

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 OCTOBER 2016

AGENDA ITEM E1

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.*
2. *Appoints Cr Olds as SWDC appointee to Cobblestones.*

1. Overview

The past 2 weeks have been busy with interviews of individual councillors, discussions with the CEO and senior staff and generally getting to grips with the role.

The key event has been the celebration of the centenary of the ANZAC Hall on 16 October. I attended the Quiz Night, the unveiling of the Remutaka Rock at the front of the hall and the Civic Ceremony attended by Her Excellency, The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor General of New Zealand, Sir David Gascoigne and Major General Peter Kelly, Chief of Army. It was a pleasure to host this very successful event.

I would like to thank all the people involved in the restoration and refurbishment, especially council staff, contractors, the ANZAC Club, Featherston RSA, the WW1 Sculpture Trust and the wonderful entertainers at the ceremony, especially the St Teresa's Kapa Haka group. The hall is rejuvenated, the grounds immaculate, she looks as though she is grinning with pride.

2. Appointment of Council Appointee to Cobblestones Trust Board

After discussions with all councillors and John Gilberthorpe of Cobblestones Trust Board, I have decided to appoint Cr Olds as the SWDC appointee to the Trust.

Cobblestones have invited all councillors to have a visit to the museum. If this is the wish of council we can arrange a visit.

3. Bruce Pepperell, WREMO

Meeting – Date & Venue	20 October Martinborough
Key issues from meeting	<p>Procedure for Mayor to declare State of Local Emergency.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Community Response Plans - the community needs to buy into creating a plan.</p> <p>The community boards are the key to driving the establishment of the plan.</p> <p>It is important that communities are empowered to look after themselves during an emergency or major event.</p>
Specific item/s for Council consideration	<p>How community boards and community response groups will create a plan.</p> <p>Bruce will come and speak to Council and community boards to explain process and plans.</p>

4. Correspondence

4.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
9 Oct 16 – 25 Oct 16	Various letters and messages of Congratulations.	Congratulatory messages to me on my election as Mayor
15 August 16	Citizens Advice Bureau Wairarapa Inc	Annual Financial Report and AGM Minutes
5 September 16	Creative New Zealand	Creating places where people love to live, work and play
6 September 16	Westpac Stadium	2016 Annual Report
19 September 16	Wilthree Trust	Queries relating to QV valuation (the correspondence was a <u>copy only</u> to Mayor)
5 October 16	Trust House	Annual Report now on line for viewing
10 October 16	Sport Wellington	Congratulations and look forward to working positively with Mayor and Council this triennium.

4.2 Outwards

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9 Oct 16 – 25 Oct 16	Various	Thanks for letters
7 October 16	The Featherston Heritage Society	Clarification in respect of the ownership of the Mayoral Chains

5. Other Meetings and Engagements

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	DATE	ENGAGEMENT
	Meeting Mayor Patterson and Mayor Booth		

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