## **COUNCILLOR REPORT**

## for South Wairarapa District Council Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### **COMMUNITY SAFETY & RESILIENCE WORKING PARTY**

Councillor's Name	Pam Colenso
Meeting - Date & Venue	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Key issues from meeting	Vulnerable Childrens Act 2014 as at 17 December 2016 and the changes to the youth justice system.  Invitation to Greytown Mens Shed to be part of the group.
Speakers	<ul> <li>Bridget Percy - New Zealand Red Cross, Community Development Worker Wairarapa – Humanitarian Services. Bridget has been in the role approx. 8 months. Bridget works with:         <ul> <li>WREMO training – Emergency Management</li></ul></li></ul>
Specific item/s for Council consideration	It is great to see the refurbishment of the Mens Shed in Martinborough. Suggest that all Councillors go and have a look at the restoration work that has been completed.
General	Police - Ian Osland reported: Recently there has been a drop in burglaries. Vulnerable Children's Act 2014 as at 17 December 2016. Changes to youth justice system and a New Government Agency.  Youth aid worker looking at basics and support – Senior Constable Mark Brown. The need to work with parents/children and open up the lines of communication.  Featherston & Martinborough Community Patrols - Both patrols reported increases in members from recruitment drives. That having sign written vehicles to patrol in was lifting the profile in each community.  Youth - Alan Maxwell gave a presentation on the Wairarapa
	Whanau Trust.

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Councillor's Name	Colin Wright
Meeting - Date & Venue	WaiConnect Steering Group Tuesday 28 February 2017 Carterton Events Centre
Key issues from meeting	WaiConnect is the Wairarapa council's joint project to bid for a portion of the additional \$350 million funding which the government has allocated for improvements/extensions to UltraFast Broadband (fibre), Rural Broadband, and Mobile Blackspots. See <a href="www.waiconnect.org.nz">www.waiconnect.org.nz</a> As previously reported, all three South Wairarapa towns are to have fibre installed for Ultrafast Broadband with the Greytown installation scheduled for completion in the second half of 2020, Featherston in the second half of 2021, and Martinborough in the second half of 2022.  Further information has just been submitted in relation to our Rural Broadband and Mobile Blackspots applications. The decisions relating to these two aspects will be later in 2017.
General	As South Wairarapa is to receive additional broadband capacity and speed, there will be an obligation on the Council to encourage uptake within the community as set out in the Digital Enablement Plan. There will be some minor costs incurred at a later time for actioning the Digital Enablement Plan.

Tere Lenihan spoke on the parenting programme to start next month (March) is already full. Whakapuaki Whānau programme – the trend is an increase of grandparents assisting.

There will be a launch and release of Wairarapa Youth Survey that was conducted in July 2016. There were 132 participants in the Youth Survey spread through-out the Wairarapa. WSCT would like to give the young people of Featherston an opportunity to attend this occasion which is being held the last Friday in March 2017

**Mens Shed** – Martinborough - Ric Geisler reported that the Mens Shed have started a new program to refurbish push bikes and make them available to the school for their use. Green Jersey Cycle Tours are also supporting this programme. Three bikes haves been donated, fixed up and passed onto the school which will be used by kids in a triathlon, 10 March 2017. They will also look to involve the kids in repairing the bikes.

The team has been making good progress on painting the exterior of the Old Courthouse (paint supplied by SWDC).

Featherston – Garry reported that Building consent for Engineering/Wielding/Lathe was in progress. Projects around town have been, shifting book shelves and Puppet theatre for Kahutara School. Currently 40 members.

**NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 9.30am at SWDC Chambers.