

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

20 SEPTEMBER 2012

AGENDA ITEM D4

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES GROUP REPORT

Purpose of Report

To update Councillors on the Infrastructure and Services Group activities

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

1. New Contracts

Council's new contracts for "3 waters" and "Open Spaces, Facilities Maintenance" commence 1st of October. The final changes to the schedules and contract specific clauses are being finalised currently.

There has been a lot of work required by council in the set up for the new electronic paperless system being introduced. This has included the mapping of assets for GIS (Geographical Information System) layers and collecting asset base data. This enables the contractor, City Care, to locate time and effort against assets directly as well as program routes in "rounds" to optimise efficiencies.

Customer calls will be directed for these contracts directly to the contractor from council's phone system, thus enabling no change from the customer's perspective by ringing in as previous but will be able to speak directly to those carrying out the work.

CLM, City Cares' subcontractor for pools has met with the swimming clubs and had initial walkovers of the facilities with council and are very positive on the prospect of increasing the amenity of council's pools and service.

2. Consents

2.1 New Consents and Compliance Requirements

Little progress has been made with consent acquisition due to current uncertainty as to future outcomes.

Annual Compliance reporting received so far with current consented activity indicates a high level of technical and environmental non-compliance across the range of consents.

2.1.1. Wastewater

The consent application lodgement for the Greytown WWTP and the latest timeline indicates lodgement by end of November 2012.

Council was required to supply further information as earlier reported for the Featherston WWTP consent renewal application. The response to this request was considered further by the Regional Council but rejected on 6th August as not meeting Section 107 requirements (around improved environmental outcomes). The consent application as such remains on hold until such time as the Council can demonstrate how the activity can more closely meet the statutory requirements.

The new AEE and consent application lodged for the Martinborough WWTP consent renewal is also under review. The recently issued consent for the Carterton District Council Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge as a point of reference is short term in nature and carries onerous conditions.

To manage the undesirable consequences of such an outcome for this Council we are engaging in further dialogue with regional council officers to seek an understanding of where the Council needs to be to achieve signoff for these two consent applications.

Indications are that unless Council can commit to a high level of improvement in terms of environment outcomes over a relatively short timeframe, short term consent only acquisition remains a possibility.

2.1.2. Water Takes

The water take consents for Greytown and Martinborough community water supplies were lodged before the end of March 2012. Council has since provided further information for both consents in relation to usage (domestic, non-domestic and irrigation) within the communities and processing of the application continues with the draft request for further information lodged by June 29 2012. Draft consent condition for both sites are expected shortly for consideration and as advised previously it is clear that annualised take volumes will be significantly reduced for both bore consents.

2.1.3. Land Fill Consent

The Martinborough landfill consent application is still in progress with information regarding the green-waste operation still to be collated to assist with the final application.

2.2 Wastewater

2.2.1. Operations

Greytown and Featherston Wastewater treatment plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period with no non-compliance issues reported.

At the Martinborough wastewater treatment plant site, a breach of the resource consent detected in June occurred resulting in non-compliance with the current consent conditions. An abatement notice for this breach has been issued and remains in force. A more recent accidental intermittent discharge of untreated effluent occurred on 17th August and was remedied on 31st August and reported to the Regional Council and Medical Officer of Health.

This discharge occurred due to a high level pump activation failure and an observation oversight on behalf of the plant operators.

Two pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

2.2.2. Water Supply Capital

No capital works programmed or implemented during the period.

2.3 Water Supply

2.3.1. Operations

Martinborough and the Featherston/ Greytown Treatment Plants operated routinely throughout the period.

The emergency bore in Greytown was activated twice during the period 30/7 – 6/8 and 13/8 – 24/8 whilst the Waiohine River was in flood, allowing stored raw water to be treated and distributed to Featherston during the river outage period.

The Pirinoa water supply ozone treatment system failed during the period and needed to be replaced and included a filter media replacement task. A boil water notice was issued to the resident users including the school during this time and has since been lifted.

A users meeting for Pirinoa water supply was held on the 29th August.

Community water usage records and trending is attached for Council's information.

2.3.2. Capital

Bore water investigation continues at Woodside with the new production well now drilled and cased. Screen installation and flow and quality testing is expected to be concluded by mid-October.

2.4 Water Races

Water races operated normally during the period.

The review of water races generally is underway with specialist assistance having being sought to establish what capacity and flexibility exists for alternative uses of the water race systems.

2.5 Waste Management

2.5.1. Operations

Operations continued on a routine basis throughout the period. Waste export and recycling tonnage data for the period is attached.

3. Roding

Heavy rain in the last month has caused various slips and dropouts around our rural roads. There was a closure at Summerhill Road due to a major dropout. Oldfields dispatched three roding gangs around the borough for damage repairs.

4. Parks and Reserves

The toilet door has been replaced at Greytown toilets due to vandal damage.

Featherston hosted the Japanese choir again this year in the Anzac Hall which was enjoyed by all who attended.

\$1600 worth of damage was caused in the Featherston baths when they were broken into. Police are investigating this incident.

5. Property and Facilities

5.1 Properties

Martinborough Library – The library continues to operate via the temporary portacom. A new location now needs to be identified – refer the separate report regarding location options.

ANZAC Hall, Featherston – A draft building assessment has now been completed by Opus, which includes a building maintenance plan.

Greytown Town Centre – Mould has been identified on the panels on the back library wall in the atrium ceiling area. The architect and main contractor involved with the Town Centre upgrade have been contacted to review the issue. A mould sample has been taken by the Architect and sent for analysis.

5.2 Pensioner Housing

Currently vacancies include:

- Cecily Martin Flats, Martinborough – 3 flats as at 31 July (maintenance in 2 flats underway)
- Matthews Flats, Greytown – 1 flat (maintenance underway)

The bedsit in Featherston is now tenanted. The flat in Martinborough that is ready for occupation has been advertised and two application forms issued.

Insulation checks are currently underway for all pensioner flats.

5.3 Cemeteries

Cemetery Database - SWDC's new NCS financial reporting system contains a cemetery module. Data contained within SWDC's partial in-house database is to be migrated into the NCS module.

5.4 Swimming Pools

An independent report has been completed by Opus to not only review the condition of SWDC's three pools, but to include infrastructure, current usage and future goals for each of the pools. Refer the separate tabled report for details.

5.5 Leases and Licenses

Current expired leases/building vacancies include:

- Stella Bull Park Building - Three parties have been shown through the building however no proposals have yet been tabled.
- Greytown Town Centre Upstairs Office - Rightway vacated their premises at the end of August. This office space has been advertised however no interest has yet been received.

5.6 Toilets

Design and costs have been completed for the two toilet blocks to be built over 2012 and 2013 for Martinborough and Greytown. The focus on functionality, modern technology and decreased maintenance costs is in line with the focus taken on the new contracts for service and maintenance.

6. Libraries

6.1 Statistics all Libraries

Refer appendix 1 for statistics:

- Issues
- Transactions
- Door Count

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Statistics all Libraries

Appendix 2 – Monthly Water Usage

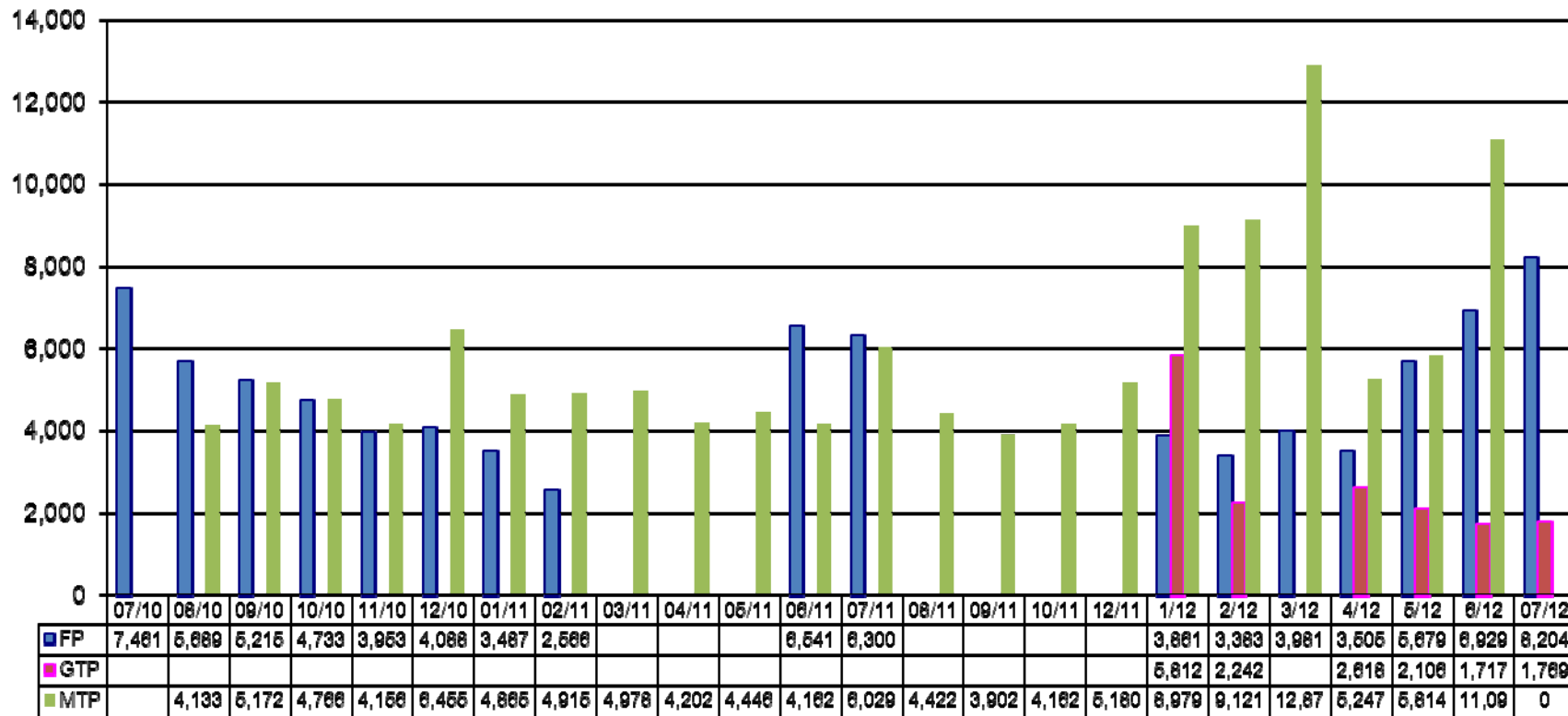
Appendix 3 – Waste Exported to Bonny Glen Including Recycling

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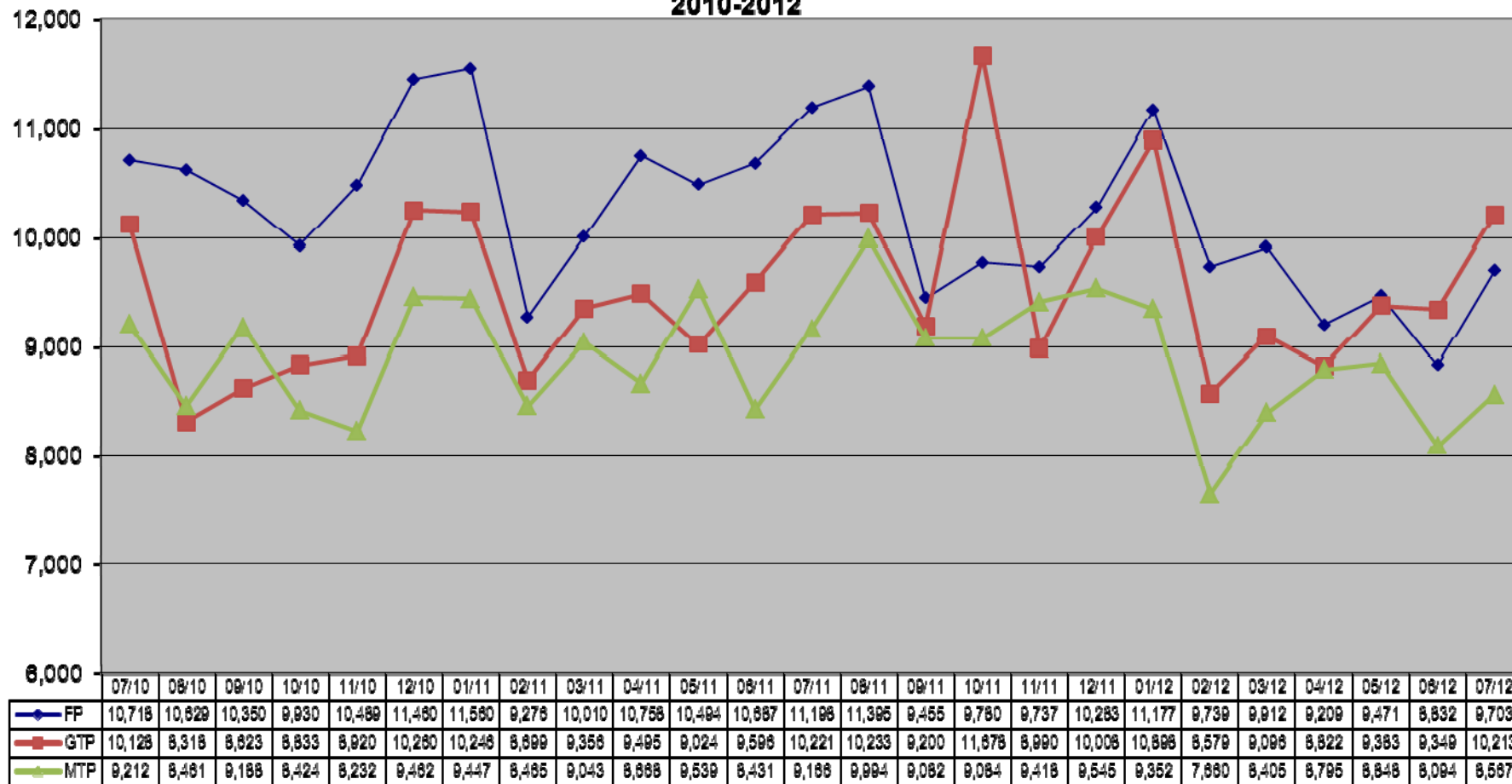
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Appendix 1 – Statistics all Libraries

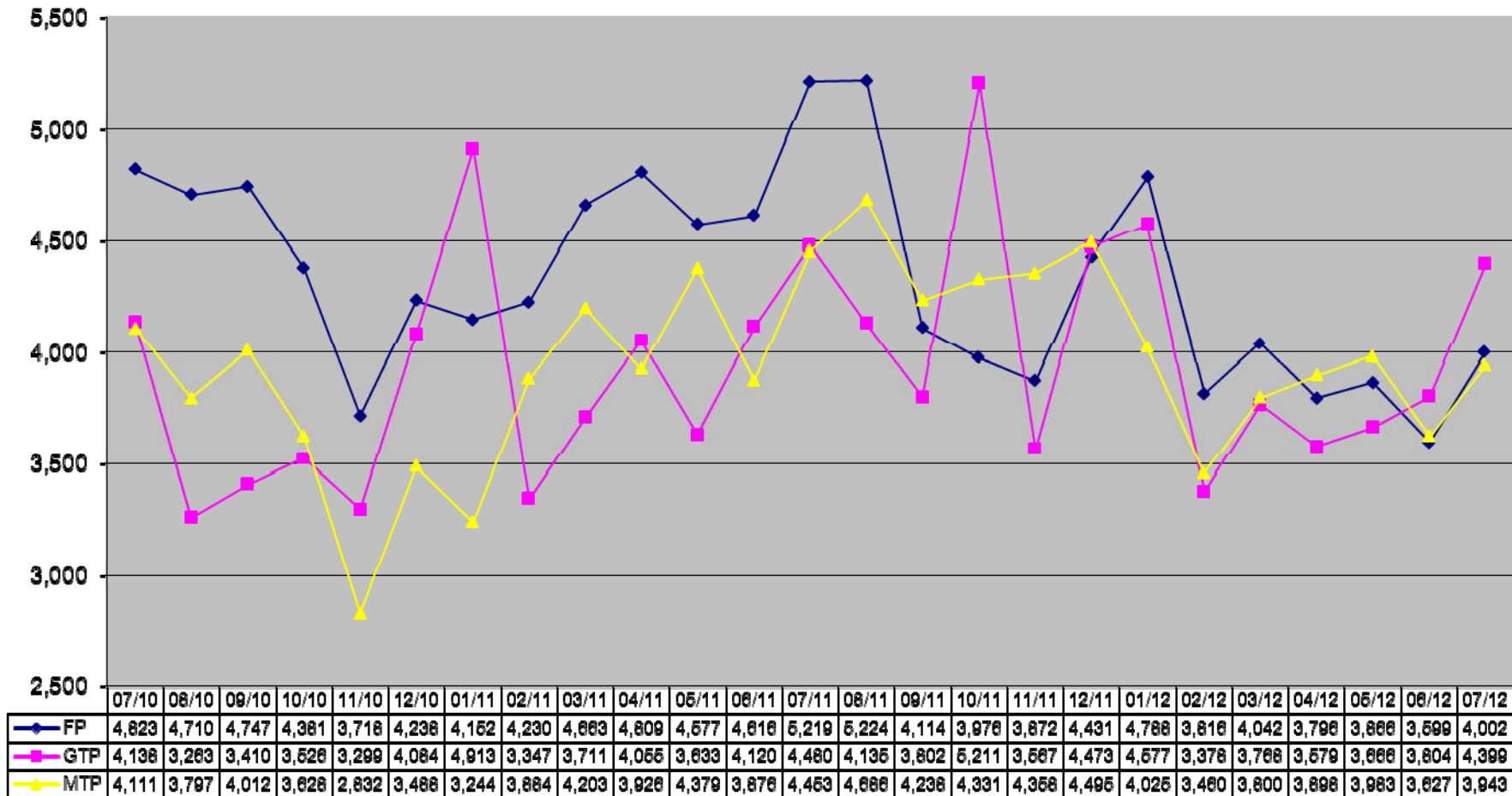
Door count, Featherston, Greytown, Martinborough libraries
 (no count = battery failure or human error)
 (No count for Martinborough while in The Kabin)



**Transactions (excluding Council functions) for Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough
Libraries
2010-2012**

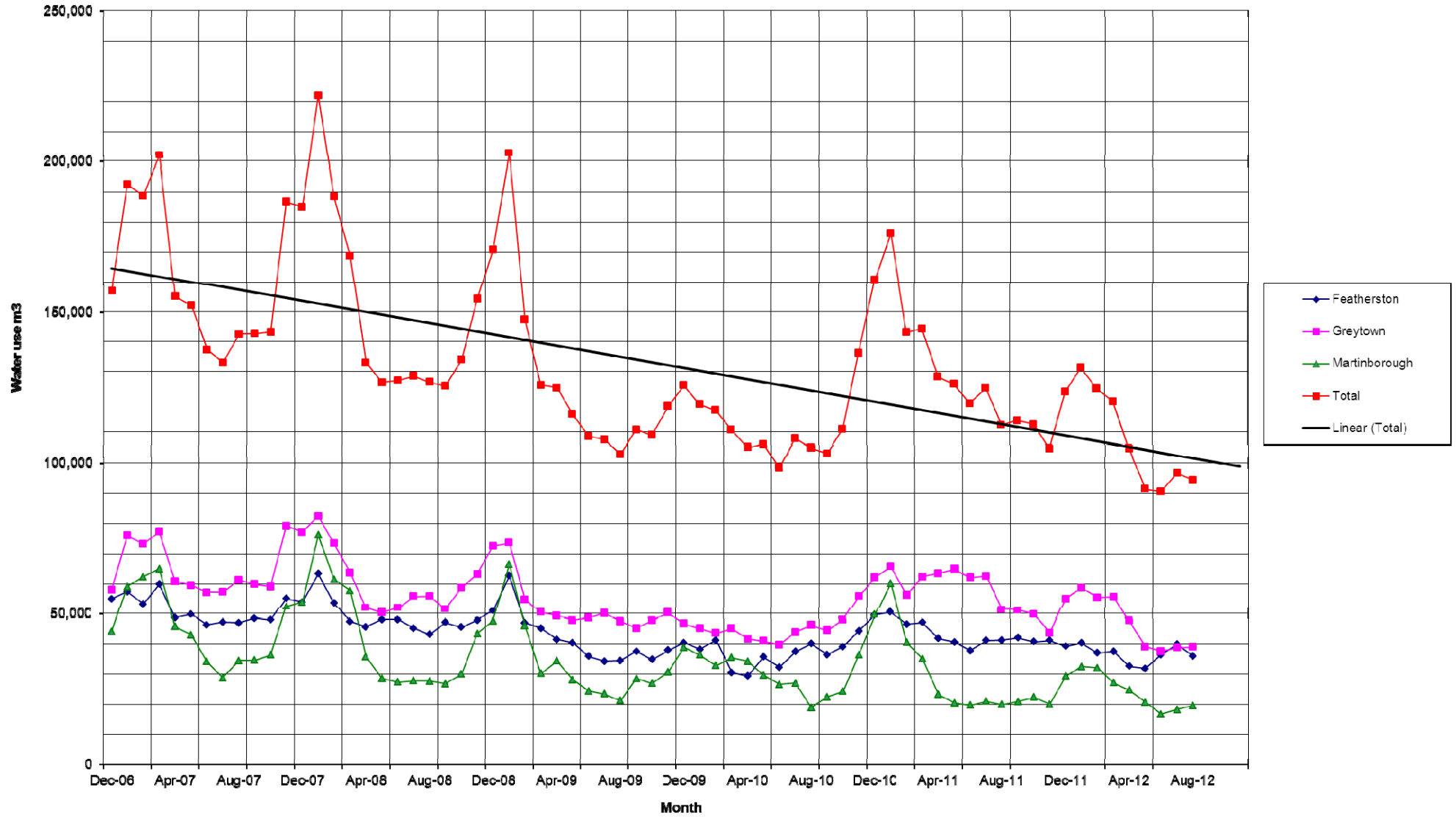


Issues: Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries: 2010-2012



Appendix 2 – Water Usage

Water use South Wairarapa District Council



**Appendix 3 – Waste
Exported to Bonny Glenn
Including Recycling**

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

