground beside the swimming pool.

#### **4.5 Sports fields and facilities**

The roof of the pavilion at Soldiers' Memorial Park is leaking, investigations have found that the flashings in the internal guttering and around the clock tower are inadequate. Work will be done to resolve the problem.

#### **4.6 Pensioner housing**

There is one vacancy at Martinborough which will be filled from the waiting list. One flat has damage to wall linings and finishes as a result of a leaking pipe in the ceiling. It is possible that the pipe was damaged during the installation of insulation in 2012, and the other 11 flats are to be checked to ensure no similar damage has occurred.

#### **4.7 Events**

##### **4.7.1. Events completed in March**

- Martinborough Fair, 2 March – turn sprinklers off in Square; additional toilet cleaning and rubbish removal requirements.
- Round the Vines, 17 March – additional toilet cleaning and rubbish removal requirements, Martinborough.
- Mini-steam train festival, 9 March – additional toilet cleaning and rubbish removal requirements, Featherston.

##### **4.7.2. Events completed in April**

- Brew Day, 6 April – additional toilet cleaning and rubbish removal requirements, Martinborough.
- ANZAC Day, 25 April – set up Anzac Hall, war memorial and peace garden flags, Featherston; set up war memorial flags, and install new flagpole at cemetery, Greytown; set up war memorial sign, Martinborough; repaint flagpole at Lake Ferry; tidy and clear rubbish from all five areas prior to the day.
- Underhill Rd family Walk (Meta Riddiford Kindergarten), 27 April additional temporary rubbish bins and rubbish removal, Featherston

## **4.8 Parks and Reserves**

### **4.8.1. Martinborough**

Four new seats have been added to the Martinborough off-leash dog park.

Martinborough Community Board has approved the landscaping proposal for the new Martinborough toilets. A low-maintenance cottage-style garden will incorporate the Peace roses which are to be shifted from the war memorial in the Square.

### **4.8.2. Greytown**

An arborist assessment of trees in Soldiers' Memorial Park (camping ground and O'Connor's Bush) has been carried out and will be reported back to Community Board, the Tree Advisory Group and the Friends of O'Connor's Bush.

## **4.9 Properties**

### **4.9.1. Featherston**

The Featherston Information Centre has rising damp, which has damaged the carpet. The problem has been caused by poor drainage of rain-water from the roof, leading water to pool under the building. New drainage is to be installed.

The new committee room in the ANZAC Hall, in part of the area formerly occupied by the Play Centre, is now complete.

The Featherston public toilet is being vandalised on an almost nightly basis. Most of the damage is graffiti, theft of toilet paper or minor damage to fittings, but on 25 April the hand-basin was ripped off the wall of the 24 hour toilet. A report is being prepared for Featherston Community Board on measures to improve security at the toilet and more generally around Clifford Square.

### **4.9.2. Martinborough**

Pain Farm Homestead – the tender process for the new lease has concluded, and negotiations with the successful tender have commenced.

### **4.9.3. Greytown**

The Stella Bull park building remains vacant, and officers are to re-advertise its availability for lease.

Planning is underway for the new public toilets, with work expected on site in June.

## **5. Libraries**

The move of Martinborough library to its new site on Kitchener St was completed by 4 May. The Portacom will be removed the following week, and the Jellicoe St site will be prepared for return to the owner.

## **6. Civil Defence and Emergency Management**

### **6.1 Civil Defence Centres**

The establishment of Civil Defence centres in the three towns Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough has made very good progress under their respective leadership of Colin Olds, Mike Gray and Karen Stephens. Community Response Plans have either been completed or are near to completion. The three Community Response teams will operate out of their respective Civil Defence Centres established at ANZAC Hall Featherston, Greytown Town Centre and the Lions Club Hall Martinborough. Each centre has received some basic equipment from this office including CD jerkins, registration pads, windup radio/torch, torches, white board (one still to be supplied) writing material etc. These kits will be added to meet local conditions.

Each centre will have VHF radio local networks that will provide a local network and capable of communicating with Wairarapa Emergency Operations Centre based in Masterton.

- Featherston is currently relocating its set within the hall.
- Greytown to relocate its set from the Greytown Fire Station to the Greytown Town Centre.
- Martinborough this office will supply/install a radio into the Lions Club Hall.

Paul Walker is currently working with Gen-I in regards to the installation of a single dedicated unlisted telephone line into each of the CD Centres. The telephone is not available for everyday use but is used for Civil Defence events and activities.

### **6.2 Rural Contacts**

We have commenced a programme of either revisiting or establishing a data base of key folk in strategic locations in the rural environment. To date I have undertaken three visits and there are several more to follow. The purpose is to introduce ourselves and provide them with information as to how they can contact the CD organisation or we are able to contact them during an event. It is important that we have knowledge of settlements or pockets of the community that have or can become isolated and these folk can provide valuable information or receive assistance. They will be visited on an annual basis and they will be added to the distribution list to receive copies of the MCDEM impact magazine.

### **6.3 Tsunami Awareness and Response**

Following on from an extensive tsunami awareness and response planning, previously undertaken by former South Wairarapa CDO, Derek Theobald. Paul Walker intends to expand upon what has been created and the intention is to have one Standard Operating Procedure for tsunami response for the Wairarapa. He is currently touching base with settlement coordinators and working with them for response planning. To date, he has visited Pahaoa/Glendhu, Te Awaite/Tora and White Rock. As he moves further round the South Wairarapa Coastline and the settlements become



larger the intention is to meet with the communities/coordinators and work with them.

To complete/enhance the tsunami project the following bullet points need to be actioned:

- principal coordinators at each settlement to have a grab bag (supplied by this office) containing the following items SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures), CD Jerkin(s), torch, writing materials road/settlement maps etc.
- encourage coordinators where not in place to establish telephone contact trees (coordinators complete and this office administers).
- supply each householder with a A5 card and magnet which provides tsunami immediate actions on one side and the other side refers to actions with response actions for long distant tsunami. The card is designed in that it can be stuck on the fridge. The cards are customised for each settlement and an example will be provided in due course.
- installation/adjust signage.
- work alongside local settlements.

## **7. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Monthly Water usage

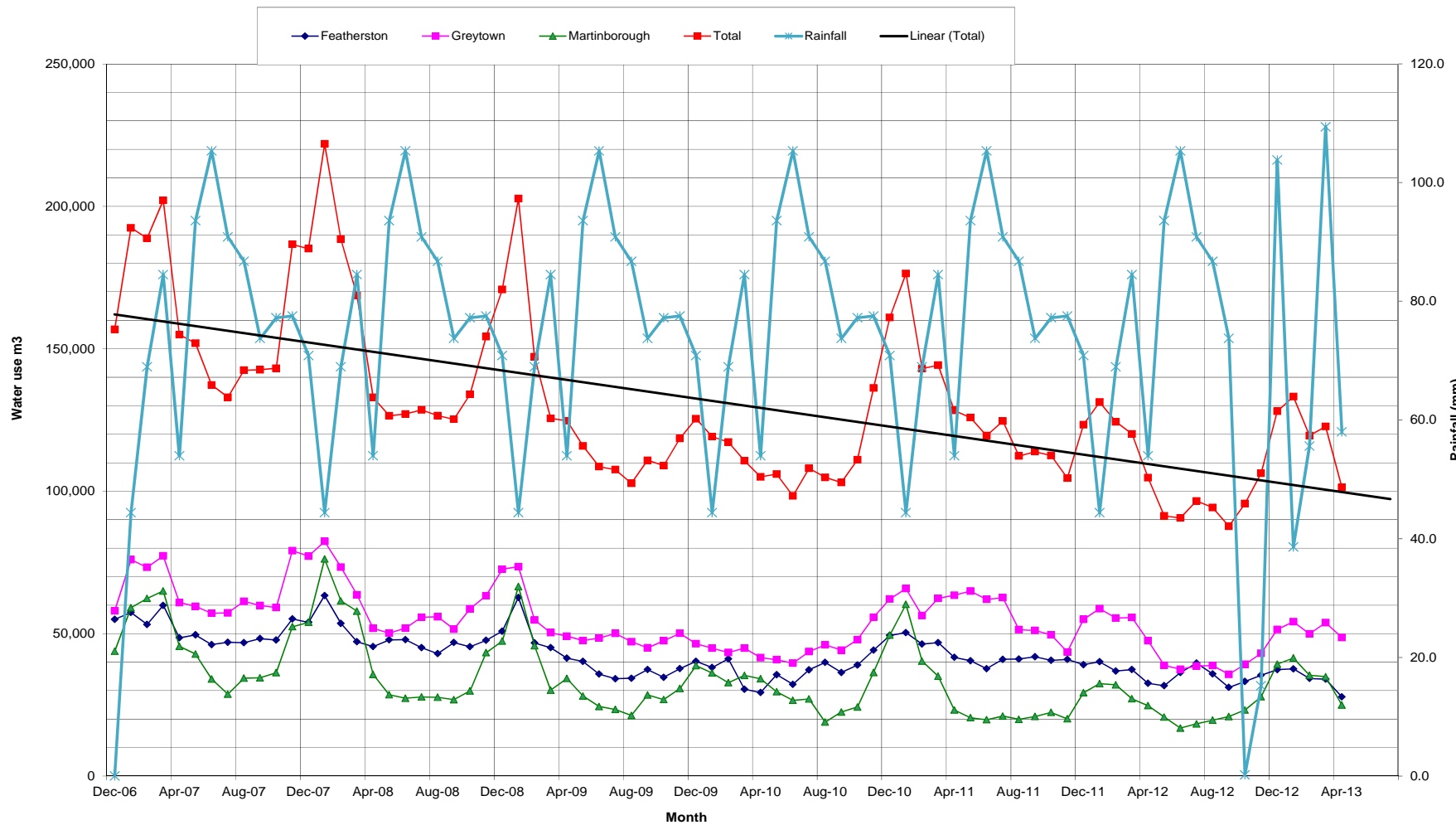
Appendix 2 – Waste exported to Bonny Glen. Recycling stats not included as information not received.

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# **Appendix 1 – Water Usage**

### Water use South Wairarapa District Council



**Appendix 2 – Waste  
Exported to Bonny Glenn  
including Recycling**

Monthly weight of waste transferred from Martinborough transfer station to Bonny Glen

