

COUNCILLOR REPORT
for
South Wairarapa District Council Meeting
Wednesday 20 September 2017

Councillor's Name	MARGARET CRAIG
Meeting – Date & Venue	WELLINGTON REGION WASTE FORUM Wellington Hospital, 18 August 2017
Key issues from meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoE waste levy review findings note a 20.1% increase of waste to landfill since 2014 • <u>Only 45 of 426 waste disposal facilities (those disposing of household waste) are levied</u> • Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need a clear vision/strategy ○ Develop a National Data Collection Framework ○ Adopt a staged approach to levy increases • There seems to be a shift in MfE thinking that they need to be engaging with the TLA's and operators throughout the next 3 year period in order to get better achievement outcomes
Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Foodstuffs Waste Minimisation Programme. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Diversion of up to 10 different wastestreams b. In April – 2,500 tonnes (83% of total waste) diverted (67% of dry recyclables, 33% of food waste) c. Food waste is only 1% of total food sold d. 120 Owner-operators have signed into this programme. Landfill waste reduced by 46% 2) Kaicycle is a local food waste collection powered by volunteers and e-bikes. They Provide a composting service for small scale businesses & households. Cost: \$30 per week households, \$60 p.w. businesses 3) Newtown Tool Library & Repair Café <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$30 annual membership fee b. Tools lent out to members for DIY projects in the community c. Repair café runs repair workshops & has registered electrician onsite 4) Wellington Hospital (Sustainability Manager Valentino) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Waste reduction strategies b. Current waste flows average 5,000 kg a day c. 4500 staff – largest employer in the Region
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRWMMP is finalised • Flight Plastics (new facility in Lower Hutt turning used PET bottles into Food grade packaging. • http://www.flight.co.nz/ • I have included a PDF of the press release about this. Very interesting.

Flight Plastics

Over 100 years old.

New Zealand family owned business.

Started manufacturing plastic packaging in the 1970s.

Part of a \$12m, five year investment program by Flight started in 2012 to research & introduce latest extrusion and thermoforming capability and capacity. Began manufacturing imported RPET in 2014.

Co-funding with the Waste Minimisation Fund of final stage (this PET wash plant) completed in 2017.

As manufacturers of PET plastic packaging, we feel we have a responsibility to minimise the environmental impacts.

This is the first PET washplant of its type in Australasia.

New Zealand's first integrated PET recycling facility

Background

PET is the most used packaging material in the world.

PET is polyester – versatile – mostly made from fossil fuels.

We started using recycled PET in the UK eight years ago.

Flight introduced plant to use recycled PET to make our packaging in 2014 but have had to import the RPET. Ironically whilst all New Zealand collected PET was being shipped off shore for recycling.

This wash plant means we now have a fully integrated system and no longer need imported RPET. We buy bales of New Zealand PET, put them through the wash plant, produce RPET sheet and use this to make RPET food trays. All in one place.

New Zealand statistics

20,000 tonnes of virgin PET is imported into New Zealand each year. Mainly used for making bottles but increasingly PET food trays.

Around 8000 tonnes of PET bottles recycled each year (mostly bottles).

Flight's new wash plant has capacity to take all the clear PET collected and can increase capacity as Kiwis recycle more.

We have a ready supply of PET waste from kerbside – every tonne of RPET produced will be a tonne of imported virgin PET that is no longer required.





Key points

- Making packaging from recycled PET (RPET) is not a one shot exercise. One tonne of new virgin PET becomes one tonne of RPET and can be recycled again and again.
- New Zealand is not short of waste PET to use – we are taking material from all over the country.
- It's about having an end-use for the recycled material. The greater the customer demand for New Zealand manufactured RPET food containers the more we can recycle.
- An important part of this is about raising the profile of recycling generally, people want to know what is happening to their recycling.
- Flight RPET food trays are the only ones manufactured from New Zealand PET waste. We have the ability to make all rigid trays and containers for meat, produce and manufactured foods such as biscuits and confectionery from New Zealand RPET.
- We believe consumers want to participate and see their recycling efforts arriving back on their supermarket shelves. We can all be part of a genuine circular economy.
- Benefits for New Zealand's productive capacity as a food producing nation – we can export produce in New Zealand recycled PET.
- Benefits for New Zealand balance of payments – every tonne of RPET is one we're not buying overseas (and can be recycled again & again... so we're not buying it again & again).
- Benefits for the recycling industry – simplifies operation because it's all in New Zealand.
- The plant has capacity for up to 6000 tonnes pa, which exceeds the current volume of clear PET being recycled. It can be expanded as recycling volumes increase.

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Key notes from meeting	<p><u>Speed limits</u>: Waiting for the new speed legislation, then NZTA will come back to the 3 Councils and re-look at the maps</p> <p><u>New minor safety design panel</u> will commence in October/Nov Looking at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crash reduction for SH intersections • Zebra crossings to be gradually upgraded. The one at Fstn supermarket will be raised • More speed cameras in Wairarapa <p>New <u>Expect Trains</u> sign at Western Lake Rd Level Crossing should be installed later this year by Kiwirail</p> <p>Still too many not wearing <u>seat belts</u>. Currently no demerit points for this offence. WRSC should lobby govt.</p> <p><u>Speed trends</u> show a small decline in urban 50kph but have increased slightly in urban 70kph and rural 100kph</p>
Speakers	This was the <u>Monitoring Meeting for the RSAP</u> . Reporting on Key Objectives included: Bruce Pauling (RSM WRSC), Steve James (NZTA) Simon de Witt (Wellington Region Road Policing Mgr.), Tim Crum (Wairarapa Road Policing Mgr.) Laura Muller (ACC) Rooding Managers Hamish Pringle (MDC), JP Irwin (CDC) Tim Langley (SWDC)
Specific item/s for Council consideration	NIL
General	<p><u>Bikes in Schools</u>: ACC has \$600 M for bikes in schools. No longer population dependent. Schools who want to apply for a \$15k grant need to contact Paul McCardle for more info & adopt a 'Bikes in Schools' Policy</p> <p><u>Over 75 Drivers licensing</u>: Discussion regarding some older persons "GP shopping" in order to get licences renewed</p>