

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 OCTOBER 2016

AGENDA ITEM E2

ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS

Purpose of Report

To present elected member written reports and minutes from appointments to Council.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive councillor reports.*

1. Executive Summary

The Mayor and councillors make written and verbal reports to Council from meetings attended. Written reports received are attached for information, however specific recommendations to Council are highlighted in each report and should be considered.

2. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Wairarapa Road Safety Council

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28th ANNUAL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR 2015 / 2016

The twelve month period since the 2015 Annual Meeting has been exceedingly busy for our officers as they continue to work with all sections of the Wairarapa community and introduce new initiatives into the WRSC's contract of delivering approved road safety programmes as outlined in the 2015 – 2018 Road Safety Action Plan's Regional Vision '*To continuously improve the level of regional road safety with a road system increasingly free of death and serious injury.*'

The RSAP is the tool for implementing the Government's Safer Journeys Initiative encompassing road safety engineering, education and enforcement. The full RSAP document can be viewed on the WRSC website www.wairsc.org.nz

As noted in my report to last year, an increased level of funding from NZTA to deliver the RSAP for the 2015 – 2018 Years to reflect the areas of concern and the high individual risk for the Wairarapa community, as well as increased operational costs for the WRSC, guarantees certainty of programme delivery as outlined in the Plan.

Thanks must go to the MDC staff members who provide Finance and HR services to the WRSC and to Roading Services Manager, Hamish Pringle who submits the funding applications and plans to NZTA on behalf of the three District Councils.

Following a resolution from the 2015 AGM regarding the uncertainty of continuing successful grant applications to COGGS for funding for the very successful work that Holly undertakes with SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) which is not funded by NZTA, the WRSC applied successfully to Charities Services for registration as a Charity in order to make it easier to get donations towards funding programmes/initiatives such as SADD.

Regrettably, new Financial Reporting Standards for Registered Charities have imposed a great deal of extra reporting requirements from accounting services to charitable organisations in order to meet the new standards before they can submit an annual report to Charities Services. The added work was going to add extra cost to our Financial Services from MDC and delay the presentation of our Annual Report of Financial Position past the required date for our AGM as set out in the Constitution and Rules of the WRSC, so following agreement by members of the Executive Committee, a decision was made to deregister the WRSC as a Charity. Deregistration has had implications regarding Income Tax which didn't affect the WRSC prior to our being registered, so a letter has been written to IRD requesting clarification on tax exemption for the WRSC.

The more contemporary, upgraded WRSC website <http://wairsc.org.nz/> has been regularly updated by Holly with photos and activity reports as well as notice of upcoming events. All WRSC members are encouraged to ensure that the website of their parent organisation continues to include a link to the WRSC Website. The upgraded website is certainly very user-friendly.

On behalf of the Council, I wish to acknowledge the sheer hard work, enthusiasm and outstanding commitment to Wairarapa Road Safety by our RSM and RSPC. Bruce and Holly bring many diverse skills and background experience to their roles in promoting, developing and expanding the various road safety programmes the WRSC delivers. Their teamwork and new initiatives continue to enhance the profile and sphere of influence of the WRSC.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Executive Committee for their support during the year. Our Council representatives Bill Knowles (CDC) and Doug Bracewell (MDC) have both decided not to stand for re-election and we thank them both for their time as members of the Council. The past year has once again been an inspiring journey and we look forward to the continuing involvement of all WRSC members as we work with the Wairarapa Community to ensure 'Safer Journeys' for all.

Finally, with the full support of members and staff alike it is my absolute pleasure to announce that the Wairarapa Road Safety Council is awarding a Life Membership of the Council to founding member Chris Horrocks; *'in recognition of his proactive, tireless work and enthusiasm in supporting and promoting road safety initiatives as the AA Representative Member of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council since its establishment in 1988.'*

Cr. Margaret Craig

Chairperson
Wairarapa Road Safety Council

22nd September 2016