

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

19 SEPTEMBER 2018

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## AGENDA ITEM E1

### REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

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#### **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 Mayor's Report.*
2. *Appoint Cr Carter as a member of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Group.*
3. *Formally constitute the Community Board Working Party.*
4. *Appoint three councillors to the Working Party.*
5. *To receive the tabled draft Community Board Working Party Terms of Reference.*

#### **1. Governance Review**

See separate agenda item.

#### **2. Featherston Sculpture – “Sod Turning” ceremony**

It was a great privilege and pleasure to host Her Excellency the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy at the turning of the first sod for the foundations of the Featherston Camp Sculpture on 24<sup>th</sup> August. The weather was not conducive to hold the whole ceremony being held outside but the Fell Museum opened their facility that enabled the speeches and the delicious morning tea to be held in the warm and dry.

The ceremony was attended by people who have been an integral part of the project to date; The Featherston Camp Sculpture Trust trustees, Paul and Faye Dibble, Featherston Heritage Museum, Featherston RSA, SWDC Councillors, Featherston Community Board, ANZAC Club, funders, contractors and supporters. MP's Alistair Scott and Keiran McAnulty also attended.

### **3. Whaitua**

The Ruramahanga Whaitua Implementation Programme has been accepted by GWRC. I attended the launch of the document at Te Ore Ore Marae. This was a special event for the Whaitua Committee. I want to once again acknowledge the work that Cr Colin Olds has done representing SWDC on this committee. It is very much appreciated.

### **4. Chor Farmer**

The Japanese Chor Farmer Men's Choir visited Featherston from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September. Their concert was on 4<sup>th</sup> September and there was a full house. On 6<sup>th</sup> September the group laid wreaths and sang to commemorate the Featherston Incident. Mr Hiroshi Masumoto the musical director of the choir and I unveiled a sign explaining the history of the garden and recognition of their financial support for the garden by Chor Farmer over the last 18 years.

Chor Farmer also travel to and perform in Cowra as part of their Goodwill Tour.

### **5. Community Board Working Party**

In the run up to the amalgamation a small working group was formed to give the Local Government Commission SWDC recommendations for the best model for community boards in an amalgamated council. The ideas and suggestions from this group formed the basis of the council submission to the Local Government Commission.

With no amalgamation happening I believe that SWDC needs to review the Terms of Reference and delegations to the Community Boards. This was backed up by comments in the Governance Review, I therefore recommend that the Community Board working group is formalised into the Community Board Working Party and Terms of Reference are adopted. Membership would be the Mayor, a councillor from each ward and the chairs of the Community Boards.

### **6. Positive Aging Strategy**

The Office of Seniors has granted funds to enable SWDC, CDC and MDC to work together to develop a Positive Ageing Strategy for the Wairarapa. An officers group has been meeting and are conducting council and community surveys. Jennie Mitchell has been the SWDC representative on the group.

An update is included as an appendix.

### **7. Meetings**

I have attended a variety of meetings including , Combined Council, Construction Team meetings, ,Regional Transport Committee, Audit and Risk Working Party, Community Boards, Maori Standing Committee, Infrastructure and Planning Working Party, Featherston Commemorates group, Council Roding Activities Review, Greytown school senior students, Wellington Water, Water Race Users Chair, NZ Police, Regional Public

Health, Community Board Chairs, Logo Working Party, Economic Development Strategy group, Rangitane Tu Mai Ra Trust, Remetuka Pass Committee, Tuia Programme, NZTA National Land Transport Programme, I have had meetings with various individuals and groups.

## 7.1 Regional Transport Committee

<b>Date &amp; Venue</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> August 11am 15 Walter St Wellington
<b>Present</b>	Wellington Regional Transport Committee members
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	<p><b>Wellington Bus service</b> – 2 members of the public gave a presentation about their concerns relating to the changes in the new timetables, routes and fares</p> <p><b>Update from NZTA-</b> National Land Transport Plan Programme released 8 September</p> <p>Provincial Growth Fund may be able to fund some transport projects if they fit the criteria. NZTA will assess all applications.</p> <p>Rail Safety Week – Encourage people to LOOK!</p> <p>Transmission Gully will soon start to impact traffic at Linden, McKay’s Crossing and SH58 at Pahutahanui</p> <p><b>Progress Report on RLTP 2015 projects</b> – Mid Term review completed, Cape Palliser Road sealing to Kupes Sail completed.</p>

## 7.2 Remutaka Pass Committee

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> August 11am WBS Room Greytown Town Centre
<b>Present</b>	Committee members
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	<p>Remutaka Pass name proposal-Frank Cody proposed that now the Remutaka summit is officially the Remutaka Pass that the whole road should be named Remutaka Pass Rd from the bridges on either side. A paper detailing this will be presented to both Upper Hutt City Council in the near future.</p> <p>Upcoming Highway programmed discussed</p> <p>Masterton to Carterton Safety Investigation, Pukaha/ Mt Bruce safety projects</p> <p>Speed Management Plan for the Wairarapa</p> <p>Low Cost Low Risk programme delivery</p> <p>Driver Licensing programme for youth, request for funds from NZTA</p> <p>Stock Effluent disposal site</p>

### 7.3 Combined Council

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> September 9am Masterton Club, Masterton
<b>Present</b>	Councillors and CEO's from SWDC, CDC, MDC, and GWRC,
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Yete – presentation on who Yete is, update on their activities during the year and what are the issues regarding youth being ready for work. Manawatu George- a presentation showing the proposed new road over the Ruahine Range to replace the closed Manawatu George. Economic Development Strategy Destination Wairarapa - update from Robin Dunlop and David Hancock. GWRC- Strategic Compliance Framework presentation White Ribbon – Mark Shepherd – Asking councils to become Accredited White Ribbon Businesses

## 8. Events

I have attended several Events over the last six weeks; these include Greytown Trust Lands Trust AGM, Breadcraft 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and launch of Digital Seniors with Prime Minister, Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce Business Awards finalist announcement, Arbor House AGM, Sod Turning for the Featherston Camp Sculpture, afternoon tea to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Joyce Cryer from Greytown, Opening the NZ Lavender Growers conference in Martinborough, South Wairarapa Rotary Dinner with USA Ambassador Scott Brown and his wife Gail, Chor Farmer concert, dinner and commemoration at Sakura Garden, Martinborough Public meeting regarding ANZ branch closure, Onsie Day collecting for Wellington Free, Wairarapa Quilters opening,

## 9. Correspondence

<b>DATE</b>	<b>INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
13 August 18	Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History	Thanks to you and the elected members
29 August 18	Featherston Military Training Camp Memorial Trust	Thank you for your supporting words at the "turning the first sod" and for your and the Council's general support for the installation of the Paul Dibble artwork commissioned by the Trust.
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OUTWARDS</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
15 August 18	Featherston Medical Centre	Confirming support of Featherston Medical Centre's funding application for their proposed for new facility.
23 August 18	General Manager , Sport Wellington	Expressing on behalf of Council concern that there is some urgency that the regional spatial plan is completed and released as soon as possible.
7 September 18	Andrew Gaukrodger, ANZ Bank	Registering Council's deep disappointment and concern of proposal to close ANZ Bank.

## **10. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Correspondence to ANZ Bank

Appendix 2 – Positive Ageing Strategy

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# **Appendix 1 – Correspondence to ANZ Bank**



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7 September 2018

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Dear Andrew

**Submission from South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) to ANZ Bank regarding the closure of the ANZ Martinborough Branch**

Dear Andrew,

I have been instructed by South Wairarapa District Council to write to you to express our deep disappointment and concern regarding the ANZ proposal to close the Martinborough Branch in a few weeks.

Council is extremely concerned that ANZ has taken a very narrow focus in reaching its decision to the proposal. Martinborough and the South Wairarapa District are one of the fastest growing areas in the country. The growth is in all areas; population, tourism, economic and the number building and resource consents issued in the last two years. ANZ seems to have unfortunately ignored these factors when making its decision and based the proposal only on the numbers of people entering the branch in the last year which according to the information you provided Cr Pip Maynard and me is a drop of 6%. We would have expected that ANZ would have looked at the future requirements and opportunities to grow its customer base rather than past statistics.

The Martinborough community is to say the least very upset with this proposal. As you are very aware there have been concerns raised by the community regarding access businesses and people without computers or smart phones have in accessing their banking needs. Martinborough has a high elderly population, 22% are over the age of 65. We have been told that many of your older customers still use a checking account for their banking. Many of these people have limited mobility and/or do not have relatives locally to take them to Masterton and will therefore be seriously disadvantaged and alienated by the branch closure.

We understand that many people do use internet services for banking but the ones that do not, for whatever reason, should not be penalised because they live outside a larger town. Travel to the nearest ANZ will now be an 80km, 1½ hour round trip to Masterton or a 100km, 2 hour return trip to Upper Hutt. I have heard from many businesses and private individuals that changed their bank to ANZ from BNZ when that branch closed just 15 months ago. These people are extremely angry and these are many of the people who will be most disadvantaged if the branch is closed.

SWDC request you reconsider this proposal and retain the ANZ Branch in Martinborough.

Yours Sincerely



Viv Napier  
MAYOR



# **Appendix 2 – Positive Ageing Strategy**

# Wairarapa Positive Ageing Strategy update #1

Date: September 2018

From:

Our population is ageing – quickly. In the next thirty years, the number of New Zealanders aged over 65 is expected to increase by nearly 77% or 1 in 4.5 New Zealanders. It could be you, it will certainly be people you care about. In addition, the Wairarapa is an increasingly attractive place for older adults. Let's be ready. Let's be an Age-Friendly community.

## Joint Positive Ageing Strategy

The South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton District Councils are developing a joint Positive Ageing Strategy. Developing this will include:

- Following the principles of the [Age Friendly Communities guidelines](#)
- Consulting with Councils, residents, organisations and businesses that support older adults through surveys, interviews and workshops
- Developing a draft strategy for feedback
- Finalising the strategy

## How can I be a part of it?

You can participate in a number of ways:

- Take the on-line survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PositiveAge>
- Distribute the survey link to your family, members, clients, customers. This will also be available in hard copy from District Council websites, libraries, information centres.
- Display the Positive Ageing Strategy postcard and flyer
- Attend our workshops - more information coming soon

## What have we learnt so far?

Early research has told us that:

- Families are changing and more older people are living alone
- Ethnic diversity of older adults is increasing
- Regions are ageing at different rates – towns are ageing faster than rural centres or cities
- Seniors are making a growing contribution to our economy – both as paid employers and consumers
- Fewer older adults will own their own homes in future.
- In the Wairarapa, early results from our District Council staff and politicians survey tells us that transport, services to older adults and opportunities for social connection are important issues.

If you have any questions, or would like to be kept updated, please go to your local District Council website or contact:

South Wairarapa District Council: [enquiries@swdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@swdc.govt.nz)

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If you'd like to find out more about Positive Ageing Strategies in New Zealand and internationally, go to: <http://www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz/age-friendly-communities/index.html>

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