

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 JUNE 2013

AGENDA ITEM D2

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES GROUP REPORT

Purpose of Report

To update Councillors on the Infrastructure and Service Group activities.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

1. Consents

Wastewater (Martinborough, Featherston, Greytown)

Work continues around land suitability and process investigation at all sites and for a combined treatment/ disposal feasibility study. This reporting is expected to be available before the end of July, where officers and advisors will be in a position to confirm the treatment disposal solutions for each of the three sites for final refinement prior to taking to Council for subsequent discussion and approval.

The programme as advised in May required that all additional information would be made available to the regulator by the end of June. The additional reporting commissioned over the last two months to further explore all available options on a standalone and collective basis has resulted in some time delay. Therefore compliance with the earlier dead-line was not achievable.

The Regional Council on this basis has been advised that Council in applying additional effort to identify the most appropriate solution and outcomes needs additional time and they have agreed in principle to extend the reporting dead line to January 2014 subject to the submission of and approval of a programme of actions underpinning the further information responses required

1.1 Wastewater Land Disposal

No further expressions of interest have been received from land owner in the vicinity of the three sites.

1.2 Water

Nil to report.

1.3 Coastal

Re-nourishment of the existing boulder beach at Te Kopi will be undertaken as conditions allow over the winter period with a consent extension required for additional engineered defensive works for a section of foreshore immediately south of Te Kopi.

1.4 Gravel Pit Extraction

Several river gravel extraction consents in the rural areas south and east expire in November 2013 and preparation of renewal processes including consultation and documentation is underway. Lodgement before the end of May is anticipated.

1.5 Land Fill Consent

Nil to Report.

1.6 Wastewater and Water Reticulation

The wastewater renewal portion of the contract is completed. The total length of sewer pipe that was renewed is 388 metres. Pipeline rehabilitation by chemical grouting is expected to start in August for 180 metres of 300mm diameter pipe in Brandon Street.

Water main renewal is programmed to start in Wallace Street on the 13th of June. The contractor is placing two work crews to keep to the contract construction programme.

This contract will deliver two years of budgeted renewal work.

1.7 Wastewater Treatment Plants

Planning and delivery for capital work at the treatment plants will be initiated this when consent certainty and agreed environmental outcomes are available. However a programme of minor improvements at all three sites is currently being developed for delivery in the 2013/ 14 financial year

1.8 Water Supply

The Capital Assistance Funding application for the Featherston Water Supply upgrade project has been lodged with the Ministry of Health and is currently being processed with a decision now expected in the near future.

2. Operations Utility Assets and Services

2.1 Wastewater Treatment Plants

Greytown, Martinborough and Featherston Wastewater treatment plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period without any non-compliance issues.

Officers are currently collating flow and quality data for the annual reports to GWRC due at the end of June and July. The annual reports are a requirement of the resource consent for evaluating the performance against the consent conditions at the four waste treatment sites.

2.2 Wastewater Reticulation

4 pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

2.3 Water Treatment Plants

Martinborough and the Featherston/Greytown Water Treatment Plants operated routinely throughout the period.

Community water usage and rainfall records and trending is attached for Council's information in Appendix 1.

2.4 Water Reticulation

There were 17 water reticulation repairs reported and rectified during the period.

A bi-annually leak detection survey was completed in Greytown during May. This was done by Detection Services who use specialised acoustic listening instruments to perform a sub-surface detection of leaks.

A summary of the report received by Council indicates that there are 20 notable leaks ranging up to 22 litres per minute within the supply network and 6 residential leaks. The estimated total annual water loss from these leaks is 92,000m³.

The repairs of these leaks in the Council network have been programmed.

2.5 Water Races

City Care Ltd has been performing the routine monthly inspections and blockage clearing of the water race network to maintain satisfactory flows for both networks over the autumn months.

2.6 Waste Management

Operations continued on a routine basis throughout the period.

Maintenance and up-grade of the Martinborough Transfer Station road was done during June.

Waste export and recycling tonnage data for the period is attached in Appendix 2.

2.7 E-Waste Collection District Wide

A Waste Consultant has been appointed by SWDC & CDC to prepare a short form contract between SWDC, CDC and Earthcare Ltd for the e-waste collection to be recycled. TV Takeback is to coincide with this e-waste contract. Expected start date is in July for receiving e-waste.

3. Roding and Reserves

3.1 Roding Maintenance – Oldfield Asphalts

Over the past few weeks roding maintenance has concentrated on:

- The grading of unsealed roads and the annual spreading of maintenance metal.
- The annual cleaning of long lengths of watertable drains.
- The replacement of faded signs
- Removal of infringing roadside vegetation

Recent ordered work has included the replacement of the timber deck of Wards Line Bridge and granular overlays of Hinakura Road beside the Martinborough Golf Course and the northern end of Battersea Road.

These overlays plus a 500m extension of the seal on Hikinui Road should be completed by the end of June.

3.2 Parks and Reserves

City Care's performance over the past six weeks has been satisfactory.

Wet weather is affecting the mowing of grassed areas and City Care hasn't always been able to keep to their usual schedule. However they have caught up with the schedule when the weather permits and the sports teams and other users are happy with the standard of maintenance.

The spraying of kerbs and footpaths is still continuing when weather permits. An additional round of spraying has been required to that originally specified as the spray used is restricted to Round Up for safety reasons.

City Care has recently rejuvenated the soft fall areas in the playgrounds and continues with their regular inspections and safety maintenance.

City Care has reported that the number of graffiti strikes in Featherston has increased again after a lull in February /March. Graffiti strikes in Greytown and Martinborough are less than 10% of those in Featherston.

Also of interest is City Care's monitoring of the weight of street litter collected per month. The weight of litter collected in May is similar to that collected in October / November which is 50% less than the January / March period when monthly weights were approximately 4.5 tonnes.

4. Property and Facilities

4.1 Graffiti

Table 1 – Graffiti strikes May 2013

Town	No. of strikes	Location
Featherston	101	Skate park; rubbish bins, swimming pool etc – school holidays
Greytown	0	
Martinborough	13	Playground – cubby house walls and roof

Table 2 – Graffiti strikes October 2012 – May 2013

Town	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	May 2013	TOTAL
Featherston	13	0	17	102	9	23	87	101	352
Greytown	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	10
Martinborough	5	0	5	0	14	0	0	13	37
TOTAL	18	0	31	102	23	24	87	114	399

In March City Care reached the contractual total cost budgeted for graffiti with seven months of the contract still to run (\$17,260 based on an anticipated 192 strikes per year). Under the contract, graffiti strikes beyond this are charged as day works.

Table 3 – Costs of Graffiti October 2012 – May 2013

Town	Oct 2012 – March 2013	Apr 2013	May 2013	TOTAL
Featherston	-	0	2004.21	2004.21
Greytown	-	0	0	0
Martinborough	-	0	156.84	156.84
TOTAL	17260	0	2161.05	19421.05

4.2 Playgrounds

Featherston – Community Board is considering options for new equipment. Repairs to some equipment and the fence are in progress.

Greytown – the donkey rocker has now been repaired.

4.3 Trees

Greytown southern entrance –Community Board has agreed to proceed with City Care’s proposal up to the \$10,300 budget available this year and next year. The first stage of the work (removal of trees on the west side of the road) has now been done.

Two dead kowhai trees have been removed from Soldiers’ Memorial Park in Greytown (campground/O’Connor’s Bush) – new kowhai have now been planted. Root protection is to be put in place for three rohatu trees in the campground. Further tree removals and a considerable amount of deadwooding will be required in the camping ground following the receipt of an arborist’s report.

A large kahikatea is required to be removed (for safety reasons) from the entrance to the Greytown oxidation ponds on Papawai road. Consultation with iwi will be carried out before removal of the tree.

4.4 Sports fields and facilities

The roof repairs at the pavilion at Soldiers’ Memorial Park are almost completed.

4.5 Pensioner housing

There is one further vacancy at Martinborough which will be filled from the waiting list. Repairs to the flat damaged as a result of a leaking pipe in the ceiling have been completed. The other 11 flats have been checked for similar damage to ceiling pipes and minor changes to the overflow have been made in eight of the flats.

4.6 Events

No events in May requiring additional toilet cleaning, rubbish removal or other services.

4.7 Parks and Reserves

4.7.1. Martinborough

Landscaping work for the new Martinborough toilets is now under way.

An informal (and rather early) Guy Fawkes bonfire pile which had built up in the middle of Considine Park has been removed, with the tree branches chipped for use in Centennial Park. In consultation with the Pony Club, the gates have now been locked to prevent access for further dumping of rubbish and signs are to be erected. Cr Stevens is arranging for the public to be advised in the next *Martinborough Star* that no dumping of rubbish is permitted in the park except in the weeks prior to Guy Fawkes Night, when the public will be requested to supply materials for the bonfire.

4.7.2. Greytown

The arborist assessment of trees in Soldiers' Memorial Park (camping ground and O'Connor's Bush) has now been carried out and is being reported back to Community Board, the Tree Advisory Group and the Friends of O'Connor's Bush.

4.8 Properties

4.8.1. Featherston

The new drainage work for the Featherston Information Centre will start as soon as consent has been received.

David Kernohan has been engaged to prepare a conservation plan for the Anzac/Kiwi Halls, and will start work on this in the next few weeks.

4.8.2. Martinborough

Martinborough library is now fully installed in its new site on Kitchener St, and the Portacom has been removed from the Pain and Kershaw car park.

Pain Farm Homestead – the successful tender withdrew from the negotiations, and the availability of the lease will have to be re-advertised. City Care is maintaining the grounds and checking on security in the meantime.

4.8.3. Greytown

The Stella Bull park building remains vacant, and officers are to re-advertise its availability for lease.

Planning is underway for the new public toilets, with work expected on site in June.

4.9 Cemeteries

4.9.1. Featherston

A seat donated by the Lea family has been installed beside the number 2 ashes wall.

One interment in May.

4.9.2. Greytown

An additional headstone beam (90 plots) is being added. A smaller ashes beam is also being planned.

No interments in May.

4.9.3. Martinborough

One interment in May.

5. Libraries

5.1 Statistics all Libraries

See Appendix 3 for issues and transactions statistics.

5.2 Kotui library management system

Library staff spent most of May training for the introduction of the Kotui library management system which went live on 6 June 2013. Two staff members, one from Carterton and one from South Wairarapa, were trained by Kotui to be the trainers for the remainder of the staff. Other work related to Kotui included time spent setting up the system to ensure the data moved from NCS in an appropriate format, and to trouble-shoot any data which became corrupted in the transfer. As the Kotui database now contains the holdings of 17 New Zealand libraries, this meant that for WLS (as library #17) there were a considerable number of book bar-codes already in use, and one of the first jobs in the new system for all staff has been to re-code the affected books. While the library staff is still coming to grips with operating in a new system, it is clear that Kotui has many advantages over the old NCS system. Not least of these is the public user interface available via the website: <http://wls.kotui.org.nz>.

6. Civil Defence and Emergency Management

6.1 Civil Defence Centres

Meetings were held with Martinborough Lions and Hau Ariki Marae and the MOU's confirmed with both. The Lions will delay signing due to the election of a new president soon.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Monthly Water Usage

Appendix 2 – Waste Exported to Bonny Glen.

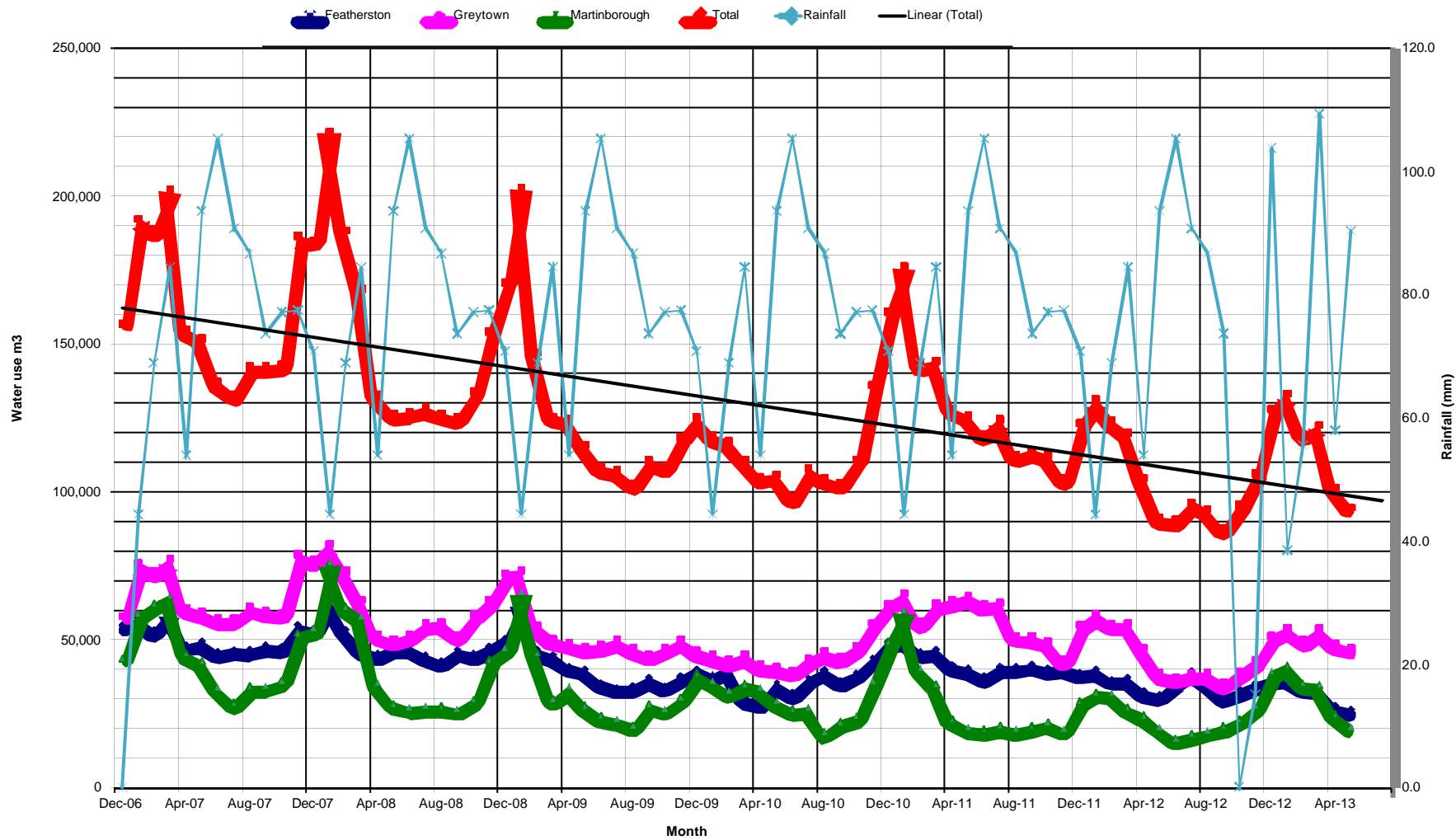
Appendix 3 – Library Statistics

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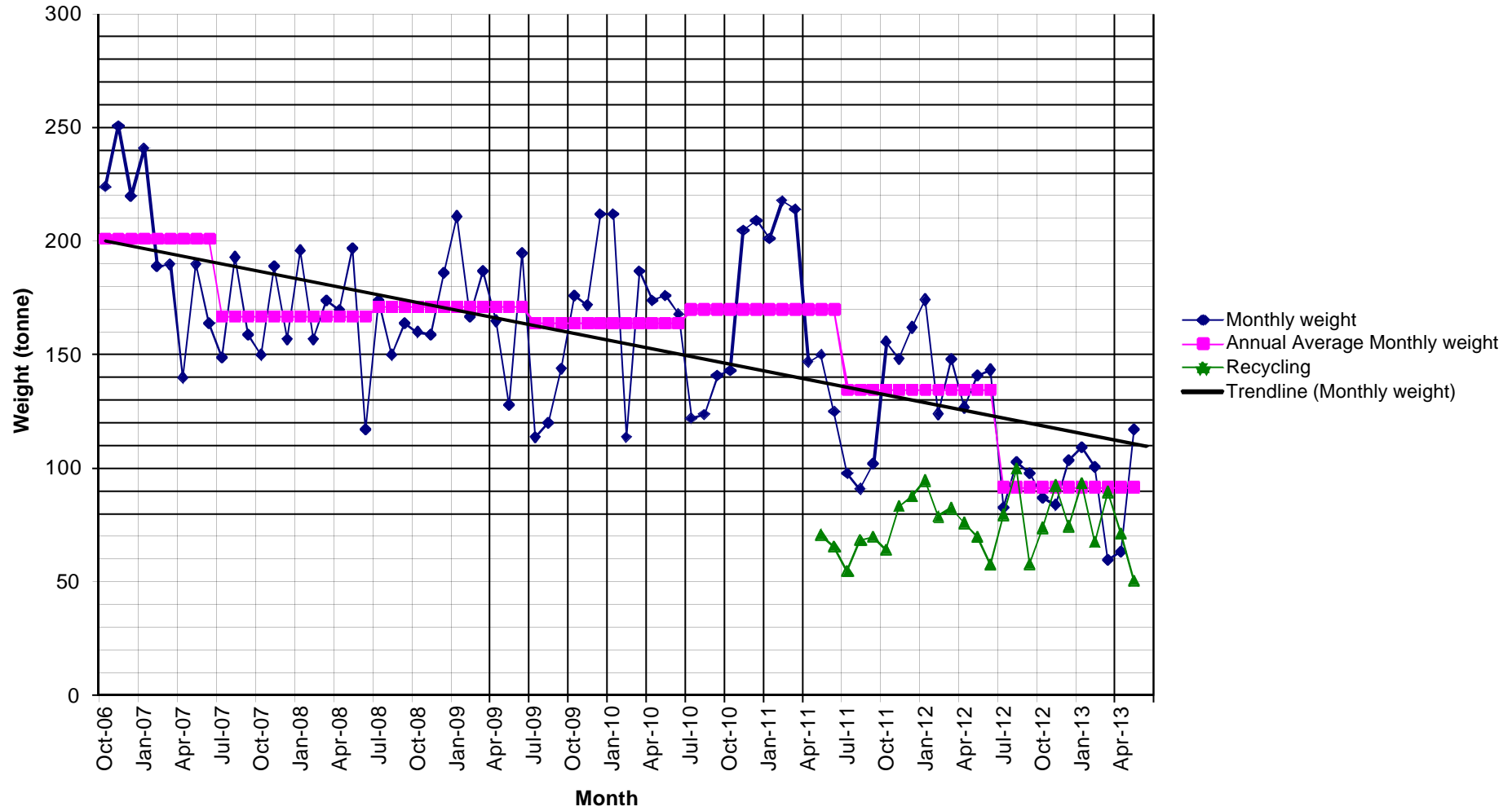
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Water use South Wairarapa District Council



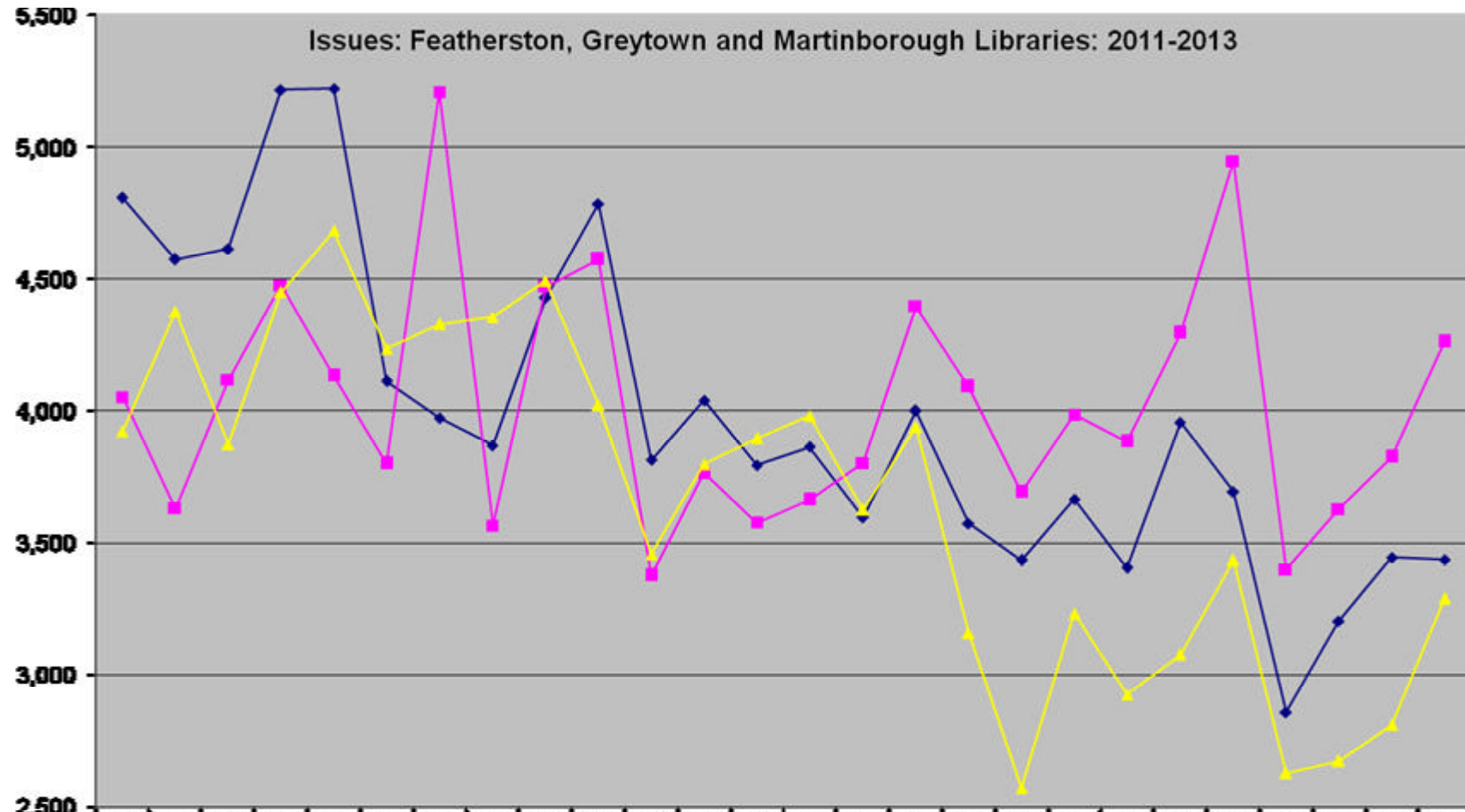
Appendix 2 – Waste Exported to Bonny Glenn

Monthly weight of waste transferred from Martinborough transfer station to Bonny Glen



Appendix 3 – Library Statistics

Issues: Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries: 2011-2013



	04/11	05/11	06/11	07/11	08/11	09/11	10/11	11/11	12/11	01/12	02/12	03/12	04/12	05/12	06/12	07/12	08/12	09/12	10/12	11/12	12/12	01/13	02/13	03/13	04/13	05/13
FP	4,80	4,57	4,61	5,21	5,22	4,11	3,97	3,87	4,43	4,78	3,81	4,04	3,79	3,86	3,58	4,00	3,576	3,436	3,667	3,408	3,950	3,687	2,880	3,20	3,44	3,43
GTP	4,05	3,63	4,12	4,48	4,13	3,80	5,21	3,56	4,47	4,57	3,37	3,76	3,57	3,66	3,80	4,39	4,084	3,694	3,987	3,886	4,288	4,948	3,402	3,63	3,82	4,26
MTP	3,92	4,37	3,87	4,45	4,88	4,28	4,33	4,35	4,48	4,02	3,46	3,80	3,89	3,98	3,62	3,84	3,180	2,573	3,284	2,826	3,078	3,437	2,628	2,67	2,81	3,29

**Transactions (excluding Council functions) for Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries
2011-2013**

