



Featherston Community Board

Minutes 12 May 2015

- Present:** Lee Carter (chair), Peter Jackson, Cr Dean Davies, Cr Solitaire Robertson and Garry Thomas.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Adrienne Staples, Paul Crimp (Chief Executive) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 7:00pm and 7:45pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/27) to consider the request from Council's Amenities Manager received on the 11 May 2015 to fund up to \$100 for fish and chips for participating youth artists at the unveiling of the graffiti frame installation as the event was scheduled before the next Community Board meeting.

(Moved Carter/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

1. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/28) to receive apologies from Katie Beattie.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Carter)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Solitaire Robertson declared a conflict of interest with agenda item '6.2 Purchase of a Portable PA System' as she was president of the Featherston Anzac Club.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

4. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

4.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 31 March 2015

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2015/29) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 31 March 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Jackson/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

4.2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

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4.3 Action items from previous meeting
Members discussed the action items and updates were provided.

4.4 Income and Expenditure Statement
FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2015/30) that the Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 March 2015 be received.
(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

5.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards
FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/31) to receive the information.
(Moved Jackson/Seconded Carter)

Carried

6. COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLORS REPORTS

6.1 Chair's Report
Lee Carter tabled an email from Council's Amenities Manager and members discussed the funding request.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/32) to receive the chair's report and tabled email from Council's Amenities Manager.
(Moved Carter/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/33):

1. To fund up to \$100 for fish and chips for youth artists participating in the unveiling of the graffiti art frame being installed in Clifford Square.

(Moved Carter/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

2. Action 307: Send an invite to Mayor Staples and the Featherston Community Board to attend the official hanging of the graffiti artwork scheduled for the 22 May 2015; M Allingham

6.2 Purchase of a Portable PA System

Gary Thomas presented a proposal to purchase a portable PA system for use in Anzac Hall and at Community Board community events. The Featherston Anzac Club had agreed to donate up to \$1,500 for a suitable PA system.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/34):

1. To fund up to \$1,500 for a suitable indoor/outdoor portable PA system following receipt of a second quote and

2. To develop a PA system loan and use policy.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Jackson)

Carried

6.3 Featherston Business Leaders Networking Evening

Lee Carter updated members on progress made in organising and obtaining sponsors for a Featherston Business Leaders Networking

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evening. Mrs Carter said Messines would host the event with an offer of no venue charge (there may be a small catering charge). Supervalve has indicated interest in sponsoring part of this event. The cost per event for the Community Board was estimated at \$300-\$400. Mrs Carter undertook to set a date for the first event and to ask for help from members as needed.

6.4 Fell Museum Report

Gary Thomas updated members on the agreement in principal between the Fell Museum and the Heritage Museum to join buildings and to provide access to the Heritage Museum via the Fell Museum.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Inwards

To Featherston Community Board, from Maxine Hemi received 9 April 2015.

To Featherston Community Board, from the Local Government Commission, dated 8 April 2015

7.2 Outwards

To Colin Robinson, Cross Creek Railway Society from Featherston Community Board dated 7 April 2015

To Rhonda Jones, Featherston Main Streets Beautification Group from Featherston Community Board dated 2 April 2015

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2015/35):

1. To receive the inwards and outwards correspondence.

(Moved Carter/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

2. Action 308: Write to Maxine Hemi noting that as all expenses for the tournament had been met the funds wouldn't be paid but that the Community Board would look forward to receiving an application for the team to attend the next tournament; P Crimp
3. Action 309: Remove the basketball commitment of \$250 from the FCB I&E Statement; P Crimp

8. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

8.1 Wairarapa Mathematics

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2015/36) to grant Wairarapa Mathematics Association \$200 to help with the costs of running the 2015 mathematics competition for primary and secondary schools.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

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.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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**Featherston Community Board
Action Items
From 12 May 2015**

Ref #	Meeting	Date	Action Type	Responsible Manager	Action or Task details	Status	Notes
197	FCB	31-Mar-15	Resolution	Lee Carter	Featherston Meeting Event FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/23): 1. To receive the information. (Moved Carter/Seconded Jackson) Carried 2. To support in principal the idea of a Featherston meeting event. 3. To agree to further analysis on costings and interest within the Featherston community for this event. (Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Davies) Carried	Open	
203	FCB	31-Mar-15	Action	Paul	When WREMO have made appointments to their vacancies suggest a joint regional community board meeting is held in order to discuss the community board role in civil defence planning	Actioned	Appointments made. General introduction scheduled for June CB meeting. WREMO made aware of the request.
204	FCB	31-Mar-15	Action	Lee Carter	Make a submission the GWRC LTP on providing adequate luggage space in the trains for carrying bicycles	Open	GWRC Submission period closed on 20 April 2015
303	FCB	12-May-15	Resolution	Paul	FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/33): 1. To fund up to \$100 for fish and chips for youth artists participating in the unveiling of the graffiti art frame being installed in Clifford Square. (Moved Carter/Seconded Thomas) Carried	Actioned	
304	FCB	12-May-15	Resolution	Paul	FCB RESOLVED (FCB2015/34): 1. To fund up to \$1,500 for a suitable indoor/outdoor portable PA system following receipt of a second quote and 2. To develop a PA system loan and use policy. (Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Jackson) Carried	Actioned	
306	FCB	12-May-15	Resolution	Paul	FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2015/36) to grant Wairarapa Mathematics Association \$200 to help with the costs of running the 2015 mathematics competition for primary	Actioned	In hand

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					and secondary schools. (Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Robertson) Carried		
307	FCB	12-May-15	Action	Mark	Send an invite to Mayor Staples and the Featherston Community Board to attend the official hanging of the graffiti artwork scheduled for the 22 May 2015	Actioned	
308	FCB	12-May-15	Action	Paul	Write to Maxine Hemi noting that as all expenses for the tournament had been met the funds wouldn't be paid but that the Community Board would look forward to receiving an application for the team to attend the next tournament	Actioned	
309	FCB	12-May-15	Resolution	Paul	Remove the basketball commitment of \$250 from the FCB I&E Statement	Actioned	

<i>Featherston Community Board</i>	
<i>Income & Expenditure to 31 May 2015</i>	
<u>INCOME</u>	
Balance 1 July 2014	14,179.97
Annual Plan 2014/15	20,954.00
Vic Uni Wgtn Reception 16/7/14	216.00
TOTAL INCOME	35,349.97
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Members salaries	10,541.74
Total Personnel Costs	10,541.74
AP Guten Appetit C 35 x Guests/Uni Students-finger food Project on town design	350.00
AP F Telecom New Z Fsn Info Centre June/July	80.92
AP Pain & Kershaw Milk and supplies July 2014 Fsn Community Board	389.67
AP Pain & Kershaw Milk and supplies July 2014 Returns Fsn Community Brd (-71.60
expenses x wages VIC STUDENTS HOSTING COSTS	47.94
AP F Telecom New Z Fsn Info Centre August	78.02
AP The Sign Factor Engraved brass plaque	125.00
AP Guten Appetit C Pot luck dinner at Anzac FCB	300.00
expenses x wages VIC STUDENTS HOSTING COSTS	739.87
AP Accom 3-5/11/14x3 Lecturers Vic Uni	156.52
AP F Telecom New Z Fsn Info Centre Sept-Nov 2014	235.81
AP Local Governmen Annual C/Board Levy x 3	166.66
AP Power Services FCB erect Xmas flags	483.00
AP Spark Fsn Info Centre	78.18
AP SOLGM Diaries	31.80
AP Featherston Inf Petty cash Fsn Info 17/6/14-10	90.50
AP Greytown Hotel Community Boards Xmas function	29.00
L Carter minicrisps/brownflat/chocfish	101.50
AP Spark Fsn Info Centre	79.45
AP Power Services Remove Christmas Flags FCB	171.00
L Carter minicrisps/brownflat/chocfish	30.20
CORR coding L Carter flights CB conf	337.39
AP NZ Community Bo L Carter CB Conference May 15	856.52
AP Mrs B M West Fsn Xmas Pde prizes	105.00
AP Spark Fsn Info Centre	84.48
AP Spark Fsn Info C	79.48
AP Spark Fsn Info	78.66
Free Swim Day Fstn Pool	387.00
AP Portable PA system	2,127.83
Total General Expenses	7,749.80

<i>Featherston Community Board</i>	
<i>Income & Expenditure to 31 May 2015</i>	
AP Wairarapa Mathe FCB Grant - Maths Competition	200.00
AP Featherston Chr Funding-Christmas Market 2014	500.00
AP Featherston Com Grant-trestle tables purchase	500.00
AP Grant - Ki O Rahi set (assist costs)	500.00
AP Ms Wong People's Choice Award - FCB	1,000.00
AP Featherston Men Development/relocate bldg 2013/14	2,500.00
AP Featherston Men Development/relocate bldg 2014/15	2,500.00
Grant mobile class room	500.00
Muay Thai Grant	500.00
Brass band for Featherston Xmas Parade	200.00
AP Greytown Trails Grant frm FCB to est Fsn-Gtn trail	3,000.00
AP Wairarapa Mathe 2015 Maths competition FCB	200.00
Total Grants	12,100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,391.54
ACTUAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) YEAR TO DATE	4,958.43
<u>LESS: COMMITMENTS</u>	
Salaries to 30 June 2015	-541.74
Emergency Fund	2,000.00
Chor Farmer Donation for Garden of remembrance	265.53
Fish and chips - Fstn Youth artists	100.00
Total Commitments	1,823.79
BALANCE TO CARRY FORWARD	3,134.64

FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD

23 JUNE 2015

AGENDA ITEM 6.1

OFFICERS' REPORT

Purpose of Report

To report to community boards and the Maori Standing Committee on general activities since the last meeting.

Recommendations

Council officers recommends that the Community Board/Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1. Executive Summary

A busy period, dominated by meetings.

The Long Term Plan Consultation Document was adopted and has been released for consultation. Four public workshops on the long term plan will have been completed by the time this agenda is published.

We have already received a number of submissions, the closing date is 2 June 4pm.

The Local Government Commission final proposal is due to be released early to mid June , regional CE's have been reviewing options to ensure that whatever the result the Region continues to move forward.

There has been a significant body of evidence created in support of our Resource Consent application for the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment plant. Hearings are set down for 3 and 4 June, fingers crossed.

2. Governance/Leadership/Advocacy

The following table provides the year to date results for KPI's set for the Governance output [note this report is as at 30 June 2014]

GOVERNANCE/LEADERSHIP/ADVOCACY KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	YTD RESULT 2013/14	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Ratepayers and residents feel they can contact a Council member to raise an issue or problem	75%	73%	NRB Survey 3 yearly*
Ratepayers and residents feel that the Mayor and councillors give a fair hearing to their views	75%	62%	NRB Survey 3 yearly
Ratepayers and residents are satisfied with Council's decisions and actions	50%	76% (very or fairly satisfied)	NRB Survey 3 yearly
Ratepayers and residents are satisfied with how Council allocates rates/funds to be spent on the services and facilities provided (target peer group age)	78%	64% (very or fairly satisfied)	NRB Survey 3 yearly
Community Board decision - making reports on local issues	90%		Community Board reports and minutes
% of ratepayers and residents who know how to contact a community board member	65%	65%	NRB Survey 3 yearly
Ratepayers and residents satisfied with the way Council involves the public in the decision it makes	65%	49%	NRB Survey 3 yearly
The Maori Standing Committee makes recommendations to Council in relation to policy and plan development and resource management applications	100% applicable applications		Maori Standing Committee minutes

2.1 Local Government Commission/Governance Review

The regional Mayors tasked the Chief Executives to review what the likely scenarios will be for the Local Government Commission announcement (which is due early – mid June).

The regional CE's have had discussions with the CE of the LGC, and Deputy Director for Internal Affairs on possible next steps. We could not be advised of any direction in terms of the LGC "preferred option" the discussions were around the next steps following the announcement.

The analysis of possible next steps has been driven by the collective view that the process has been difficult and the outcomes may not be satisfactory in terms of what is felt to be the public's overall opinions on this matter, and a desire to ensure something positive comes out of the amount of work that has been done to get to this stage.

3. Strategic Planning and Policy Development

3.1 Meetings/Conferences

3.1.1. Chief Executive Forum

Two meetings have been held, the majority of time has been taken up developing some options for the way forward as requested by the regional Mayors.

3.1.2. Mayoral Forum

One Mayoral Forum was held and I am sure this will be covered in Her Worship's report. As indicated above governance matters were high on the agenda, with a tasking to the regional CE's for some analysis on the way forward following the announcement of the preferred option from the LGC.

3.2 Wastewater Consents

Evidence has been completed for the Martinborough application, and this application is proceeding as planned.

The hearing for the Martinborough application is planned for 3 and 4 June.

3.3 Financial Statements

The year to date 30 April 2015 Financial Statements will be tabled.

3.4 Long Term Plan

The LTP Consultation Document, and Supporting Documentation, was adopted at the public meeting on 1 May.

The Consultation Document was circulated to all households in south Wairarapa (those that receive the midweek), radio messaging has reminded listeners that the consultation has started with public meeting details and submission closing details.

We have held targeted sector group meetings, and of course the four public workshops.

Hopefully through these initiatives there has been sufficient opportunity for the public to become involved, should they wish to do so.

3.5 Rural Broadband

Following a number of meetings it has been decided to join MDC and CDC to prepare an application under the newly announced fund for rural broadband across the Wairarapa district.

Each district will be required to provide input into the application; accordingly the working group set up will remain to coordinate this input.

We will provide circa \$2,500 toward the cost of preparing the application, and Tim Lusk will sit on the joint committee, along with one other from South Wairarapa yet to be decided.

3.6 Rates Arrears (Incl. GST)

DATE	AMOUNT \$'000	NUMBER	DAYS SINCE INSTALMENT DUE	SWDC COMPONENT \$'000 (81%)
1 June 2012	\$855	722	10	\$692
19 June 2012	\$730	632	31	\$591
10 September 2012	\$947		21	\$767
15 February 2013	\$820	565	57	\$664
17 June 2013	\$913	740	27	\$739
4 March 2014	\$1,033	863	12	\$836
14 April 2014	\$954	675	53	\$773
19 August 2014	\$818	592	91	\$663
30 September 2014	\$1,008	809	37	\$816

DATE	AMOUNT \$'000	NUMBER	DAYS SINCE INSTALMENT DUE	SWDC COMPONENT \$'000 (81%)
11 November 2014	\$770	627	83	\$623
27 January 2015	\$672	537	68	\$544
2 March 2015	\$784	798	10	\$635
25 May 2015	\$762	803	3	\$617

As at 30 September 2014 the balance outstanding amounted to \$1,008K of which \$608K related to prior year (30 June 2014 and earlier).

The arrears amount of \$608K outstanding relating to the 30 June 2014 and prior balances has reduced to \$82K which is a good result. This has generally been through demands from the banks, which have all been settled. We are following up a number through legal avenues.

For the installment due 20 May 2015, there are approximately 464 ratepayers who missed this installment, i.e. this is the only installment that is currently outstanding for those ratepayers. This remains disappointingly high.

We continue to pursue all arrears.

4. Corporate

4.1 Occupational Health and Safety

There were no OH & S matters since the last reporting period.

4.2 LGOIMA Requests

DATE	TOPIC OF INFORMATION REQUEST	REQUEST RESPONSE
17 April	Details of district parking charges	No parking charges.
22 April	Details of any advice, policy documents or summary that records Council's understanding of its obligations under The Treaty of Waitangi.	Sent copy Of Council Policy.
22 April	Property transactions with Iwi since July 2013	No transactions
23-April	Spend on external consultants in each of the past three years and the purpose	Information provided
23 April	process flow to assess an application for a building or land use consent	Information provided
12 May	Further clarification of Council RMA processes and details of the minutes of a meeting that may have taken place in 2012 between former CEO and the Treasurer of Gun Club.	
20 May	Detail relating to the possible placement of a crematorium on Featherston	
20 May	Detail relating to the proposed sale of vacant land site in Featherston	

Contact Officer: Paul Crimp, Chief Executive Officer

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

1. Resource Management

1.1 Resource Management Act - District Plan

SERVICE LEVEL – Council has a Combined District Plan that proves certainty of land-use/environmental outcomes at the local and district levels.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2014/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Ratepayers and residents satisfied with the District as a "better" place to live	65%	N/A	NRB Survey (xx%)
Ratepayers and residents satisfied with the image of the closest town centre shown as "satisfied"	65%	N/A	NRB Survey (xx%)

1.2 Resource Management Act - Consents

SERVICE LEVEL – All resource consents will be processed efficiently.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2014/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Consent applications completed within statutory timeframes	100%	94.4%	NCS
s.223* certificates issued within 10 working days	100%	100%	NCS (manually corrected as on-hold times not recognised by NCS)
s.224* certificates issued within 15 working days of receiving all required information (note no statutory requirement)	85%	97.1%	NCS

Council received 16 (the previous year 14) resource consent applications between 9/04/2015 and 20/05/2015. Officers provide detailed information, subject to data availability, on all consents direct to Council and Community Board members, so this information is not listed here.

The prosecution of Mr Pilbrow for undertaking work without consent in Greytown has not as yet been finalised. However staff have been involved in confidential negotiations with Mr Pilbrow with the aim of reaching agreement on the facts of the case and the degree of liability (fine) to be applied to Mr Pilbrow, should he make a guilty plea.

The details of these negotiations are privileged at this time, but will be advised to Council once the proceedings are completed. These negotiations have been conducted by both parties with legal support and on the basis of trying to reach an equitable settlement for both parties. They are also on a without prejudice basis should the matter not be resolved through this mechanism.

Staff have also received legal advice on whether a prosecution can be initiated against a commercial property owner in Featherston (who has residentially tenanted a commercial building) for breach of the District Plan and breach of the Building Act.

The case is legally complex. On the basis of the available facts, the advice tendered by Council's solicitor was to only proceed should further stronger evidence become available in support of Council's position.

Because this is unlikely due to the course of time, a prosecution would not succeed at this time and staff have determined not to take this matter any further.

1.3 Reserves Act – Management Plans

SERVICE LEVEL – Council has a reserve management programme.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 14/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Number of Management and/or Plans adopted or revised	1	0	

1.4 Local Government Act – LIM's

SERVICE LEVEL – Land Information Memoranda: It is easy to purchase information on any property in the District.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 14/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
My LIM contains all relevant accurate information (no proven complaints)	-	-	
My non-urgent LIM is processed within 10 days	100%	100%	

TYPE	YTD 1 JULY 14 TO 21 MAY 2015	PREVIOUS YTD 1 JULY 13 TO 21 MAY 2014	PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 TO 21 MAY 2015	PREVIOUS PERIOD 1 APRIL 2014 TO 21 MAY 2014
Standard LIMs (Processed within 10 working days)	134	126	24	11
Urgent LIMs (Processed within 5 working days)	126	99	24	12
Totals	260	225	48	23

2. Public Protection

2.1 Building Act - Consents and Enforcement

SERVICE LEVEL - Council certifies all consented work complies with the building code, ensuring our communities are safe. The Council processes, inspects, and certifies building work in my district.

PUBLIC PROTECTION KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2014/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Code Compliance Certificate applications are processed within 20 working days	100%	97.83%	NCS – Continued monitoring of processing days. Year to date, one CCC accidentally went over the 20WD's.
Building consent applications are processed within 20 working days	100%	100%	NCS – Continued monitoring of processing days. Due to staff shortages processing contractors have been used to maintain service levels.
Council maintains its processes so that it meets BCA accreditation every 2 years	Yes	Yes	IANZ review 2016
Earthquake prone buildings reports received	100%	143/227	The government is proposing to make changes where by the assessments will need to be completed by a certain time. The government is currently working on this.

Building consent numbers from 1 July 2014 to 18 May 2015 (Year to Date) total 377 consents. For the same period the year before the total was 360.

2.2 Personnel

The Building Team have been under considerable pressure to process consents and complete "called for" inspections over the last couple of months. Operations have been affected by having two staff resign (these positions equating to 1.5FTE). The "wait" time for inspections consequently extended out to 3 days for a period but is now at a more reasonable 36 to 48 hours. A new staff member has just joined Council to fill one of the roles but will take time for him to come fully up to speed with systems and regulatory knowledge.

The other half position has been advertised as a shared position with MDC and interviews will soon be undertaken and completed. If a suitable candidate is not found through that process then Council will seek to fill its part time role separately.

In addition the Team Leader Building Control has resigned his position to take up a role at Taupo District. This will further pressurise the building team until such time as a suitable replacement can be found and appointed. This replacement process has begun.

Processes

Council has recently purchased an additional software system for the Building team (Goget will be integrated operationally with the new software).

The software offers electronic processing of building consents as well as electronic lodgement of consents (it also offers a document management

and storage system which will be used to convert the current hardcopy building files).

This system (Trapeze) is currently operated by 41 Councils mainly across the lower North Island, Bay of Plenty and Waikato to enable electronic processing, with most of those Councils also moving toward electronic (on line) lodgement.

It is intended to commence implementation of this system over the next two months for processing and later, in conjunction with MDC (and possibly CDC) on line lodgement.

Trapeze also has wider application than just for building, and these options (for alcohol/food licencing and RMA consents) will also be followed through on through the rest of this year.

The following table provides a snapshot of the number and types of building consents granted for the period.

TYPE	NUMBER	VALUE
Commercial (shops, restaurants, rest home – convalescence, restaurant /bar / cafeteria / tavern, motel, commercial building demolition - other commercial buildings)	7	\$671,000
Industrial (covered farm yards, building demolition, warehouse and/or storage, factory, processing plant, bottling plant, winery)	3	\$43,485
Residential (new dwellings, extensions and alterations, demolition of building, swimming and spa pools, sleep-outs, garages, relocations, heaters, solid fuel heaters.	76	\$5,416,307
Other (public facilities - schools, toilets, halls, swimming pools)	0	\$0
Totals	86	\$6,130,792

2.3 Dog Control Act – Registration and Enforcement

SERVICE LEVEL – Dogs don't wander freely in the street or cause menace to humans or stock.

PUBLIC PROTECTION KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 14/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Undertake public education, school and community visits to promote safe behaviour around dogs and/or responsible dog ownership	6 visits	0	None to date, officers attended a Dog Smart program run by Christchurch City Council and plan to run a similar program in the near future.
Complaints about roaming and nuisance dogs are responded to within 4 hours	100%	100%	

As at 18 May 2015 there are 2,882 registered dogs with 1,645 owners. There are currently 61 unregistered dogs, with 32 owners.

Amongst those unregistered dogs are a number owned by Mrs Phillips. Once again Council is facing difficulties in persuading Mr Phelps to properly

document all her dogs and the many changes in ownership status relating to them. Staff are working through the issues this has raised with legal support, as it is entirely possible that further enforcement via the Courts will be required.

INCIDENTS REPORTED	TOTAL
Attack on Pets	3
Attack on Person	0
Barking and whining	1
Lost Dogs	2
Found Dogs	0
Rushing Aggressive	1
Wandering	7
Total	14

2.4 Public Places Bylaw 2012 - Stock Control

SERVICE LEVEL – Stock don't wander on roads, farmers are aware of their responsibilities.

PUBLIC PROTECTION KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 14/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Stock causing a traffic hazard is responded to within 1 hour	100%	100%	
Council responds to complaints regarding animals within 40 hours	100%	100%	

INCIDENTS REPORTED	TOTAL
Stock total	1

2.5 Resource Management Act – afterhours Noise Control

SERVICE LEVEL – The Council will respond when I need some help with noise control.

PUBLIC PROTECTION KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 14/15	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
% of calls received by Council that have been responded to	100%	100%	

AFTER HOURS NOISE CONTROL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	YTD 1 JULY 14 TO 21 MAY 15	PREVIOUS YTD 1 JULY 13 TO 21 MAY 14	PERIOD 1 APRIL 15 TO 21 MAY 15	PREVIOUS PERIOD 1 APRIL 14 TO 21 MAY 14
Total	104	159	21	25

2.5 Sale and Supply of Liquor Act - Licensing

SERVICE LEVEL – The supply of liquor is controlled by promoting responsible drinking.

PUBLIC PROTECTION KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Premises that sell alcohol that are checked prior to renewal to make sure they comply with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol 2012	100%	100%	All premises inspected at new or renewal application.

ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS PROCESSED	YTD 1 JULY 14 TO 21 MAY 2015	PREVIOUS YTD 1 JULY 13 TO 21 JULY 14	PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 TO 21 MAY 2015	PREVIOUS PERIOD 1 APRIL 2014 TO 21 MAY 2014
On Licence	25	*	3	*
Off Licence	23	*	7	*
Club Licence	2	*	1	*
Manager's Certificate	81	*	21	*
Special Licence	50	*	9	*
Temporary Authority	24	*	2	*

Note * Previous YTD and period figures unavailable due to reporting errors with NCS

Environmental Health officers have been undertaking inspections with the Police and Medical Officer of Health in accordance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 to ensure compliance with licences and the Act.

2.6 Health Act - Safe Food

SERVICE LEVEL – Food services used by the public are safe.

PUBLIC PROTECTION KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	YTD RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Premises failing to comply with Food Hygiene regulations that are re-inspected within a 3 month period and enforcement is affected if offence continues	100%	100%	All premises are inspected and no enforcement action has been required

2.7 Process improvements

Environmental Health officers are trialling the use of tablets and templates to help make food related inspections and processing more efficient. These will be used over the next two months as all inspections will be completed prior to the new health registration period.

2.8 Bylaws

Six litter complaints were received from 1 April 2015 to 18 May 2015. No long grass notices were issued and no letters regarding over grown trees and hedges were issued. No abandoned vehicles were reported and one general complaint was received.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING

1. Group Manager highlights

Works for the past 6 weeks have been typical for winter months and the end of year with roading in particular pushed to deliver the last of the NZTA works program.

Discussions on Broadband roll out and the submission has been ongoing, looking at the processes and limitations of being able to roll out the works quickly and cost effectively for the number of residents affected.

The RSC (Road Controlling Authority) forum last week also highlighted issues around the new ONRC and transition plans and also a lot of debate around the effectiveness of the various infrastructure strategies developed. One point of note for councils and for SWDC is the strong push for cycling facilities nationally and regionally. This allows for funding not only in works but also in the strategic development of plans and strategies.

The recent storm in Wellington gave the CDEM system and controllers a good trial of their systems and processes. With the training currently underway for controllers and elected members it was a great introduction to CDEM for many.

2. Water supply

SERVICE LEVEL – Council provides reliable and safe drinking water supplies. Water provided is safe to drink and there is adequate water for urban firefighting.

2.1 Key Performance Indicators

WATER SUPPLY KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Compliance with resource consent conditions/water permit conditions to “mainly complying” or better	95%		Council provides annual report to Greater Wellington for water supply consents. The compliance reports are available to Council Sept/Oct yearly.
Water supply systems comply with Ministry of Health Bacteriological Drinking Water Standards guidelines 2000**	95%		Ministry of Health supplies Council with compliance reports 6 months after year end. Reports apply to previous year.
Ratepayers and residents satisfied with level of service for water	75%	60%	NRB Survey 2013
Urgent (dirty, cloudy, smelly, or bad tasting water or no water at all) requests for service responded to within 1 day	95%		CEMs and drinking water complaints. Officer to complete
Fire hydrants tested annually that meet NZ Fire Service Code of Practice	100%	33% per year	There is a requirement of testing all Council hydrants over a 5 year period - The costs to this will be about \$20 per test. Requirements will be 40 hydrants over 3 towns annually = 120. x \$20 = \$2400 annually to meet the required amount of testing

2.2 Services

2.2.1. Water supply capital improvements Featherston

Stage 1 of the improvement programme incorporation pipeline and bore head works is now out for tender. Tenders close on 15 June 2015. Work will not commence until August and the pre tender estimate is \$792K.

Stage 2 work requiring plant building extension and additional treatment kit will be let before the end of the year aiming for completion in March/April 2016.

2.3 Water treatment plants

The Waiohine and Greytown plants operated routinely over the period, The Martinborough bore-field required a pump check and replacement with a spare pump unit (Bore No 3). Full take allocation is now available.

An E coli transgression was detected on 15 April at Boar Bush. Three consecutive daily follow up tests were clear indicating either a sampling or laboratory error. We are confident there was little or no public health risk to our water consumers.

2.4 Water reticulation

There were 14 reticulation repairs reported and rectified during the period. No water complaints were received during the period.

2.5 Water races

Routine monthly inspections and blockage clearing of the water race network has been performed by council contractors, City Care Ltd, to maintain satisfactory flows. There were six reported accounts for blockage clearing or no water flow for the Moroa and Longwood network over the period.

3. Waste water

SERVICE LEVEL – Council provides waste water services that effectively collect and dispose of waste water. Waste water does not create any smells, spill or health issues and causes minimal impact on the natural environment.

3.1 Key Performance Indicators

WASTE WATER KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Number of blockages per 1000 connections	10		
Ratepayers and residents satisfaction with waste water services	70%	60%	NRB Survey 2013
% of resource consent conditions complied with to mainly complying or better**	90%		Council provides annual report to Greater Wellington for water supply consents. The compliance reports are available to Council Sept/Oct yearly.
Proportion of urgent waste water service requests responded to within 6 hours of notification	95%		

3.2 Resource consent acquisition progress report

The hearing for the Martinborough consent is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 June. As at the time of writing there has been no technical evidence submitted (other than council and GWRC) and no confirmed submitters to speak at the hearing. This will be confirmed by the 18 May. The desire is to have the hearing completed by 3 June without the need for council offers to speak to their evidence.

At this stage the request is still for a 35 year consent with a fall-back position of 15 years but only to cover stage 1b, i.e. the irrigation to the block adjacent to the Martinborough Ponds.

3.3 Waste water treatment plants

All plant operated routinely during the period with no reported issues.

3.4 Waste water reticulation

There were two pipeline blockages reported during the period.

4. Storm water drainage

SERVICE LEVEL – Stormwater drains are well operated and maintained by the Council.

4.1 Key Performance Indicators

STORM WATER DRAINAGE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
% of ratepayers and residents satisfied with stormwater drains	50%	54%	NRB Survey 2013
% of urgent (any blockage causing extensive flooding of buildings or other serious flooding) requests for service responded to within 5 hours	90%		

All systems operated routinely during the period with pre winter maintenance checks being undertaken during the Contractors rounds.

5. Solid waste management

SERVICE LEVEL – Recycling stations are accessible and maintained. Refuse and recycling collection services are provided and waste minimisation actively promoted.

5.1 Key Performance Indicators

WASTE MANAGEMENT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Number of communities with recycling centres	6	6	Recycling centres at Greytown, Featherston, Martinborough, Pirinoa, Tukurumuri and Hinakura.
Volume of waste disposed out of district	Decreasing by 2.5%	30.4%	
% of ratepayers and residents satisfied with the level of service	90%	66%	NRB Survey 2013

5.2 Waste management

Routine services have been delivered successfully over the period. Vegetation overflow occurred at the Greytown Recycling Depot inconveniencing users in the first week of June. Additional work is to be undertaken improving entry and exit access.

Information brochures are being finalised for our domestic and commercial customers across the District and will be distributed next month.

6. Land transport

SERVICE LEVEL – Roads are maintained to ensure they are safe and comfortable to travel on. Footpaths can be safely used to get around town.

6.1 Key Performance Indicators

LAND TRANSPORT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	RESULT	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Using the RAMM measurement system, average smooth travel exposure on urban roads to be 85% and rural roads 95% with maximum variation of 5%	95%		
Ratepayers and residents fairly/very satisfied with the roads	82%	75%	NRB Survey 2013
(20km ± 10% variation) sealed roads are resealed each year subject to availability of NZTA subsidy	100%		
The pavement condition index as measured by the NZTA pavement integrity index	95%		
The number of crashes causing injuries is reduced	Group and control average		
Ratepayers and residents are satisfied with footpaths in the district	70%	66%	NRB Survey 2013
Availability of footpaths on at least one side of the road down the whole street	90%		

6.2 Roading maintenance – Fulton Hogan

Sealed road pavement repairs were completed on Cape Palliser, White Rock, Western Lake Roads and East Street.

The pre-winter gravelling of the unsealed roads has commenced including Tora, Glenmorven, Underhill, Backwater and Paruwai Roads.

Road side mowing has commenced on the arterial roads pre winter along with roadside spraying around posts, markers and bridges.

Minor high sea damage occurred on Cape Palliser and Te Awaiti Roads.

Rock armourment for coastal protection is being delivered to Cape Palliser and Tora Roads as proactive measures for future damage to these coastal roads.

There was only minor damage from the rain event which affected Wellington and Kapiti areas.

Fulton Hogan's monthly audit and cyclic activities is done on a monthly basis and their performance is charted below.



6.3 Reseals –Higgins

All works have been completed for the current financial year. An additional sweeping was ordered to remove chip in the Featherston urban area.

6.4 Road rehabilitation and seal extension – Fulton Hogan

All NZTA subsidised works have been completed and include Papawai Road, Bidwells Cutting Road and Cape Palliser Road. Work is progressing on the seal extension on Te Muna Road and a time extension has been granted for the additional seal Extension on Fraters Road. Completion will be towards the end of June 2015.

6.5 Bridge maintenance – Higgins

Works have been completed on bridges on Cape Palliser, Hinakura and Western Lake Road. The contract is on track to be completed in mid June.

7. Amenities

SERVICE LEVEL – Parks and reserves enhance the quality of life in our communities. Our playgrounds are safe and enjoyed by the community. Clean safe public swimming pools can be accessed in the District. Provision of some low cost housing for the elderly (or in line with Council policy) in each town. Well maintained hall facilities that are available for the public to book. Public toilets are convenient, clean and safe. There is a wide range of library stock including up to date material.

Key Performance Indicators

AMENITIES KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	RESULTS	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Users satisfied with parks and reserves	90%	95%	NRB Survey 2013
Ratepayers and residents are satisfied with Council playgrounds	75%	94%	NRB Survey 2013
Council playground equipment that meets national standards	95%		
Council pools comply with NZ swimming pool water testing standards	95%		
Ratepayers and residents satisfaction with Council swimming pools	70%	78%	NRB Survey 2013
Occupancy of pensioner housing	98%		
Ratepayers and residents satisfied with town halls use	77%	84%	NRB Survey 2013
Ratepayers and residents satisfied with public toilet facilities	60%	95%	NRB Survey 2013
Taking programmes out into the community and providing a wide variety of programmes in the library	>3 per library		
Ratepayers and residents satisfied with libraries	97%	87%	NRB Survey 2013

7.1 Parks and reserves

7.1.1. Anzac Day

The Amenities team and City Care always have a busy time preparing for Anzac Day, and this year was bigger and busier than ever. There were 11 separate locations to prepare beforehand, mainly making sure that grass was mowed, gardens were tidy and rubbish removed. This year, Greytown had an additional ceremony location at the memorial gates on Kuratawhiti Street as well as at the swimming pool. In support of this, the City Care staff repainted the gates and the fence, re-did the gold lettering on the memorial at the pool, patched some of the bigger potholes and borrowed a road sweeper to tidy up in front of the playground, and made the labour costs of doing this a donation to the community. On the day itself, there were four flag-poles and nine flags to be put up and taken down, with 17 official flags in total flying in the south Wairarapa to mark the day. This included a New Zealand flag on the Anzac Hall for the first time in many years.

7.1.2. Featherston Playground

The installation of the new playground equipment and the associated renovation of the bark soft-fall material have now been completed.

7.1.3. Featherston skate park

A frame has been installed at the skate park to hold the two pieces of "street art" completed by members of the Featherston Youth Group and donated to the town. The art was unveiled at a gathering on 22 May to mark the start of Youth Week.

7.1.4. Soldiers' Memorial Park

A meeting of the Soldiers' Memorial Park user group was held on 29 April. The major focus of the meeting was preparing for submissions to the Long Term Plan.

7.1.5. Card Reserve

A meeting of the users of Card Reserve was held on 14 May. This seems to have been the first meeting of major users held since the implementation of the Reserve Management Plan. A major subject for discussion was possible submissions to the Long Term Plan.

7.1.6. Ngawi

All taps in the toilets and on the outside of the toilet building have now been removed in an attempt to reduce the amount of water taken by self-contained camper vehicles. Hand sanitiser is provided for hygiene in the toilets.

7.2 Properties

7.2.1. ANZAC Hall

The floors in the Supper Room and the Kiwi Hall have been sanded and polyurethaned and look like new. Work continues on building repairs around the clerestory.

7.3 Pensioner housing

There are six applicants on the waitlist for Martinborough, five for Greytown and eight for Featherston.

Council officers have had interest in the vacant flat at Burling Flats and are currently liaising to complete tenancy agreements.

7.4 Cemeteries

7.4.1. Featherston

There were no burials in April.

7.4.2. Greytown

There was one ashes burial in April.

7.4.3. Martinborough

There were no burials in April.

The rebuilding of the Services ashes wall and ashes wall 3 has been completed. The Services wall was finished, with the plaques and ashes in place, in time for ANZAC day.

7.5 Libraries

Changes to the funding from the Eastern and Central Community Trust will affect the Summer Reading Programme, iRead and Winter Warmers from this year. Storytellers will drop from three to two, and the number of incentive prizes will drop from five to four. The READX programme for teens has been discontinued. Financial reporting is to be tightened with all libraries having to send receipts for money spent from the cash distribution; and the Trust also wants to know the real value of the Council costs e.g. wages, photocopying, etc. While none of these changes should alter the delivery of the programmes, the Eastern and Central Community Trust wants the programme results to be more measurable.

8. Civil defence and emergency management

SERVICE LEVEL – People are prepared for a civil defence emergency.

8.1 Key Performance Indicators

CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET 2013/14	RESULTS	COMMENT SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE TARGET
Ratepayers and residents are prepared for an emergency	65%		NRB Survey 2013
Regional Civil Defence Emergency Plan developed and implemented	Implemented		

8.2 Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO)

8.2.1. Update

Darryl McCurdy has joined the Operational Readiness team full time and Ruth Locker has joined the Community Resilience team part time.

Darryl has a strong logistics background through NZ Air Force and KiwiRail. He has been on a few deployments so knows the feeling of working under pressure. He was also stationed at Wellington airport and been involved with the airport response exercises. Darryl's a Carterton resident and is looking forward to applying his skills and experience to the CDEM world.

Ruth has a strong background in community development and engagement. She was a Senior Community Advisor with Wellington City's Housing Unit. She is a long-time 'rapa' resident and is looking forward to moving back to her roots while being able to continue working in a community focused role.

Both are currently getting to grips with their new roles, establishing contacts and starting to build relationships with the vast array of stakeholders, as well as having been exposed to the flooding event on the other side of the hill in May.

9. Appendices

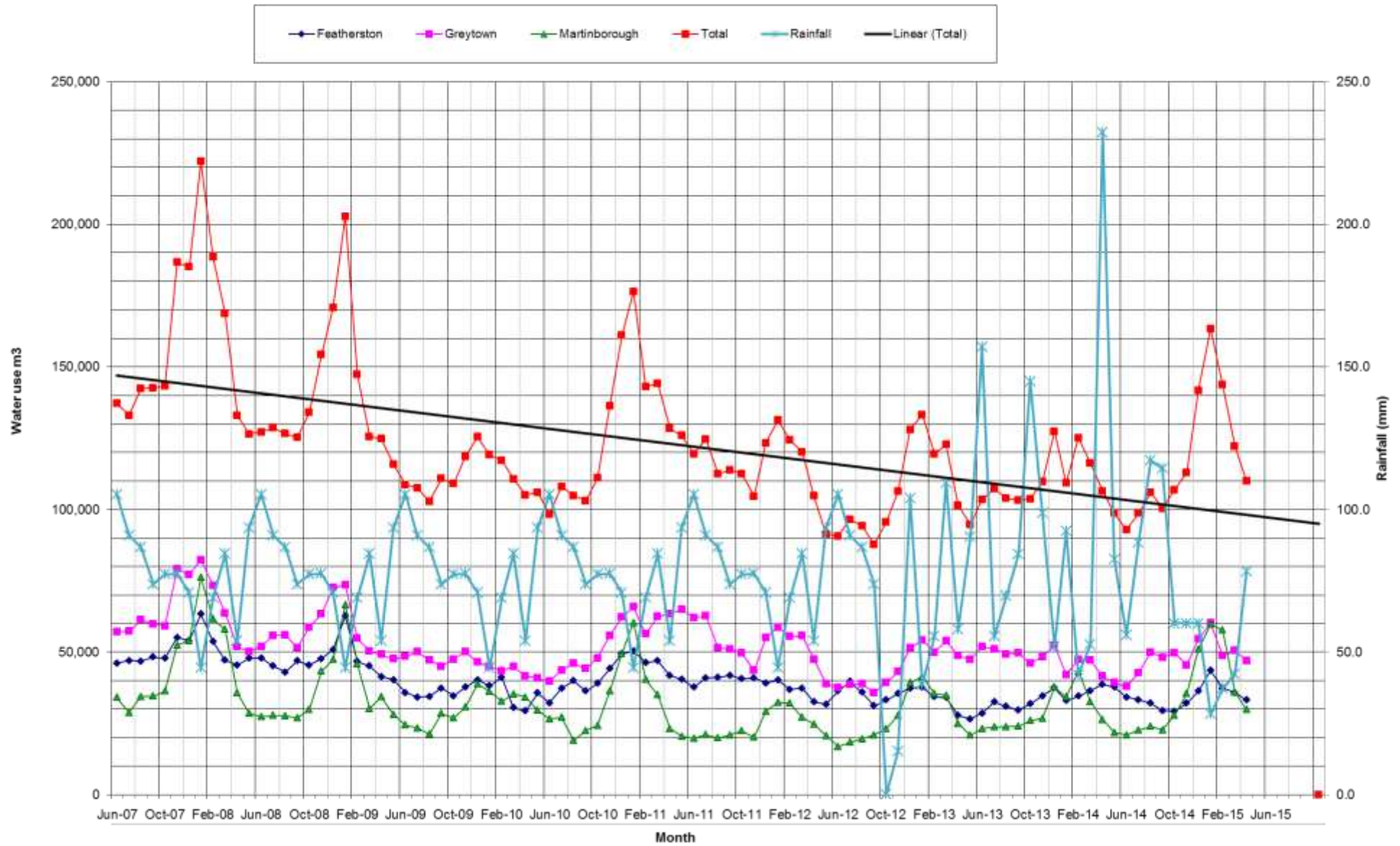
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- Appendix 3 Library statistics

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Reviewed by: Paul Crimp, Chief Executive Officer

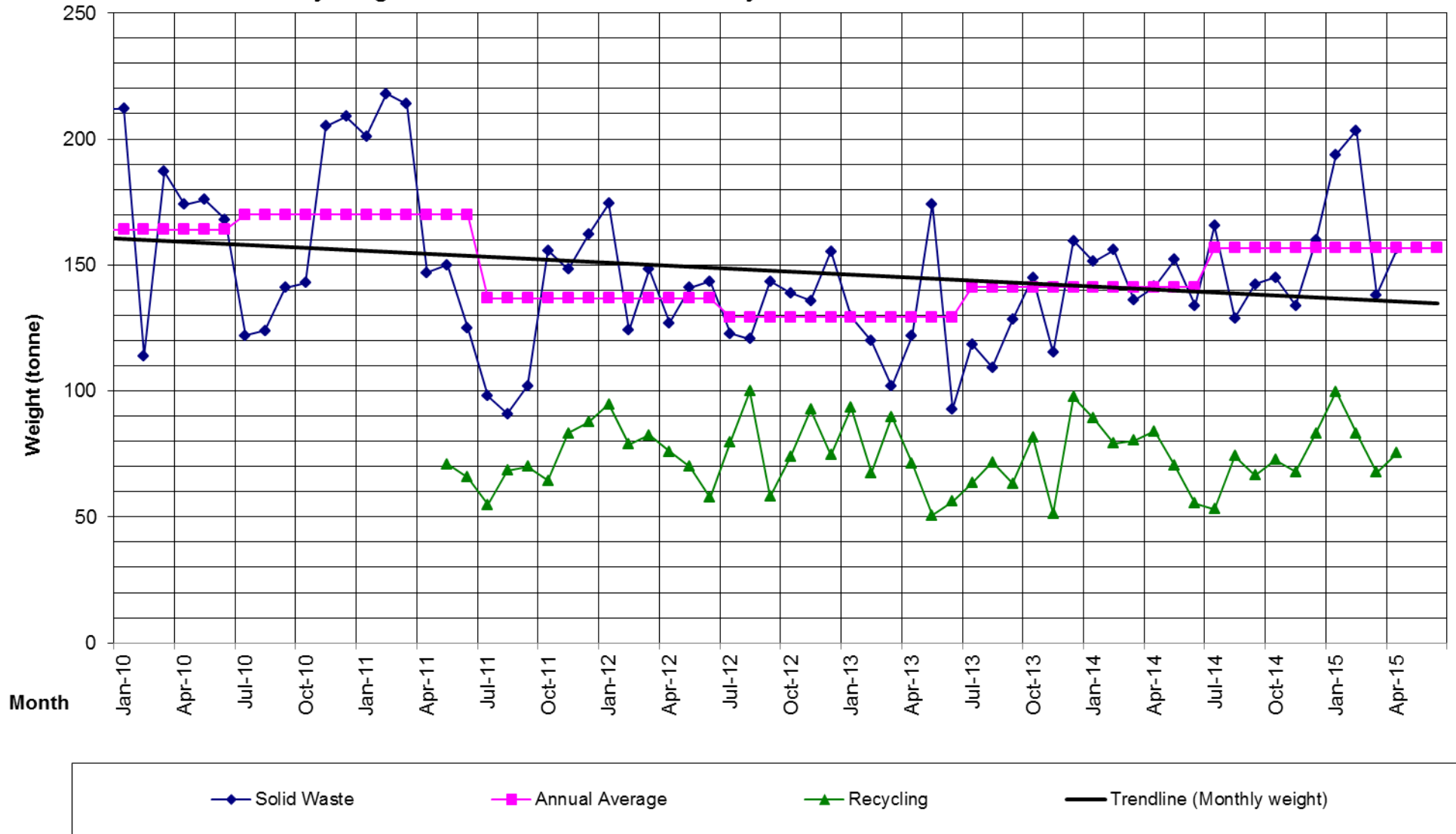
Appendix 1 - Monthly Water Usage

Water use South Wairarapa District Council



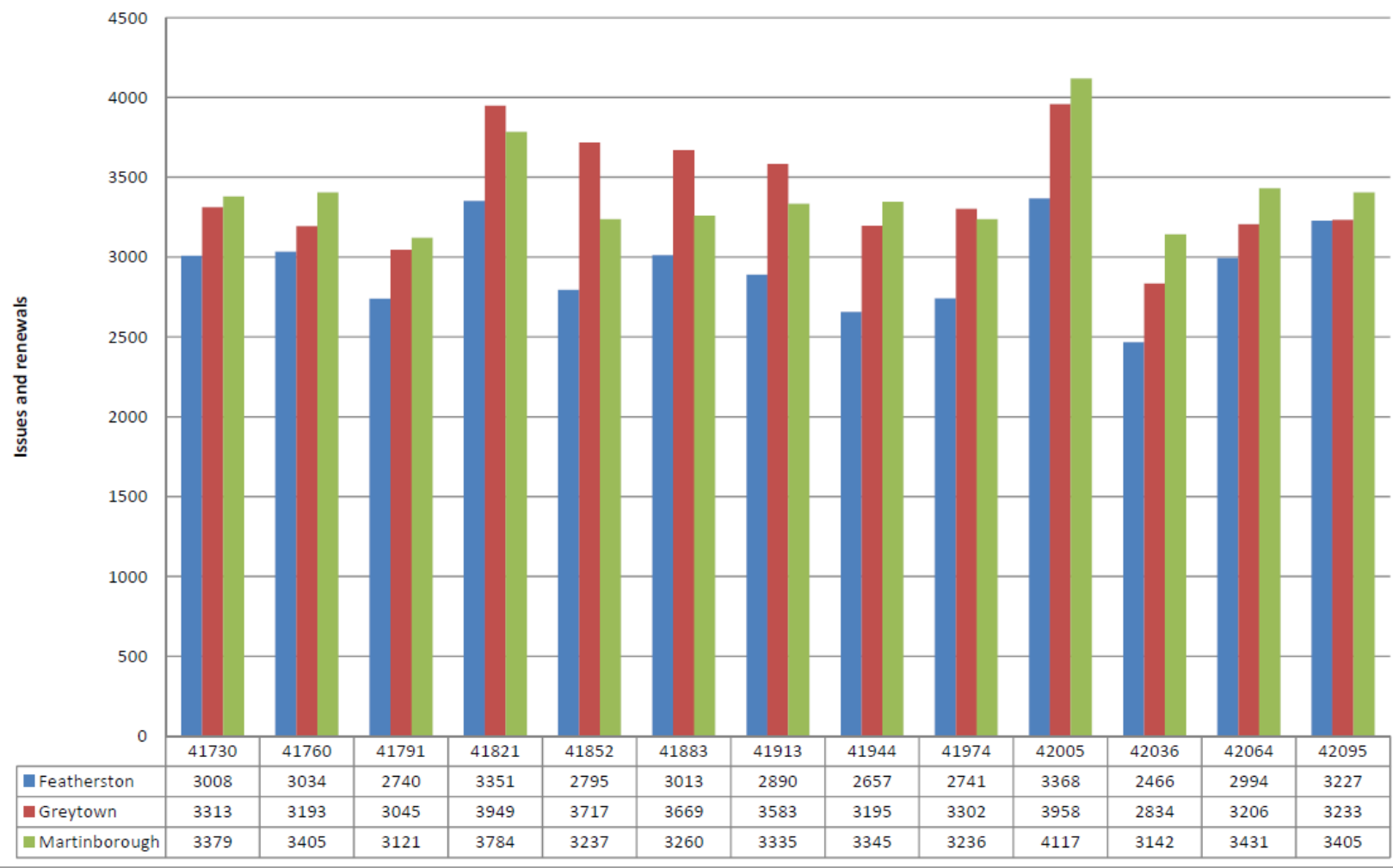
Appendix 2 - Waste Exported to Bonny Glen

Monthly weight of waste transferred to Bonny Glen

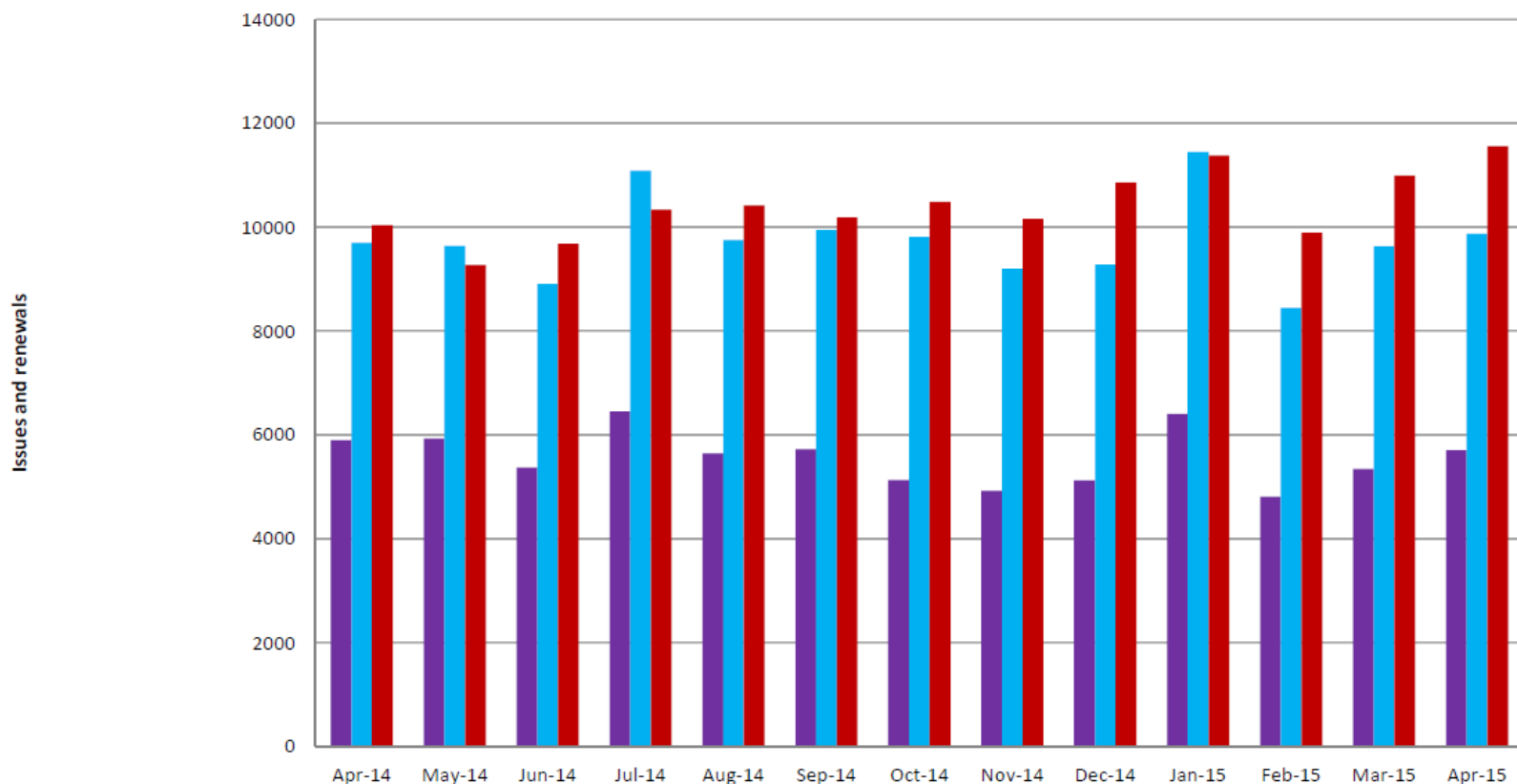


Appendix 3 - Library Statistics

South Wairarapa Libraries - issues and renewals to April 2015



Wairarapa Library Service - issues and renewals to April 2015



	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15
■ Carterton books etc	5892	5929	5368	6451	5643	5720	5129	4921	5122	6406	4810	5341	5702
■ South Wairarapa books etc	9700	9632	8906	11084	9749	9942	9808	9197	9279	11443	8442	9631	9865
■ All WLS audiobooks and e-books	10034	9272	9675	10338	10419	10184	10481	10153	10856	11380	9893	10986	11560

Featherston Community Board Chair's Report May/June 2015

Communications	
May	Peter Jackson (Deputy Chair) and I submitted a combined Featherston Community Board report to the Featherston Phoenix for the June edition

Meetings and Events	
19 May	Attended the South Wairarapa District Council Long Term Plan Public Meeting
22 May	Attended the unveiling of the Graffiti Boards by the Featherston Skate Park
2 June	Attended the Citizenship Ceremony held at the Kiwi Hall in Featherston

Apologies	
5 May	Greytown Trails Trust AGM
20 May	Infrastructure and Planning Working Party – Garry Thomas attended on my behalf
27 May	Community Safety and Resilience working Party – Garry Thomas attended on my behalf

REPORT ON 2015 NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS CONFERENCE

Purpose of Report

This report provides feedback to Featherston Community Board (FCB) on the 2015 New Zealand Community Boards Conference.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that FCB:

1. Receive the information

1. Executive Summary

The 2015 Community Boards Conference was held in Waitangi over the period 14 – 16 May 2015, and was attended by Lee Carter and Peter Jackson (FCB Chair and Deputy Chair respectively). Opened by the Mayor of the Far North District Council (FNDC), His Worship John Carter, the conference had as its theme *Influencing Change* which – among other things – looked at the potential for communities to identify and, working with local government and non-government organisations, maximise opportunities for creating and/or improving community outcomes. Community engagement was a key sub-theme throughout.

2. Keynote Sessions

FNDC Deputy Mayor, Tania McInnes, spoke about community boards and the fact they could be either *Change Agents or Change Inhibitors*. Her presentation examined ways in which community boards could promote positive change through greater community engagement. Tania highlighted the great success that Focus Paihia (a community organisation) had – working with local government – in converting a former car park on the Paihia water front into a recreational park providing even greater community benefits. To learn more about Focus Paihia visit <http://focuspaihia.org.nz/>.

David Hammond, CEO of Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC), detailed TCDC’s unique community board model whereby these are delegated greater responsibility (and funding) for the delivery of local services and the operation/maintenance of local infrastructure.

Jacqui Dean, MP for Waitaki and Private Secretary for Local Government, gave a useful and supportive insight into the Government’s view of local government (including community boards).

Gerard Linstrom from Chorus provided an update on the roll out of Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) and the Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) programmes, and highlighted the importance

of engagement with local government (including community boards) and the communities they represent to help guide the prioritisation of effort. To learn more about RFB and RBI visit <https://www.chorus.co.nz/>.

Local identity and entrepreneur, Hone Mihaka, provided a wonderful, and at times hilarious, insight into his journey from a wayward youth to becoming an entrepreneur and establishing the successful Maori tourism business, Taiamai Tours. Hone, who is also a motivational speaker and youth mentor, highlighted the importance of having a vision, engaging with the right stakeholders (including local government) and ignoring the naysayers, for a successful outcome. To learn more about Taiamai Tours visit <http://www.taiamaitours.co.nz/>.

CEO of the Akina Foundation, Alex Hannant, spoke about *Social Enterprises* and how these can benefit communities¹. The session looked at how social enterprise models work, global trends and options to empower communities and further develop New Zealand's social enterprise sector. To learn more about the Akina Foundation and Social Enterprises visit <http://akina.org.nz/>.

Lawrence Yule (LGNZ President) and Malcolm Alexander (CEO LGNZ) and Mick Lester (Chair New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee) also provided separate and informative updates on their respective organisations.

3. The Workshops

A number of useful workshops were attended by the Featherston Community Board representatives. A brief synopsis of each follows:

- ❖ **Creating a Place Where Talent Want to Live.** This interesting workshop was delivered by Wendy McGuiness from the McGuiness Institute, and looked at the importance of having a strategy to *grow, attract, retain and connect* talent within local communities to support economic and other local development. Talent in this context refers to individuals with knowledge, skills and experience to make positive change within and to the benefit of a community. For further information visit <http://talentnz.org/>.
- ❖ **Time to Step Up for Our Kids.** Delivered by Deputy Children's Commissioner, Dr Justine Cornwall, this workshop looked at the vital role local government can play in providing the leadership required to drive changes in how services are delivered to disadvantaged children, and how to design communities where all children can thrive. For further information visit <http://www.occ.org.nz/assets/Publications/Choose-Kids-Why-investing-in-children-benefits-all-New-Zealanders-OCC-2.pdf>.
- ❖ **Influencing Change through Fair and Equitable Public Participation.** Representing the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), CEO Michelle Blicavs delivered a thought-provoking workshop on the spectrum of public participation in community outcomes; from *informing* (least public participation) to *empowering* (placing final decision making in the hands of the community). The bottom line was that local

¹ A Social Enterprise is an organization that applies commercial strategies to maximize improvements in human and environmental well-being - this may include maximising **social** impact rather than profits for external shareholders.

government should strive for greater public participation in decisions effecting their communities. For further information visit <https://www.iap2.org.au/resources/iap2s-public-participation-spectrum>.

❖ **Growing Great Neighbourhoods.** Led by Denise Bijoux from the Inspiring Communities team², this workshop focused on practical ways that community and community boards can support and strengthen locally-led action and engagement. Much of Denise's presentation was about her work at a *neighbourhood* level, and emphasised a strengths-based approach to local change and development, partnership, resilience and place making. Two notable examples provided were:

- **Neighbourly.** *Neighbourly* is a free and private neighbourhood website that allows users to easily meet and interact with neighbours and community, helping build stronger, safer and friendlier places to live. Neighbourly is currently being used by 45 Featherston residents and is growing. Featherston Neighbourhood Support Coordinator Robyn Ramsden and Featherston resident Amy Mayes are presently the local Neighbourly Leads. Further information about Neighbourly can be obtained at www.neighbourly.co.nz.
- **The Wall on the Bright Side Project.** *The Wall on Bright Side* was a neighbourhood-led project to turn an old, poorly-maintained and graffiti-prone underpass wall into a wall of inspiration. The resulting artwork and effect is spectacular. Further information about this project can be obtained at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wall-on-the-Bright-side/212064165604743?fref=ts>.

5. Conclusion

The conference was highly useful in emphasising the role community boards have in influencing change. It also reinforced the benefits to be had through encouraging and embracing greater public participation. The conference explored a number of other relevant topics which contributed to a very successful event. Equally important was the opportunity to network with other community board members from throughout New Zealand, and hearing about their successes and challenges. Both Featherston Community Board participants gained considerable value from attending the 2015 New Zealand Community Boards Conference as a result.

Points of Contact:

Lee Carter - Chair, Featherston Community Board

Peter Jackson - Deputy Chair, Featherston Community Board

² <http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/>.

TO: South Wairarapa District Council
FROM: Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. Inc.
Date: 30 April 2015
Subject: Featherston Town – Footpath & Pedestrian Matters



FEATHERSTON RATEPAYERS &
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

BACKGROUND:

1. On 23 April 2015 representatives of the Featherston Community Board ('FCB') met with representatives of the Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. ('FRRRA') and other community representatives to discuss the Council's 'Footpath Process' ('FP') document.
2. The FP's purpose is to facilitate '...safe access around the communities for all pedestrians whether young or elderly, agile or mobility impaired.' For that purpose, FRRRA has been asked to consider the various Footpath Faults illustrated in Appendix 1 (ibid) and to provide comments and suggestions.
3. Council currently recognises three South Wairarapa townships, the communities of Featherston, Martinborough, and Greytown. The current budget provision over a three year term is in the \$12,000-14,000 range for each township, prioritised on safety grounds (related to expected traffic.) For some identified hazards, power co.'s may be accountable.
4. 'New' footpaths (on unpaved routes) are also expected to be funded from the SWDC allocation, according to priority. Refer to para. 7 below.

COMMENT:

5. FRRRA has no supporting information on the likely cost of various fault repairs. However, concern has been expressed at the apparently limited funding available for the stated purpose. There is some recollection that rather than a total 'pot' of some \$36,000-42,000 for footpath repairs etc, the historical provision was of the order of \$70,000 in total.
6. The process for describing 'Hazards' as specified requires measurements/counts. FRRRA is not equipped to provide such specifics, hence the various site photographs and descriptions are respectfully submitted as potential hazard sites that should be examined by engineering staff for professional assessment. We have included a dangerous sunken drain (and nearby potholes) on the busy Fox St. entry, power pole base repairs; and the following new works.

NEW WORKS:

7. FRRRA was informed at the 23 April meeting that previously unpaved routes in the towns are to be prioritised in the order of their proximity to the various 'town centres'.
In our view, the public play area on Birdwood Street, in close proximity to the planned Featherston Town Square development, and the Medical Centre, is somewhat dangerous as the footpath stops at Tait Crescent. It is not clear how such new works are to be funded.
8. Reliable first-response sources have advised that parents with young children can be seen walking on the 'east side' of Birdwood Street roadway to or from Fox Street and Fitzherbert Street. (There is no crossing to the miniature railway, and in any case the pedestrian crossing on Fitzherbert Street is on the 'east side' of Birdwood Street.)
9. A photograph of the aforementioned Tait/Birdwood junction is included in the FRRRA listing. Brandon St. between the railway line and Moore St. is also a potential risk as motorists are unsighted over the railway crossing.

CONCLUSION:

10. FRRRA appreciates the community consultation process followed by the Featherston Community Board on footpath related matters.
11. It is recommended:
 - a) That the several potential pedestrian hazard sites shown in the following FRRRA listing be evaluated and duly considered for repair;
 - b) That 'new work' be planned & financially provided for: (i) A safe walkway by the Birdwood Street play area; (ii) Safety barriers at the Brandon St. rail crossing;
 - c) That FCB/Council review the accuracy or appropriateness of the financial provision for footpath costs that has been cited for South Wairarapa communities.
12. A copy of this submission has been provided to the Lake Ferry Ratepayers & Residents Association.

(Signed) Perry Cameron

Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.

FRRA - PEDESTRIAN HAZARD LISTING



FEATHERSTON RATEPAYERS &
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

Not all hazards listed may be SWDC's responsibility to cover repair costs.
Such items should be repaired at third-party cost.

- ❖ FEATHERSTON SCHOOL- LYON STREET – TRIPPING HAZARD
- ❖ FEATHERSTON SCHOOL - LYON STREET II – TRIPPING HAZARD
- ❖ LYON STREET- POWER POLE BASE REPAIR
- ❖ REVAN STREET – PAVING COLLAPSE ON FENCELINE
- ❖ FOX STREET (APPROX. #24) – POWER POLE BASE REPAIR
- ❖ CHURCHILL CRES – SEVERAL CRACKS AND SCABBING
Neighbourhood Support Group has raised concerns following a fall by a resident caused by multiple cracks and scabbing.
- ❖ FOX STREET - SUNKEN DRAIN OPPOSITE RSA/MESSINES
- ❖ HARRISON EAST & BIRDWOOD CNR – MOB/SCOOTER GRADIENT
- ❖ TAIT CRES & BIRDWOOD STREET – MISSING A WALKWAY

FEATHERSTON SCHOOL- LYON STREET – TRIPPING HAZARD



FEATHERSTON SCHOOL - LYON STREET II – TRIPPING HAZARD



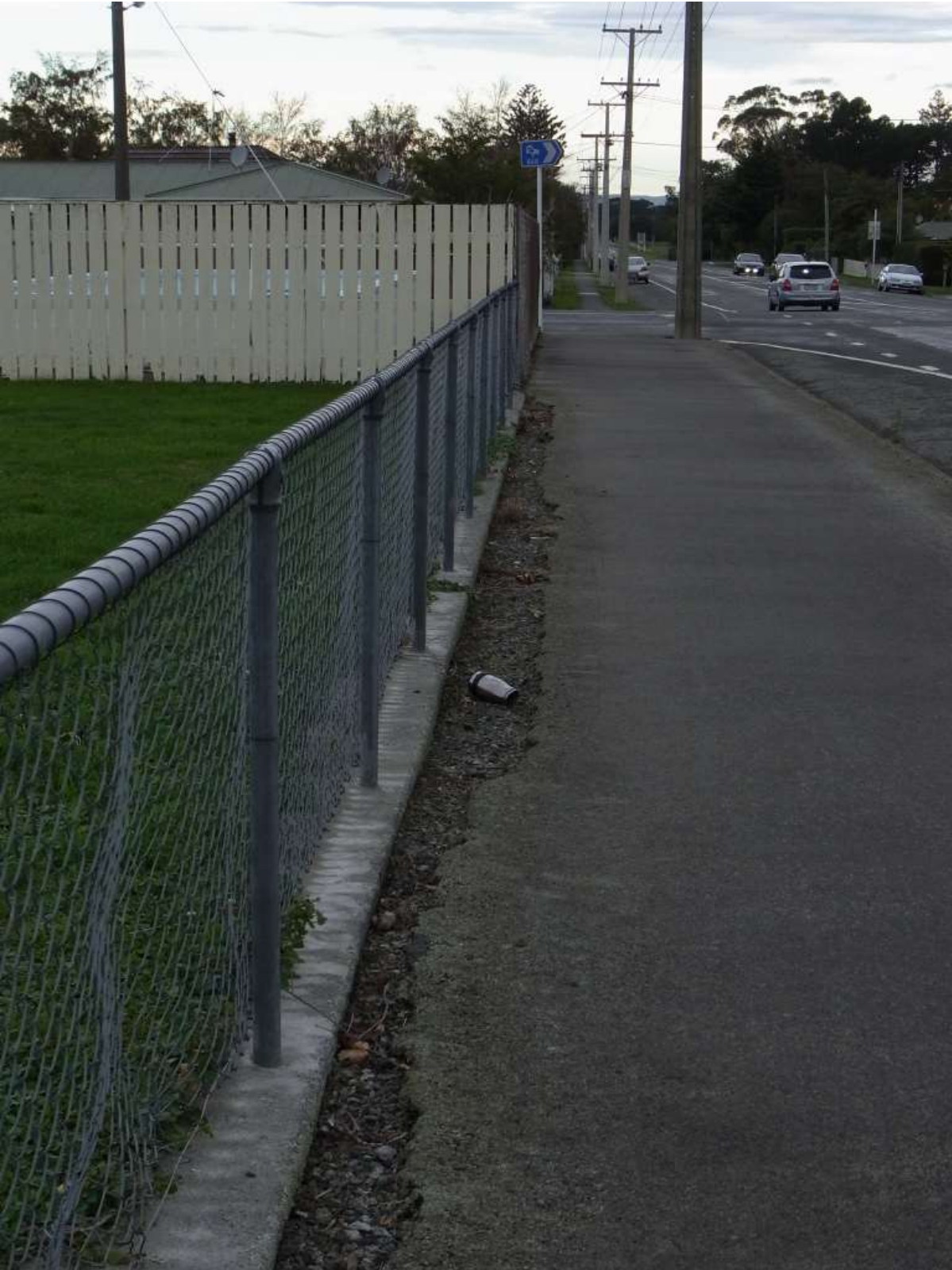
LYON STREET- POWER POLE BASE REPAIR



REVAN STREET – PAVING COLLAPSE ON FENCELINE



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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.





CHURCHILL CRES – SEVERAL CRACKS AND SCABBING

Neighbourhood Support Group has raised concerns following a fall by a resident caused by multiple cracks and scabbing.



FOX STREET SUNKEN DRAIN ON MAJOR JUNCTION



HARRISON ST EAST CNR: LACKING MOBILITY SCOOTER EGRESS



TAIT CRES AND BIRWOOD ST CORNER TO FOX ST – MISSING PAVEMENT

PROPOSED NEW WORK AT TOWN CENTRE



Featherston Community Board

Chair: Lee Carter
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19 May 2015

Maxine Hemi
14 Huia Street
Featherston 5710

Dear Maxine

NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDING

On behalf of the Board thank you for providing an update to the Featherston Community Board on the outcome of your national basketball tournament. Regarding your offer to not uplift the funds granted by the Community Board as all your bills have been paid, the Board has agreed that since all your financial commitments have been met this is the best course of action.

The Board would be pleased to consider an application for funding for a 15/16 tournament. Applications for funding will be considered on the 4 August 2015 and the 27 October 2015. I have enclosed a form which would need to be with me 10 days prior to the above dates. The Board does not plan on considering applications at their meeting of the 8 December 2015.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Clark'.

Suzanne Clark
Committee Secretary
suzanne.clark@swdc.govt.nz

2p May 2015

Perry Cameron
The Chair
Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc.
Email: pcameron@actix.co.nz

Dear Perry

Ref: Featherston Footpath Assessment for LTP 2015

The Featherston Community Board (FCB) would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the assistance received from the Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc. (FRRA) regarding identifying footpaths in Featherston that require repair and streets that are in need of a new footpath.

Subsequently from the meeting held with members of the Featherston Community Board and FRRA on 23 April 2015, a report from FRRA was received on 30 April 2015 containing relevant information identifying areas of repairs and new paths needed. Your material was one of several contributions which ultimately made up part of the FCBs submission on Featherston footpaths for the 2015 LTP.

Thank you for your assistance. Our joint effort has meant the better for our community. Your input is valued.

Yours sincerely



Lee Carter
Chair
Featherston Community Board