

**COUNCILLOR REPORT**  
**for**  
**South Wairarapa District Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 27 November 2013**

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<b>Councillor's Name</b>	Colin Olds
<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Thursday the 31 <sup>st</sup> October and Friday the 1 <sup>st</sup> November LGNZ Te Wharewaka Function centre. Wellington
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Workshop hosted by LGNZ for New and re-elected Members. Understanding your new Job.
<b>Speakers</b>	Auditor General's Office Office of the Ombudsman Financial Governance (Philip Jones) Local Government Funding Relationship between Maori and Local Government. LGNZ
<b>Specific item/s for Council consideration</b>	None
<b>General</b>	<p>This workshop, held over two half days, gave an overview of the responsibilities we have as an elected representative.</p> <p>Of particular interest was the session on Financial Governance, ( Philip Jones ) The session was interactive and full credit must be given to the presenter for his passion on this subject ensuring participants understood. One other Presenter of note (Dr Mike Reid) also shares his passion for Local Government, His knowledge, both historically and in its present form, captivated the participants ensuring there was a broad understanding of the workings of Local Government.</p> <p>It was very pleasing to see our very own Mayor Adrienne presenting a session to new Community Board Members.</p> <p>From a personal point of view, I am grateful that I were able to attend this worthwhile workshop as I feel I now have a clearer understanding of my responsibilities as an elected official.</p> <p>Councillor Colin Olds 05/11/2013</p>

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<b>Councillor's Name</b>	Colin Olds
<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 1630hrs At Featherston Community Centre Featherston
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Health in the Wairarapa. A presentation by Wairarapa and Hutt Valley DHB's Public Meeting.
<b>Speakers</b>	Bob Francis Chair Wairarapa DHB Graham Dyer CEO Wairarapa and Hutt Valley DHBs
<b>Specific item/s for Council consideration</b>	None, although there are some issues over elected Representation in the South Wairarapa.
<b>General</b>	<p>A small number of the Featherston Community turned out to hear from Bob Francis and Graham Dyer on the delivery of health services within the Wairarapa. The group were given an assurance that no services would be cut under the new configuration of the 3DHB Partnership Plan.</p> <p>Some of the discussion centered around our Aging Population and what this meant to future funding. A lot of detail was handed out in the form of a power point presentation and spoken to by Graham Dyer. ( copies available on request)</p> <p>Although there were only a small number of attendees the questions asked were relevant and answered appropriately.</p> <p>Councillor Colin Olds 08/11/2013</p>