

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

22 APRIL 2015

AGENDA ITEM F1

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 information.*

1. Meeting Report 1

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Regional Land Transport Plan Hearings Sub-committee 9-10 April and reconvened 7 April. Greater Wellington regional Council Wellington
Key issues from meeting	<p>This committee heard submissions to the proposed draft Regional Land Transport Plan which is a statutory document. 574 written submissions were received and 53 oral submissions were heard over two days. The bulk of the submissions and the speakers were concerned with Wellington City's public transport. Only two speakers were interested in region wide issues and they were on behalf of the port and the airport.</p> <p>This highlighted the general misunderstanding of the role of the RLTP and the scope of the regional Transport Committee in general with regards to allocating funding. It was agreed that this needed to be better explained in supporting documentation.</p>
General	A report recommending appropriate but mostly minor changes to the RLTP will be considered by the RTC on 28 April. The misconceptions are to be explained when officers reply to submitters.

2. Meeting Report 2

Name	Rural and Provincial Sector Group Meeting
Meeting – Date & Venue	Brentwood Hotel Wellington 12-13 March 2015
Key issues from meeting	Minister of Local Government, Hon Paula Bennett, cancelled at the last minute which was disappointing for members. Agenda appended. Presentations available from LGNZ website
Speakers	As per agenda
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Work on the Local Government funding review led by LGNZ and on benchmarking led by DIA has indicated that overall, local government is in a good state in New Zealand. Contrary to many messages in the press, LG is soundly funded and where large debt is present there is corresponding assets as a result of that debt. The sector is very conservatively geared and well within limits set by councils' policies. Generally LG is efficient and very budget conscious.
General	Overall an interesting and informative meeting.

3. Meeting Report 3

Name	CDEM and Mayoral Forum
Meeting – Date & Venue	27 April 2015 UHCC Chambers Upper Hutt
Key issues from meeting	WREMO Quarterly Report appended Mayoral Forum items: LG reorganisation – roundtable discussion – where to from here? Housing Affordability Wgtn Airport Runway extension
Speakers	CDEM – Brian Pepperell MF - Mayor Wade-Brown Kevin Lavery Mayor Guppy
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Runway extension paper has been circulated and any funding support would have to go through Council's planning process.

4. Meeting Report 4

Name	Wairarapa Safer Community Trust
Meeting – Date & Venue	02 April 2015 WSCT premises Carterton
Key issues from meeting	Social Sector Trial (as contract holder) Audit Make up of Board
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Following a recommendation from the organisation’s auditors Deloitte, the WSCT (formerly Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council) resolved to change the makeup of its board from two representatives from both South Wairarapa and Carterton District Councils to one from each and to recruit two new board members with either legal or financial expertise. A new Chair to be elected by the Board when recruitment is complete.
General	Social Sector Trial – this contract has been rolled over by government for a further year. The project co-ordinators are making good headway. Police – Wairarapa farewells Inspector Brent Register on 17 April. This will mean another new board member for WSCT. Brent was highly regarded as a Board member and known for his pragmatic and caring approach to often difficult situations.

5. Update on Other Projects

Update on other projects	<p>Rimutaka March re-enactment – work progressing on commemorative feature on Rimutaka Summit and registration of interest for marchers now open.</p> <p>Featherston Neighbourhood Support – held a successful Neighbours day function presenting certificates to their street coordinators.</p> <p>Greytown MenzShed held a very well supported official opening which coincided with the Menzshed Inc AGM and Conference in Masterton</p> <p>Ballance Farm Awards – a very successful evening with four of the five finalists coming from South Wairarapa.</p> <p>Charlie and Karla Mathews, Waiorongomai - Donaghys Farm Stewardship Award</p> <p>John Van Vliet and Jamie Burns, JR’s Orchards – Massey University Innovation Award, Water Force Integrated Management Award, Hill Laboratories Harvest Award.</p> <p>Leo and Rebecca Vollebregt, Featherston – Balance Agri-nutrients Soil Management Award, LIC Dairy Farm Award, PGG Wrightson Land and Life Award, 2015 SUPREME WINNERS</p> <p>Sister City Workshop – this was held at Government House with the Governor General, His Excellency, the Right Honourable Sir Gerry Mateparae as guest speaker. It highlighted the importance of political and cultural relations in forming trade and tourism opportunities.</p>
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6. Other Meetings and Engagements

Date	Engagement	Date	Engagement
16/03/15	Serco – public transport requirements	01/04/15	LGNZ Conference Committee
17/03/15	RYDA, Road Safety initiative	01/04/15	LTP
17/03/15	Local Government Commission	01/04/15	Balance Farm Environment Awards
17/03/15	UCOL Graduation	02/04/15	WSCT
17/03/15	LGNZ Major Issues Seminar	02/04/15	Funeral
18/03/15	Resident, Moroa water race	02/04/15	LGNZ farewell Anne Gibson
19/03/15	National Council	07/04/15	RTC
19/03/15	Cricket World Cup function	08/04/15	LGNZ presentation PN
21/03/15 – 22/03/15	Relay for Life	09/04/15	Sister City workshop Government House
22/03/15	Martinborough Photo Contest	10/04/15	Chamber of Commerce lunch with the Prime Minister
23/03/15	Featherston Booktown	12/04/15	Greytown Menzshed
23/03/15	Maori Standing Committee	14/04/15	Resident
24/03/15	CE LTP matters	15/04/15	Infrastructure and Planning WP
24/03/15	Rimutaka Re-enactment	15/04/15	Featherston Rate Payers and Residents Association
25/03/15	LTP	17/04/15	LGNZ Governance and Strategy
25/03/15	Featherston Town Centre preview	17/04/15	Brent Register farewell
26/03/15	Resident	18/04/15	Featherston Gateway opening
26/03/15	Eastern and Central grant presentation	19/04/15	Field of Crosses Featherston
29/03/15	Neighbourhood Support function	20/04/15	Australian Memorial Dedication
30/03/15	Economic Development Working Group		
30/03/15	Martinborough Community Board		
31/03/15	Rural Fire Strategic Workshop	31/03/15	Featherston Community Board

7. Correspondence

7.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
4 March 15	Heritage New Zealand	Final decision: Entry of the Featherston Military Training Camp on the NZ Heritage List.
6 March 15	Neil Stewart	Financial Comparison for a Wairarapa Unitary Authority vs. a Greater wellington Council.

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
10 March 15	Destination Wairarapa	Thanks for involvement in the Huri Huri; Wairarapa Bike Festival.
11 March 15	The Wairarapa Arts Festival Trust	Funding request.
March 15	Mr K Hindson	Noise concerns.
12 March 15	Mr K Plant	Invitation to become The Duke of Edinburgh's Hilary Award local Patron.
14 March 15	W Griffiths	Sealing of Shooting Butts Road and resealing of roads in general.
March 15	Mrs Rhona Fraser	Support for a velodrome in Featherston.
18 March 15	Ministry of Youth Development	Youth Development Partnership Fund – Round 11 now open.
20 March 15	The "Land" Rent for Revenue & Justice Association (international)	Copy of submission to Local Government Commission.
20 March 15	Michael Woodcock, Chairperson Dam Free Mangatarere Society Inc.	Letter to the WWUP Project Manager.
25 March 15	Relay For Life	Requesting the Mayor's participation in the opening ceremony.
26 March 15	Hon Amy Adams, Minister of Communications.	Better connectivity for New Zealanders and how Councils can support rollout.
30 March 15	New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals	Block Offer Consultation outcomes.
2 April 15	Powerco Ltd.	Address to Combined Council appreciated.
7 April	Minister of Social Development	Social Sector Trials

7.2 Outwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
16 March 15	The Wairarapa Arts Festival Trust	Advising the process for LTP requests.
31 March 15	Mr K Hindson	Noise concerns.
31 March 15	W Griffiths	Sealing of Shooting Butts Road and resealing of roads in general.
31 March 15	Mrs Rhona Fraser	Thanks for correspondence and update on the Council support for cyclists.
31 March 15	Mr K Plant	Accepting invitation to become The Duke of Edinburgh's Hilary Award local Patron.

8. Appendix

Appendix 1 – Rural and Provincial Sector Group Meeting

Prepared By: Her Worship the Mayor, Adrienne Staples

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Rural and Provincial Sector Group meeting

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th March 2015

Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp St, Kilbirnie, Wellington

Thursday 12th March

9.30 am – 12.00pm Mayors’ and Chief Executives’ meetings – held separately

Item	Time	Topic	Presenter/Facilitator
1	12.30pm	Welcome and confirmation of agenda Apologies Confirmation of minutes	Chairs
2		National Council member - commentary	National Council sector representatives: John Forbes, Brendan Duffy
3		President’s overview	Lawrence Yule
4	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Chief Executive’s report Update on policy priorities and major projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Management Review - 3 Waters - Funding Review - ONRC - Rules Reduction Taskforce 	Malcolm Alexander [Rachel Reese] RRT
5	2.00pm – 2.30pm	LGNZ 2015/16 - 2017/18 Business Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation - Have we covered the key issues for Rural and Provincial members? 	Malcolm Alexander
	2.30pm – 3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
6	3.00pm – 3.15pm	EquiP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic perspective on LED lighting 	Steven Finlay
7	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Financial health of the sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insight into analysis from recent council Annual Reports and current borrowing activity - Implications of the 30-year infrastructure strategies 	Mark Butcher Chief Executive, LGFA
7	4.00pm – 4.30pm	Remuneration Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the new remuneration model 	Angela Foulkes, Deputy Chair, Remuneration Authority
8	4.30pm – 5.10pm	Benchmarking - DIA / LGNZ report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learnings from the 2014 annual report disclosures 	Keith Miller, Department of Internal Affairs

Coaches leave at 5.30 and 5.40 for the LGNZ Stakeholder function - please take your nametag

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Friday 13th March

1	8.30am – 8.45am	Regional Airlines update	John Carter
2	8.45am – 9.15am	Transport update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Economic potential of the roading network – how is this reflected in the GPS?- Regional initiatives in the GPS	Martin Matthews, CEO, Ministry of Transport
3	9.15am – 10.00am	Social Sector trials <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Future opportunities	Carl Crafar, Director: Social Sector Trials, Ministry of Social Development
	10.00am – 10.30am	Morning tea	
4	10.30am – 11.00am	NPS Electricity Transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Progress re implementation	Alison Andrew, CEO, Transpower
5	11.00am – 11.30am	Rural Fire Services Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update and consultation on review	Kevin O'Connor, National Rural Fire Officer Cameron Sherley, Policy Manager, Department of Internal Affairs
6	11.30am – 12.00pm	General Business and close of meeting	Chairs