

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 JUNE 2019

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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 Report from her Worship the Mayor.*
2. *Note delegates to the LGNZ Conference have guidance from Council on how to vote on remits and rules. The delegates have leeway to change the guidance if the discussion at the conference brings up further information that is relevant.*

#### **1. CEO Appointment**

Mr Harry Wilson began working as Chief Executive Officer on 4<sup>th</sup> June. We welcome Harry to his role with SWDC and look forward to working on implementing the Long-Term Plan and the Annual Plan that will be adopted today.

#### **2. Annual Plan Submissions**

The Annual Plan received 178 submissions and hearings were held on 29-31 May. 59 individuals or organisations took the time to make an oral submission. I would like to thank all those who made submissions to the Annual Plan.

A total of \$506,584 was applied for in grants. These were made up of organisations representing Arts and Culture, Community, Education, Youth and Sports and Recreation sectors.

Every submission was discussed in deliberations.

#### **3. Battle of Messines commemoration**

Deputy Mayor Brian Jephson attended a commemoration service on June 9 at the Cenotaph in Featherston

questions from the floor. A variety of views were expressed, and attendees were encouraged to submit their views to the Annual Plan.

#### **4. Local Government Conference**

Council has discussed the rule changes and remits and given guidance to the conference delegates.

#### **5. Visit to Cowra**

Last year I was invited by the Mayor of Cowra to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorations of the Cowra Breakout. Council agreed that SWDC representation would be appropriate and important to ensure that our sister city relationships are preserved and enhanced.

Mr Graham Apthorpe from Cowra attended the Featherston Incident commemorations on behalf of Cowra in 2018

The commemorations are over the weekend August 3 to 5 with the anniversary on the 5 August.

At the 4 April 2018 meeting Council resolved:

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/34) that Council submit to the LTP process to budget for the Mayor to attend the 75th Anniversary Commemorations of the Cowra breakout in Cowra Australia in August 2019.  
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried*

Council set aside a budget in the LTP I am finalising my travel details that will include internal flights from Sydney to Bathurst, accommodation and perhaps a rental car.

I have been asked to lay a wreath at the commemoration service and attend the Anniversary Dinner as a guest of the Mayor.

#### **6. Meetings**

I have attended a variety of meetings including, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, Community Boards, Maori Standing Committee, Assets and Services Committee, Planning and Regulatory Committee, Regional Transport Committee, Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy Action Plan Governance Group, Tourism, Visitor Action Group meeting, Construction Team meeting, Wellington Water Annual Plan Public Hearings, UCOL Mayors Development workshop, Wairarapa College Boarding House meeting, WREDA and WEDS meeting, Rural and Provincial, Tourism Aotearoa Strategy workshop, Combined Council Meeting, Primary Sector skills meeting, Greytown Wastewater plant launch,

Deputy Mayor Brian Jephson attended Civil Defence Emergency Management, Mayoral Forum on my behalf.

I have had meetings with various individuals and groups.

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Rural and Provincial Harbourside Venue 4 Taranaki St Wellington 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Present</b>	Rural and Provincial Council members LGNZ
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Resilience to Natures Challenges Auditor General LGNZ updates Master Builders Crime Stoppers and Integrity Line One Billion Trees NZ Defence and youth development Wellbeing budget and Local Government and 3 waters reform NZTA Local Government engagement Project Thrive- Central Hawkes Bay District Council Ministry of Transport – Government Policy statement Regional Airports- Panel discussion Minister of Conservation Freshwater Reform Responsible Camping – Campermate App Census 2018
<b>Speakers</b>	Hon James Shaw Hon Ron Mark Hon Nathan Guy Hon Eugenie Sage
<b>Specific Items/s for Council consideration</b>	Climate change, various topics discussed in relation to how councils are and can manage climate change. Zero Carbon Bill and how it will affect councils 1 Billion Trees concern from several rural councils that good farmland is being sold for pine forestry conversion which will lead to job losses which will impact rural communities in a negative way. Recommendations for South Wairarapa youth to go into the youth development course in Trentham Solid waste will need a long-term. system change as no longer able to recycle many plastics. Need to reuse and educate people.
<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Regional Transport Committee GWRC Offices 15 Walter St Wellington 18 June – 10am
<b>Present</b>	Wellington Regional transport Committee Members
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Horowhenua District collaboration with Wellington Region Updates from NZTA and Ministry of Transport Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-Scope and timeframes Let's Get Wellington Moving update

<b>Meeting- Date &amp; Venue</b>	Combined Council Waihinga Centre Martinborough 12 June
<b>Present</b>	SWDC, MDC, CDC and GWRC
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy update Shared Services and Shared services funding discussion Let's Get Wellington Moving Regional Spaces and Places Plan – Sport Wellington Coastal Vulnerability report Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group
<b>Speakers</b>	Marie-Claire Andrews, WEDS Wellington Mayor Justin Lester Phil Gibbons Sport Wellington Dr Iain Dawe GWRC Cr Jill Greathead, Brian Jephson, and Chris Petersen Council CE's
<b>Specific Items/s for Council consideration</b>	Funding formula for Wairarapa wide joint projects e.g. Combined District Plan Review Regional Climate Change recommendations.

## 7. Events

On Ya Bike event for Greytown School; Wairarapa Volunteer Society Launch; Hikurangi Fault presentation; PGF Announcement re Wairarapa Water; Maths Activity Day, Martinborough; Wellington on a Plate Launch; Nikau Foundation Wairarapa Grant evening; Wellington Region Police awards; Wairarapa Women's Leaders breakfast; Genesis Energy report on South Wairarapa local project; Wairarapa Angel Investor launch; Dark Sky seminar; Wairarapa Sports Awards; Greytown Expo; South Wairarapa Rotary Changeover

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 Inwards

Date	Inwards Correspondence	Subject
11 May 2019	Patricia Hill	Management of the communications regarding the water flushing in Martinborough.
12 May 2019	Masterton RSA Greytown Branch	Thanks for participating and speaking at 2019 Parade and Service.
20 May 2019	Hon David Clark, Minister of Health	Thanks for advising his office of the water contamination issues and acknowledging constructive work being undertaken by Council and Public Health.

## 8.2 Outwards

Date	Outwards Correspondence	Subject
20 May 2019	Patricia Hill	Advice on the communications to Martinborough residents regarding water flushing.
27 May 2019	Greytown Little Theatre	Letter in support of funding request.
31 May 2019	Greytown Community Board	Letter of support of their application for the New Zealand's MOST BEAUTIFUL MAIN STREET award.
14 June 2019	Hon Phil Twyford	Confirming support for Let's Get Wellington Moving indicative transport package

## 9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Cowra Programme

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# **Appendix 1 – Cowra Programme**



## Draft Program

### Cowra Breakout 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2019

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

6.30pm Cowra POW Breakout 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition –  
Cowra Regional Art Gallery  
(Exhibition open to the public from 3 to 18 August.)

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – 1940s theme day

9am to 12pm Kendal Street businesses decorated in 1940s theme. Parade  
of antique military vehicle and 1940s private vehicles from  
Bartlett Street through Kendal Street and Macquarie Street  
en route to Twigg Oval.

12pm to 4pm

#### **The 1940s**

- Display of historic military vehicles - location to be confirmed.
- Stall holders and displays with a 1940s theme.
- 1940s style entertainment from local performers, dance groups, etc.
- Art Deco lecture - Council's Heritage Advisor
- POP Up Museum in Nguluway Room, including Lithgow Small Arms Factory, Edgells Cannery Display, Italian POW display, Social life in Cowra and many more.

6.30pm

1940s style swing dance (Venue – Masonic Lodge –  
Macquarie Street)

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 1940s theme day**

- 9am Ecumenical Church service (Salvation Army).
- 10am to 4pm Guided tours of POW Camp site
- 3.30pm World Peace Bell ceremony. Concludes with departure of lone runner with lantern from Peace Bell to Cowra Japanese Garden car park.
- 5.00pm Children and families to gather at Japanese Gardens Car Park. Departure of lantern parade from Japanese Garden car park to POW Camp site via Sakura Avenue.
- 6.00pm Mass lighting of candles
- Fly-over by RAAF FA-18 Hornet (To be confirmed)
- 7.00pm Breakout 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Hosted by Mayor of Cowra – Guest Speaker, The Hon Brendan Nelson AO BMBS FRACP (Hon) FAMA – Director Australian War Memorial
- Venue – Cowra Services Club

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorations**

- 1.50am Commemorative event at Cowra POW Camp site
- 7.30am Media breakfast – Cowra Japanese Garden
- 9am Wreath laying Cowra POW Camp site
- 10am Wreath laying Australian and Japanese War Cemeteries (includes Japanese religious ceremonies)
- 11.30pm Breakout 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary morning tea – Cowra Japanese Garden  
1pm Breakout 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon – Invitation only. (Venue to be confirmed)