

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

19 SEPTEMBER 2019

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 Report from her Worship the Mayor.*

1. Triennium Reflection

This is the final Council meeting of the 2016 – 2019 triennium so it is appropriate to reflect on the term just passed. The term has seen major achievements; The Greytown and Martinborough wastewater plants are now operational and discharging to land, Ti Waiinga Centre is open with work started on the playground. The centre has now seen Mad Caps and the Martinborough Jazz Festival return to the Town Hall and the Martinborough Music Festival opens at the end of the month. A new logo was developed, Cape Palliser Road has been sealed to Kupe's Sail, the Ruamahanga Roads contract begun in partnership with Carterton District Council and engagement has commenced on the South Wairarapa Spatial Plan that will become the underpinning planning document for the next 20 – 30 years. The four Wellbeings have been reintroduced to the Local Government Act and SWDC is now supporting youth activities through grants and encouraging better utilisation of our assets with free swimming and longer hours in our pools and no charges for library books. The move to join Wellington Water as a shareholder council is also a milestone which I know will bode well for provision of the 3 Water services to South Wairarapa.

Our officers have worked hard to provide the core services that we all take for granted, as well as often going that extra mile when required but seldom seen. This year CEO Paul Crimp resigned after 8 years at SWDC, 5 as CEO, we thank Paul for his dedication and commitment to the South Wairarapa district. In June we welcomed Harry Wilson to the role. Harry brings a wealth of skills and expertise that is already enhancing our district. I also want to thank Jennie Mitchell for stepping up as Acting CEO through some of the most difficult times SWDC has experienced. You were outstanding Jennie.

SWDC staff maintains a high level of reporting, offer good advice and are all prepared to put in extra effort when required. That effort did not go unnoticed and has been appreciated by

all councillors especially during the Martinborough water *E-coli* incidents earlier this year. SWDC finances are in great shape, our staff maintain tight budgets and there are strict controls.

This year the new governance structure was put in place that ensures Council meetings and business are more transparent and open to our communities. The new committee structure now has membership that includes councillors, community board and Māori Standing Committee members. Councillors, as the governance team, have worked in a cooperative way throughout the term, challenging process when required, working their way constructively through disagreements when necessary and always prepared to look at the big picture.

It has been a pleasure to be Mayor of South Wairarapa for the past three years. I sincerely thank all Councillors and Community Board members for their dedication and support over the term. I want to also thank the Māori Standing Committee members for their contribution to South Wairarapa. We have worked together as a team and achieved what we did because of that. I wish to acknowledge Councillors Craig, Carter Gray and Wright who are not seeking re-election and councillors past; Ammunson and Harwood. All have taken their role seriously and contributed much to the running of the district. Their experience, wisdom and pragmatic view on life will be hard acts to follow. I also wish to acknowledge and thank Councillor Jephson who has been our Deputy Mayor through this term. Councillor Jephson has been a loyal and trustworthy person who I could count on to challenge my viewpoint if he thought it necessary. I wish councillors seeking re-election the very best of luck.

2. Meetings

I have attended a variety of meetings including, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, Community Boards, Māori Standing Committee, Assets and Services Committee, Planning and Regulatory Committee, CEO Review Committee, Regional Transport Committee, Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy Action Plan Governance Group, Tourism, Visitor Action Group meeting, Construction Team meeting, UCOL, CDEM, Mayoral Forum , Combined Council Meeting, Primary Sector/vocational skills meeting, Wairarapa Water Resilience Committee, Regional Public Health, Wairarapa Committee, Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association AGM, Airports Association briefing and reception, visit to proposed site for Star Compass, Featherston Commemorates group and the Provincial Development Unit.

I have had meetings with various individuals and groups.

2.1 CDEM

Meeting – Date & Venue	CDEM 23 August 9am Upper Hutt Council Chambers
Present	Greater Wellington Councils and WREMO
Key issues from meeting	Annual report presentation Training for Elected members Annual Community Survey results
Speakers	WREMO CEO
Specific Items/s for Council consideration	Council will be able to send Councillors and Community Board members to a training session that will be held at the start of the new term
Meeting – Date & Venue	Regional Transport Committee GWRC Offices 15 Walter St Wellington 10 September 10am
Present	Wellington Regional transport Committee Members
Key issues from meeting	Let's Get Wellington Moving Update NZTA Update Progress on Regional Land Transport Plan programme Proposed variation to the WRLP

2.2 Mayoral Forum

Meeting- Date & Venue	Mayoral Forum 23 August \10.30am Upper Hutt Council Chambers
Present	Greater Wellington Mayors
Key issues from meeting	Kiwi Can Do Programme Biodiversity – GWRC Whaitua Committees update GWRC Coastal Adaptation Subgroup- GWRC Paint August Yellow Regional Public Health
Speakers	various

3. Events

Martinborough Jazz Festival; Launch Youth Development Unit at Trentham; Childrens Art for the Future opening; Positive Aging Strategy launch; Greytown Scouts; Aratoi 50th Anniversary; Wairarapa Business Award Finalist announcement; Downers Conference, Brackenridge; Japanese Ambassador Dinner; Kokomai Launch; Film Festival , speaking at Room At the Table screening; Wai Art opening; Onesie Day; Greytown Junior Football prizegiving; Martinborough Dark Sky AGM; Pukaha Walk launch; House of Science Opening; Pirinoa School X Factor talent show; Gobboldygook launch; Hosting Japanese visitors; St Teresa's School Production; and the National Science Roadshow, Kuranui College.

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Re: Police Service Delivery in South Wairarapa

Kia ora Mayor Napier,

I have recently been appointed as the new District Commander for Wellington District. I look forward to visiting Wairarapa Area to meet with yourself and the wider community in the coming months.

I write in reply to your letter of 13 August, forwarded to me from the Commissioner's office, regarding delivery of Police services in South Wairarapa, and seeking information on the organisational position on staffing in rural areas.

Police is committed to providing services to all New Zealanders regardless of where they live. Decisions regarding how services are delivered to each geographic area are based on a number of factors including the nature and volume of police activities required, proximity to other stations, geographic coverage by other police services, and overall deployment priorities. District Commanders have the ability to change resource allocations within their stations as demands change to ensure police resources are prioritised and deployed effectively.

New Zealand Police are being funded for 1800 new constabulary positions from 2017 to 2023. As part of this, 140 new positions will be allocated to rural policing across New Zealand, including 28 forming a Rural Duties Officers Network (RDON). This network will assist in the building of stronger relationships with community leaders and members and ensure there is a Police resource focussed on addressing the unique issues that face rural communities.

Wellington District were allocated one rural duties officer position as part of this programme in 2017/2018, and at that time elected to invest one further position to enhance the delivery of rural policing services across Wairarapa. Over the last 18 months an extensive review has been conducted of our deployment across South Wairarapa, resulting in the realignment of current resources and new roster structure to be implemented in early September 2019. This realignment is in line with our whole of policing strategy, moving forward from individual on call community officers to provide response, community and tactical police service delivery to the South Wairarapa towns.

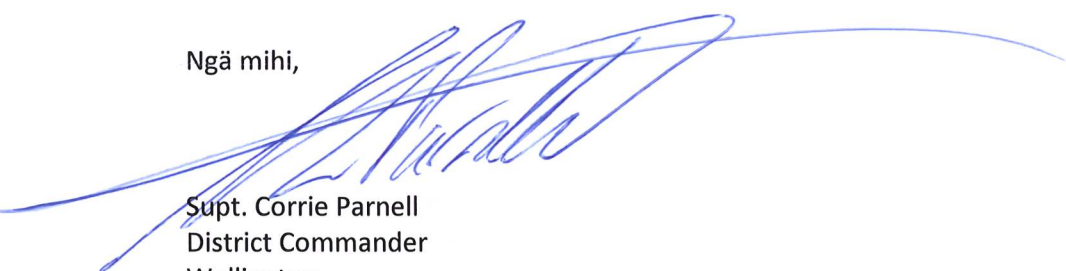
From 6 September, we will align the current frontline (PST) roster with that of Masterton, providing 24/7 Police response to South Wairarapa and Carterton. A new Wairarapa Community Team will also be established and will operate between the three South Wairarapa towns to build local networks and support the community to focus on rural issues, provide crime prevention support, and achieve better outcomes for our rural communities.

Finally, we are implementing a model for one of our Investigation Teams currently based in Masterton Station to spend some of their time operating from Carterton Station where they will predominantly focus on investigation of burglary and vehicle crime offending across South Wairarapa.

Police are confident the new model will enhance delivery of all policing services to South Wairarapa, and represent effective and efficient deployment of our resources to all communities. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationships within the community and working together to achieve better outcomes for Wairarapa residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Wairarapa Area Commander, Inspector Scott Miller, with any further questions or feedback.

Ngā mihi,



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