

### **Greytown Community Board**

### Minutes 9 December 2015

Present:	Shane Atkinson (Chairperson), Cr Margaret Craig, Ian Farley, Leigh Hay, Cr Viv Napier and Christine Stevenson (from 7:01pm).
In Attendance:	Murray Buchanan (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
Conduct of Business:	The meeting was conducted in public in the WBS Room, Greytown Town Centre on 9 December 2015 between 7:00pm and 8:10pm.
Also in Attendance:	Jez Partridge (Tree Advisory Group) and Mike Gray (CDEM Greytown Emergency Response Team).

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### 1. APOLOGIES

GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/78) to receive apologies from Mayor Adrienne Staples, Paul Crimp and AJ Southey. (Moved Farley/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

#### 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Leigh Hay declared a conflict of interest with the financial assistance application from the Friends of Cobblestones as she was a Cobblestones board member. Cr Craig declared a conflict of interest with the financial assistance application from the Friends of Cobblestones as she was a member of the group.

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Jez Partridge, Tree Advisory Group (TAG)

Mr Partridge asked for feedback from the Community Board on the report submitted at the last meeting. Mr Partridge acknowledged that a good first step had been to include the tree guidelines in the Urban Street Tree Policy but requested Council review process around resource consents involving protected trees.

#### 3.2 CDEM Greytown Emergency Response Team

Mr Gray noted an incidence of equipment failure and requested assistance in determining responsibilities. Mr Gray had attended the civil defence workshop on the 2 December 2015 and believed welfare management in the South Wairarapa had been neglected by WREMO. Greytown Primary School and Kuranui College were providing radio operator initiatives to students.

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#### 4. ACTIONS FROM PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 Jez Partridge, Tree Advisory Group

Mr Atkinson advised that the Community Board had reviewed the TAG Report along with the Council Officer's Report and believed that incorporating the tree guidelines into policy largely met the Group's request. Mr Atkinson asked TAG to prepare documents on what an ideal District Plan could look like so that when a Plan change is scheduled the alterations can be considered for inclusion.

Mr Buchanan noted the section on protected trees in the District Plan needed correction in order to align with the recent amendment to the Local Government Act and would be reviewed when a Plan change was scheduled.

Members thanked Mr Partridge for his assistance and advice in the matter of the oak trees outside the Greytown Town Centre building.

- 4.2 CDEM Greytown Emergency Response Team *GCB NOTED:* 
  - 1. Action 790: Determine who is responsible for necessary maintenance to South Wairarapa civil defence equipment and liaise with Mike Gray to ensure any required maintenance is undertaken on the Greytown equipment; M Allingham

#### 5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

- 5.1 Greytown Community Board Minutes 28 October 2015
   GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/79) that the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting held on 28 October 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
   (Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Hay)
- 5.2 Action Items From Previous Meeting The Community Board reviewed the action items and updates were provided.
- 5.3 Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 October 2015
   GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/80) to receive the Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 October 2015.
   (Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Atkinson)

GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/81) to approve an additional \$697.58 forinstallation of the backing material for the Greytown entrance way signs.(Moved Stevenson/Seconded Cr Napier)Carried

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#### 6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

6.1 Officers' Report

Mr Atkinson reported that the Greytown Trails Trust were willing to take ownership of Department of Conservation trails provided maintenance fell to some other organisation. *GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/82)* to receive the Officers' Report. (Moved Farley/Seconded Hay)

Carried

#### 7. COMMUNITY BOARD/COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 Letter of Thanks – Craig Thorburn

Mrs Hay reported that 27 Greytown businesses had purchased and were displaying themed Christmas decorations. *GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/83)* to write to Craig Thorburn thanking him for organising the themed Christmas decorations along Main Street. (*Moved Hay/Seconded Cr Craig*)

Carried

 7.2 Community Safety and Resilience Working Party
 GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/84) to receive the Community Safety and Resilience Working Party report.
 (Moved Stevenson/Seconded Cr Napier)

#### 7.3 Greytown Sports Facilities Task Force

Mrs Stevenson reported that targeted community consultation continued on development of a sports hub behind Kuranui College. The next stage was for the wider community to be surveyed.

7.4 Greytown Information Centre

Mrs Hay had taken the Information Centre volunteers out for Christmas lunch and Christmas coverage of the Centre had been organised.

7.5 General

Mrs Hay had received positive feedback on the Main Street barrels with 20 barrels currently arranged.

Mrs Stevenson and Cr Napier had attended the opening of the historic Greytown rail goods shed.

No decision had yet been issued from the Greytown wastewater hearings.

Members discussed the Greytown Community Heritage Trust's request for a District Plan change to support strengthening the heritage zone in Greytown noting that the outcome of the public meeting was for the Trust to make a case to Council as to why a Plan change was required.

It had been determined that contractors would be required to remove the old entrance way signs.

The Waiohine Floodplain Management Planning Advisory Committee had adopted a high level Floodplain Management document. Greater Wellington Regional Council was to develop a draft plan for public consultation in early 2016.

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards

From Greytown Swimming Club to Greytown Community Board, dated 17 November 2015 *GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/85)* to receive the inwards correspondence. (*Moved Farley/Seconded Hay*)

Carried

#### 9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

9.1 Friends of Cobblestones
GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/86) to grant the Friends of Cobblestones
\$200 to assist with the costs associated with running 'Carols at Cobblestones'.
(Moved Atkinson/Seconded Stevenson)

Carried

#### Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

#### Greytown Community Board Action Items From 9 December 2015

Ref #	Meeting	Date	Action Type	Responsible Manager	Action or Task details	Status	Notes
636	GCB	29-Oct- 14	Action	Murray	Write to property owners of trees 'first' registered in the Wairarapa district Plan at its adoption in 2011, and advise them of the registered status of the tree and their responsibilities	Actioned	1/12/15: MDC advises there is no brochure. No inventory/brochure can be found within the Council records - the schedules in the WCDP are all we have. Details from the GIS viewer are being pulled so we can identify all the trees and properties in which they are located. We will write to the owners to remind them of the scheduling of their tree(s) and what that means in terms of doing any work that affects, or doing work directly on, the trees. The mail out should be done this side of Xmas all going well.
112	GCB	18-Feb- 15	Action	Murray	When a change to the Wairarapa District Plan has been confirmed, liaise with the Tree Advisory Group to ascertain whether the Greytown list of proposed trees for protection is ready for inclusion as part of the process	Open	
318	GCB	13-May- 15	Action	Mark	Council officers are to investigate the locked gate situation between Cotter and West Streets with the expectation that public access is reinstated with a supporting sign as per the ombudsman's direction in 2007/2008	Open	Ombudsman's Office is seeking out an archived file from 1995 for Council. Nothing further will be done until this file has been received.4/11/15: File not received as yet. 9/11/15 Still waiting on file from Ombudsman's office. 04/12 -still waiting on file - meanwhile the by-laws officers have noted that long grass is a fire risk, so City Care are about to go in and mow, and clear up the rubbish people have dumped in there.
784	GCB	9-Dec- 15	Resolution	Paul	GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/81) to approve an additional \$697.58 for installation of the backing material for the Greytown entrance	Actioned	· · ·

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					way signs. (Moved Stevenson/Seconded Cr Napier) Carried		
786	GCB	9-Dec- 15	Resolution		GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/83) to write to Craig Thorburn thanking him for organising the themed business Christmas decorations along Main Street. (Moved Hay/Seconded Cr Craig) Carried	Actioned	
789	GCB	9-Dec- 15	Resolution	Paul	GCB RESOLVED (GCB 2015/86) to grant the Friends of Cobblestones \$200 to assist with the costs associated with running 'Carols at Cobblestones'. (Moved Atkinson/Seconded Stevenson) Carried	Actioned	
790	GCB	9-Dec- 15	Action	Mark	Determine who is responsible for necessary maintenance to South Wairarapa civil defence equipment and liaise with Mike Gray to ensure any required maintenance is undertaken on the Greytown equipment	Open	Question asked of WREMO, awaiting a response following holiday period.

Income & Expenditure to 31 December 2015	
INCOME	
Balance 1 July 2015	12,339.48
Annual Plan 2015/16	20,954.00
Sculpture Stella Bull	500.00
CCS GRANT, KOUKA SCULPTURE 40S	1,000.00
HOLMES CONSTRUCTION, KOUKA SCU	1,000.00
Gtn District Trust Lands Grant correct GST	130.43
SCULPTURE NO NAME 400CTM BK 00	3000
Fresh Choice - Kouka Sculp 7/1	500
TOTAL INCOME	39,423.91
EXPENDITURE	
Members' Salaries	7,650.00
Total Personnel Costs	7,650.00
AP City Care Greytown barrels - July 15	120.00
AP Greathead papers-digitisation	3,260.00
AP Mr M Gray Friends of O'Connors Bush reimb	32.93
AP Artwork for Welcome to Gtn sign	150.00
AP City Care Gtn Barrels - Aug 15	120.00
AP Local Governmen Annual C/Brd lew 2015/16	120.00
AP City Care Greytown Barrels - Sept 15	120.00
Diary 2016	11.99
	79.79
Ink for Information Centre - remburse Leigh Hay AP Student workshop 20/6/15	500.00
AP Stationery & Info Cen volunteers lunch	324.38
AP Phase 2 Xmas decorations GCB	
	500.00 420.00
AP Mark's Signs Pick up after your pet sign	
Total General Expenses	5,805.76
AP Grant-Rimutaka Crossing Reenactment	200.00
AP Greytown Trails GCB grant promotion of trail	1,000.00
AP NZ Council of V Programme costs-grant	500.00
Total Grants	1,700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,155.76
ACTUAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) YEAR TO DATE	24,268.15
LESS: COMMITMENTS	
Salaries to 30 June 2015	2,800.00
City Care Maintain barrels in town centre	960.00
Stella Bull Park inc - Sarah's Garden	480.00
Greytown Country Market	500.00
Friends of Cobblestones - carols at cobblestones	200.00
Total Commitments	4,940.00

Cabbage tree Grant income received	
2014/15	
CABBAGE TREE SCULPT-FRIENDS OF	1,000.00
Greytown district trust lands	1,000.00
2015/16	
Sculpture Stella Bull	500.00
CCS GRANT, KOUKA SCULPTURE 40S	1,000.00
HOLMES CONSTRUCTION, KOUKA SCU	1,000.00
SCULPTURE NO NAME 400CTM BK 00	3,000.00
Fresh Choice - Kouka Sculp 7/1	500.00
Total Collected to 31 December 2015	8,000.00

### **GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD**

### 3 FEBRUARY 2016

### 2016/17 ANNUAL PLAN

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide Community Boards with base information for the 2016/17 Annual Plan and generate discussion around potential changes.

### Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Provide feedback by the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 on
  - a. Potential changes to the LTP for 2016/17.
  - b. Feedback on planning documents and progress to date.
  - *c.* Progress report on the actions assigned to the Community Board from the 2015-25 LTP.
- *3.* Advise any other project changes they would like to see considered.

### **1. Executive Summary**

- 2016/17 Annual Plan Timeline
- Potential areas for change and consultation in relation to the 2015-25 LTP.
- Outlines Progress to date against open 2015/16 projects
- Projects assigned to the community board.

We are preparing the Annual Plan 2016/17 and are interested in proposals and ideas from the Community Board that will help us be a welcoming resilient district, improve services and use of existing assets including parks, roads and libraries, and save money.

Working within the framework of the Long-term Plan 2015/25 (LTP) budget, elected members will consider your feedback along with initial community feedback when the Annual Plan Consultation Document is prepared. There will be a formal consultation process during April and May 2016. The outcome of this process will inform development of the Annual Plan due for adoption on the 29th June 2016.

The Annual Plan for 2016/17 will focus on delivering key projects identified in the LTP. Funding constraints mean new proposals for inclusion in the

Annual Plan are likely to reprioritise existing spending rather than increasing rates or other charges.

A list of Councillor and Council Officer generated ideas is below as a starting point. Also attached is a copy of 2015/16 projects and the progress to date appendix 1, and a copy of the Annual plan timeline appendix 2.

It would be greatly appreciated if your feedback could be provided at the meeting or by the 5th February to ap@swdc.govt.nz. Along with an update on progress against tasks assigned to the Community Board through the LTP process appendix 3.

### 2. 2016/17 Annual Plan

#### CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATION

Like the LTP a full draft Annual Plan is no longer required this has been replaced by a Consultation Document which is only required where there is a significant (as per Significance and Engagement Policy) or material change from the LTP for the given year or "a locally imposed test" triggered. It should be noted a difference is not equal to a decision. We must capture areas where a difference could arise from something else being consulted on.

#### 2016/17 PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

(Italics are areas of update and information of public interest all others have a financial impact.)

A number of projects have been raised for consideration through various groups and individuals within and outside council.

#### Governance

- Update on Governance review
- Addition of a Communication Budget to be circulated in February once plan complete.
- Advocate for Martinborough Bus to allow at least 2 hours in Masterton and having a Martinborough bus meet all Featherston trains.

#### **Public Protection**

- Provision for a new pound in Featherston approximate cost \$120,000, no longer fit for purpose, added requirements with closure of SPCA
- Revamp of the foyer to improve security and functionality (Health and Safety) costing to be confirmed in February \$10,000-60,000
- The health and Safety budget will need adjusted a full assessment will be available in March.

Provision for implementation of **new safe food regime** on going \$10,000

#### Economic, Cultural & Community Development

- WaiConnect: to be confirmed following MBIE Announcement in mid-December.
- Cycle Tour NZ Cycle Tour \$25k per year for 5 years, supported by SportNZ bringing International cyclists who currently can't compete in Tier 2.2 events to NZ.

#### Resource Management

- Establishing a monitoring and reporting of performance against outcomes process for WCDP, \$30,000 per year for two years
- Featherston 2033 project
- Greytown Structure Plan additional costs to be identified by February
- Plan change to update listed trees and rules around heritage zones with regard to forum feedback
- Develop a spatial plan and urban development Strategy for all 3 towns.

#### Amenities

- Card Reserve –Management plan in progress, work plan to be costed in February
- RF ID Library System
- Martinborough Town Hall The plan moving forward
- Greytown Youth Facility Planning underway, costs may be available February.
- Soldiers Memorial Park Management plan in progress, work plan to be costed in February
- Greytown Town Centre layout alterations for versatility
- Greytown Cemetery driveway
- Otauira Reserve Driveway
- Waihinga Centre Update
- Considine Park (MCB) Price lime for paths (All other projects listed by MCB are scheduled for the current year)

#### Land Transport

- Cycle Strategy Work Plan to be completed in February/March from which a budget will be tabled.
- Lime path North road or widen
- Review footpath budget as community wants more

- Develop 5 year Footpath plan
- Review Speed Limits Schools, Lake Ferry Road, Princess Street

#### Water Supply

• Water rates penalty and inclusion on rates statement

#### Solid Waste

- Review optional rural rubbish rate
- Review Rubbish Collection days (MCB)
- Wheelie bins Council Officers will included in new contract options, implementation 18 months away if cost effective.

#### Waste Water

• Updated timeline and resource consent conditions

#### Stormwater

• No change

#### **Infrastructure Strategy Review**

• Begin review based on guidance released

#### Finance

- Depreciation Funding/Asset Management Change Revenue and Finance Policy to receipt to oldest arrears
- Clarify wording on 30% rates cap in line with Audit feedback

### 3. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Annual Plan Progress to Date

Appendix 2 – Annual Plan Timeline

Appendix 3 – LTP Process

Contact Officer: Kim Whiteman, Reporting and Planning Manager Reviewed By: Paul Crimp, Chief Executive Officer

# Appendix 1 – Annual Plan Progress to Date



## LONG TERM PLAN 2015/16 PROGRESS AGAINST OPEN PROJECTS

	SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY	PROJECT	DETAIL	CONSIDERATIONS	START	WIP	COMPLETION
1	Amenities	Maintenance	Considine Park work plan		January	In progress January/February	Open
2	Amenities	Maintenance	Area between Daniell St and the Railway line is tidied and then maintained	Pending corridor access permit and training from Kiwirail before we can get in there	Mid-late February	On track	Open
3	Amenities	Card Reserve	Complete development Plan Access to toilet without entering through stadium Prepare Licence to Occupy for football Shelter Belt maintenance Investigate off road parking with kerbing and drainage Fence maintenance Bollards Turf maintenance Grandstand maintenance and spraying	Cost \$14,600. May be possible to do from capital 2015/16 Bollards \$32k as budget permits		Pricing for development plan in progress for February Toilet entrance changes to be done if sufficient funds left after stadium roof is replaced Licence to occupy for football to be completed February Shelter belt maintenance - awaiting date for arborist for the section closest to the articial surface; the rest of it as funds permit Revised proposal for off-road parking (to be between stadium and Underhill Road) - getting pricing for February Fence maintenance to be completed January Bollards - no funds for this in 2015/16 Turf maintenance - additional costs being priced for February Grandstand maintenance - waiting on alternate price Spraying - routine business as usual	Open
4	Amenities	Complete Pool Upgrades				Largely complete, some minor works to be done March/April after end of season	Open
5	Amenities	Complete the ANZAC Hall Upgrade.				Major works complete, landscaping etc to be done February - April - separate paper on this to IP&WP in February	Open
6	Amenities	Connect Libraries to Ultra-Fast Broadband		Martinborough on hold subject to Waihinga centre			Open
7	Amenities	Considine Park	Post and board fence along Princess Street pool frontage and Dublin Street the holiday park. New arrangement to keep vehicles out of the area when the pool is not open. Fix the culvert crossing at the end of the walkway. Bulk up planting along walkway			In progress January/February	Open
8	Amenities	Featherston Cemetery	Continue the new cemetery development at Featherston.			In progress - first stage of shelter belt planting May/June	Open

9	Amenities	Cycling	Council officers are to develop a South Wairarapa cycle strategy with the goal of identifying and then developing cycle tracks in a coordinated approach including standards and timeframe. Input is to be sought via a user group made up of stakeholder groups and will consider LTP submissions. Council officers to determine what budget is available for improved signage to calm traffic along known cyclist routes in various areas around the district.	Cycle trail signage not diverting from town centres Dual Pathways "share the road" speed reduction and similar cycle safe signage is placed at appropriate places along Longbush and Western Lake Road. Promote Cycle tourism Liaise with WTT Ruamahanga river Trail Consider wider region Oxford street Martinborough Cross Creek to Featherston Featherston to Lake Reserve Featherston to Greytown Martinborough Vineyard trail Featherston to Martinborough National Road Cycle centre Assess speed limits on major cycle routes	Draft strategy to be presented at the February Infrastructure and Planning meeting in February, at which time a consultation process will be agreed.	Open
10	Amenities	Featherston Town Square		Fencing of playground and skate park	Town Square development work will start in February and is expected to be completed in May	Open
11	Amenities	Greytown cemetery car park			No funding in 2015/16, re-pricing for 2016/17	Open
12	Amenities	Greytown Youth Facility	Development Plan for youth focused facility in Greytown.		A Steering Group has been established under GCB to take this forward, with GCB to control the funds.	Open
13	Amenities	Original Featherston War Memorial	Improve lighting of the Original War Memorial	Council strongly support improved lighting at the Original War memorial and the work is being planned and is in budget. Council officers are to undertake all necessary repairs to the Featherston War Memorial and surrounding area.	Engineering report received and structural works to be priced for 2016/17, lighting to be included in this	Open
14	Amenities	Martinborough Holiday Park	Provide materials for a timber fence to replace the post and wire section of approx. 11 meters on the holiday park leased area in the post and rail style.		In progress January/February	Open
15	Amenities	Gardens	Request gardens at the Fell Museum are added to the Council contractor's maintenance schedule.		Added to City Care contract by way of variation	Open

16	Amenities	Soldiers Memorial Park	Proper maintenance of the grass sports field including rolling, spraying, re- sowing and other renewal work as required Clarify Council and club responsibility Development Plan Repairs to the road shoulder/car park for the Greytown Playground	Requests new carpet, re-roofing or paint roof, upgrade changing facilities in Pavilion. Requests a MOU for the management of the Pavilion to deal with outstanding issues and provide clarity Tennis Courts and lights Requests New outdoor storage shed and install light's for evening matches	Field maintenance inclusion in develo Pavilion Committe the auspices of Gr Society, and respo committee memb Other requests fro progress on Greyt Repairs to road sh when materials av
17	Amenities	Tree planting on Featherston Main Street.	Will be considered as part of wider Featherston Town Centre Development	Council officers are to urgently liaise with the Featherston Beautification Group to determine what is planned so it can be assessed against policy and Council infrastructure.	City Care and offic
18	Amenities	Underhill Road trees and Drainage	\$10,000 for tree removal, \$10,000 to remove the stumps	Council has grave concern about the complete removal of trees due to windy conditions in Featherston. Council officers are to order the turf-side and top trimming of trees along Underhill Road at Card Reserve so they form a hedge. Work is to commence in the 15/16 year.	Trees will be trim January/February date from arboris
19	Amenities	Waihinga Centre	Carry out the strengthening Martinborough Town Hall.		Revised proposal council meeting.
20	Economic Development	Secure UFB and improved Mobile coverage through targeted government funding	Currently involved via WaiConnect	Council is involved via the WaiConnect programme and has committed to installing fibre into the Greytown and Featherston Libraries. Martinborough Library will be connected when the Waihinga Centre is completed.	ROI and DEP comp response in late N underway with Te improving rural br will be announced
21	Governance Leadership Advocacy	Advocate for public transport that meets community's needs			This is an on-goin
22	Governance Leadership Advocacy	Ensure all Policies are current by year end			12 to go plus the o

ce pricing work for 2016/17 for elopment plan tee has been established under Greytown Sport and Leisure ponsibilities agreed between	Open
bers and SWDC from LTP parked pending ytown sports hub proposal shoulder to be done by roading available from another job	
ficers have liaised with FBG	Closed
nmed along sides and top ry - awaiting confirmation of ist	Open
Il to be presented at February	Open
npleted awaiting government March for Urban UFB. A trial is Feamtalk in relation to broadband speed. Rural funding ed in July.	Open
ng item on an as needed basis.	Closed
e development of 5	Open

23	Governance Leadership Advocacy	Governance review			This is an on-goin closed until some forward - around be consultation
24	Land Transport	Complete annual reseals programme and re-metaling programme.			Reseal programm completed.
25	Land Transport	Bridge inspection programme and develop works program for 2016/17 from the results.			Calibre Consulting and 2015/16 wor let in October bas
26	Land Transport	Footpaths	Investigate options for rural residential footpaths. Renew and extend footpaths as per community Board programme.	Requests that Council widen the seal and create a footpath on North Road, Greytown. widen the seal and create a footpath on Udy Street, Greytown, South Featherston School Underhill Road to soccer pitch Watt St between Bell and Kereru Gr Maintenance on Churchill Crescent	2015/16 complet North Road, Udy Road and South F works in either ye Street has been c scheduled for 16,
27	Land Transport	Parking	Parking outside the Martinborough Tennis Club on Oxford Street with kerb and channel. General car parking needs to be addressed district wide, e.g. Greytown bowling, schools including rural etc. difficult to fund via NZTA without "associated works"		Quotes received

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ng has completed inspection orks. Contract for 2016/17 to be ased on inspections.	Open
ete. Works agreed for 2016/17. y Street, Watt Street, Underhill Featherston School not part of year. Maintenance on Churchill completed and replacement is 6/17 and 17/18.	Open
d work starts in March.	Open

28	Land Transport	Road Safety	Requests East Coast Ro Tora-White rock Safety/Visibility be improved. 1. Benching the corners 2. Keep vegetation off the roadside (Spraying/Cutting) 3. Bending the corners to better cater for increased traffic volume Requests safety on rural roads be addressed, particularly on Princess, Putangirua and Oxford Streets via use of asphalting shoulders and painting a shoulder. Kahutara school speed Zone Requests double yellow lines of at least one car length are urgently painted on the Mitre 10 side of the pedestrian crossing and that posts are orange lollipops and road markings are installed on the Square side of the crossing. A raised pedestrian crossing be built at the square crossing between Martinborough Hotel and the P&K car park. Requests Oxford Street between Suez and Regent Streets is widened (as per AP request from 14/15) due to heavy use of Tennis Club resulting in parking on both sides of the road and a potential hazard to children.	Council officers are to obtain quotes for widening the road outside the Martinborough Tennis Courts at the suggested length of 140m. The cost of this work is to be included in the LTP and the widening undertaken in the 15/16 financial year.	Trees complete. Benching not proceeding. Discussion on speed zones and Mitre 10 crossing at February Infrastructure and Planning meeting.	Open
29	Land Transport	Road Sealing	Establish a priority system via a workshop including councillors and community board chairs	Sealing requested Longwood road from Soldier Settlement Road north to Donald Street, West Street, Greytown, Shooting Butts road, the road to the Te Awaiti Reserve from the first batch overlooking the Reserve (To Orei River) to the toilet at the Reserve due to heavy summer time use of the reserve by campers and the dust nuisance.	Workshop in March	Open
30	Land Transport	Road Standards	Johnston Street		Work to be costed.	Open

31	Land Transport	Signage	For all amenities Maori Signage	Council officers are to develop a South Wairarapa cycle strategy with the goal of identifying and then developing cycle tracks in a coordinated approach. Input is to be sought via a user group made up of stakeholder groups and will consider LTP submissions. Speed reduction and use of signage is to be considered as part of the cycle strategy. Council officers to determine what budget is available for improved signage to calm traffic along known cyclist routes in various areas around the district.	Underway
32	Land Transport	Trees	Overhanging trees on the northwest side of Udy Street force the northbound commercial/agricultural vehicles to move to the centre of the road.		Needs to be man
33	Public Protection	Building	Have meeting with key stakeholders looking at improvements		Delayed due to st
34	Public Protection	Building Accreditation	Maintain accreditation as a Building Control Authority. Next bi-annual review is due in 2016.		Review due 26th work complete
35	Public Protection	Building Consent files	Set up and commence a project to scan existing building consent files along with all new building consents Commence development and establishment of electronic Building Consent processing and work with Masterton District Council and Carterton District council where appropriate.		Staff member ap commence 1st Fe
36	Public Protection	By Laws	Monitor the performance of and if required review, update and consult on the Council's bylaws.		
37	Public Protection	Earthquake strengthening	Consider Earthquake strengthening support opportunities.		Paper to April Po
38	Public Protection	Food Act	Work where practicable, with the other councils in the Wairarapa region to develop procedures and practices to implement the new Food Act.		New regime take on procedures an through a wider r

	Open
naged via By Laws	Open
staff changes and accreditation	Open
n - 29th January - Preparation	Open
opointed. Scanning to February, awaiting desk scanner.	Open
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olicy and Finance Meeting	Open
es effect in March 2016. Work Ind forms are being progressed region cluster group.	Open

39	Public Protection	Local Alcohol Policy	Complete the development of a Local Alcohol Policy with MDC and CDC and monitor the performance of DLC and Council processes in implementation of the Act and LAP.		Policy is completed awaiting hearings and decisions by ARLA on appeals	Open
40	Public Protection	Offer cooking and nutrition literacy	This is outside of Council's Public Protection role however it is noted that some possibilities in this area are being considered through libraries	Noted, council officers comment applies.	Libraries do not currently have facility or skills for this	Open
41	Public Protection	Policy	Review regulatory Policy documents by due dates. Review Gambling Policy		The Gambling Policy has been reviewed, awaiting sign off in February	Open
42	Public Protection	Pound	Review adequacy of current pound facility and determine necessary improvements.		Research undertaken of other Councils facilities, requirements of applicable animal welfare codes, and locational requirements. Now starting work on broad specifications for a new facility	Open
43	Public Protection	Smokefree NZ 2025	Help Council develop a licence scheme for tobacco retailers, encourage council to provide staff with smoking cessation workshops, providing smokefree rental accommodation	Council agrees to develop a joint Wairarapa smoke free policy; the Wairarapa Alcohol Working Group is tasked with this development.	Reviewed our own	Open
44	Resource Management	Coastal reserve Management Plans	Monitor the implementation of the Coastal Reserves Management Plan.		Budget in place. Toilets to be implemented in Feb/March	Open
45	Resource Management	Combined District Plan	Continue to improve the functionality of the District Plan and undertake Council initiated plan changes where necessary. Review Combined Wairarapa District plan in particular notable trees, historic buildings, signage, residential standards, flood management.			Open

46	Resource Management	Requests Council	The aim of Council when the Special	Within the next three years Council officers	Will provide funding in the next Annual Plan for	Open
		undertake analysis	Rural Zoning provisions were included	are to review town boundaries with	this work. Currently addressing the need to	open
		and then extend all	in the WCDP was to constrain	regards to ensuring appropriate zoning of	assess the Greytown FDA and development of a	
		town boundaries as	development within the existing urban	rural/urban and commercial placements.	structure plan for the area.	
		part of a growth	boundaries. This approach was adopted	This work should include where		
		-	in order to avoid demand for the			
		strategy. Believes urban		development is occurring and what		
			uneconomic extension of infrastructure	sections are available for development		
		Martinborough has	services and to prevent reverse	under the various zoning classifications as		
		been squeezed due	sensitivity effects occurring between	well as the potential effects on the		
		to special urban	rural industry and urban residential	infrastructure strategy.		
		zoning on 3 sides.	uses. This policy has been in fully			
			operative for 5 years under the WCDP			
			(it took effect from 2 years earlier at the			
			time the proposed plan was publicly			
			notified). Given this course of time it			
			may be appropriate to begin to review			
			whether the Plan is achieving the			
			desired ends and whether those ends			
			remain relevant. Certainly staff consider			
			there are areas about Martinborough			
			and Greytown that could be subject to			
			specific review as part of such a			
			process, as well as taking another look			
			at the zoning provisions with an aim of			
			zoning land for a wider range of			
			purposes such as large lot development			
			and rural residential.			

47	Resource Management	Requests the urban Martinborough boundary area is extended to allow subdivisions	The aim of Council when the Special Rural Zoning provisions were included in the WCDP was to constrain development within the existing urban boundaries. This approach was adopted in order to avoid demand for the uneconomic extension of infrastructure services and to prevent reverse sensitivity effects occurring between rural industry and urban residential uses. This policy has been fully operative for 5 years under the WCDP (it took effect from 2 years earlier at	Within the next three years Council officers are to review town boundaries with regards to ensuring appropriate zoning of rural/urban and commercial placements. This work should include where development is occurring and what sections are available for development under the various zoning classifications as well as the potential effects on the infrastructure strategy.		
			the time the proposed plan was publicly notified). Given this course of time it may be appropriate to begin to review whether the Plan is achieving the desired ends and whether those ends remain relevant. Certainly staff consider there are areas about Martinborough and Greytown that could be subject to specific review as part of such a process, as well as taking another look at the zoning provisions with the aim of zoning land for a wider range of purposes such as large lot development and rural residential.			
48	Resource Management	Resource Management Act	Respond to changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 by Government to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.		Governme proposed workshop proposals	changes os to fami
49	Resource Management	Review residential water race maintenance				
50	Resource Management		Continue to provide an approach that meets the Council's legislative requirements while facilitating investment in buildings and businesses the district.			
51	Solid waste	Trial Wheelie bins for Featherston recycling	Review Earthcare's experience with bins		To be incl	uded in r
52	Solid waste	Collection	Review Martinborough collection day	Council has discussed. Coastal has greater numbers of weekenders	Coastal ru	ın has pri

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nas announced a wide range of nges. Council Officers will attend familiarize themselves with	Open
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d in new contract 2017/18	Closed
as priority on Monday.	Closed

53	Solid waste	Management	Continue to work with Carterton and Masterton District Councils on solid waste management issues and solutions. Work at a regional and sub-regional level towards the outcome of the waste management and minimisation plan as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.		Collaborative Work is on-going - draft plan is out for comment.	Closed
54	Storm water	Martinborough's storm water system	Review current Martinborough Storm water management plan	Copy of summary + maps from 2000 and 2009 reports to be issued	Review underway	Closed
55	Stormwater Drainage	Continued renewal and upgrading of storm water drains.			Work in Progress	Closed
56	Stormwater Drainage	Drainage	Requests that the road frontage on Wallace Street is visually improved by covering over the drains and better maintenance. Notes that there is no water flow through these drains. Suggests several solutions: *A kerb and channel *A tiled drain *Drain maintenance *Pipe laid so drains can be filled These drains can fill in "inundation" being open they provide greater flood capacity. Suggestion of open pipes tiles etc are expensive to maintain over time.	Council officers are to look at the drain to make sure any surface water can flow into the drain, determine whether the large drains in place are required and determine what can be done to rectify the situation under the current LTP budget noting that Mr Terris has offered to contribute to a solution where the drains can be filled in.	Work required to be reviewed within current budget.	Closed
57	Strategies and Policies	Communication	Requests that Council improve the way Council consults with the community on its major initiatives. The effectiveness of the current submission/feedback process is questioned.	Recently established Significance and Engagement Policy and Local Government Act covering consultation guidelines. Council utilizes a range of media include newspapers, radio, website, facebook and rates newsletters. Information is also available to be picked up via libraries. Interest from submitters at being on a stakeholder mailing list was sought. Any other specific suggestions are welcome.	Employed Communication Manager. Reviewing Communication Policy	Open

58	Strategies and Policies	Greytown Sports and Leisure expansion	Requests dialogue between sporting and recreational bodies in the SW is extended and work towards a central administrative body based on Greytown Sport and Leisure is implemented in all three towns.	Council have agreed to support this initiative via the way of a trial. \$10,000 is to be granted to Greytown Sports and Leisure for the 6 months July - Dec in order to setup the structure and commence dialogue, with a further \$10,000 available for the Jan-June period pending a progress and success of implementation. A review of the success of the program is to occur in 16/17 to decide whether to fund at a higher level or not to continue with the initiative.	MOU draft complete awaiting sign off.	Open
59	Strategies and Policies		Requests continued initiatives to identify needs and trends for Greytown citizens and visitors and asks to work with Council to identify and implement initiatives	Council suggest that this is an initiative that should be led by the GCB with Council officer support to be provided if needed.		Open
60	Waste water	Consent applications for are set for: Martinborough May 2015, Greytown September 2015, Featherston, April 2016	Awaiting commission's decision for Martinborough, Greytown.		Featherston AEE in preparation. Awaiting Commissioner report for Greytown and Martinborough	Open
61	Waste water	Continued programme of sewerage reticulation repairs and renewals.			Work nearly complete	Closed
62	Waste water	Divert flow from Papawai Stream (Greytown).	Awaiting commission's decision for Greytown.		Awaiting consent work likely to be carried out 2016/17	Closed
63	Waste water	Install ultra-violet disinfection for the Greytown effluent discharge and apply for land irrigation consents.	Awaiting commission's decision for Greytown.		Awaiting consent work likely to be carried out 2016/17	Closed
64	Waste water	Laterals	Requests that the policy stating that all costs associated with laterals or the likes of, being at the cost of the owner of that property, be changed to reflect this cost as part of SWDC's responsibilities.	Council are currently reviewing this policy.	Current policy stands	Closed
65	Waste water	Promoting South Wairarapa as a good place in which to live.			Work in Progress - awaiting consents.	Closed

66	Water Supply	Implement outstanding water rates penalty			Work in Progress	Closed
67	Water Supply	Installation of water tanks for rainwater storage and grey water	Is a positive option, even for council facilities e.g. town hall but how is the question, having designs and assistance is good without subsidies or costs. WS. Council has considered this matter earlier.	Council will not provide a subsidy (take money from one ratepayer to give to another) for residents to install a grey water system. Council officers are to provide information on our website about grey water systems.	Review of rainwater harvest at council's property in progress	Closed
68	Water Supply	Moroa Water Race	Requests the following in relation to Moroa Water Race1. A comprehensive review of the Moroa Water Race System be under taken focusing on a. the relevance and functionality of the system's existing design today and into the future; it's general purpose, operating and maintenance principles and management.2. Request SWDC proceed with urgency to implement the 1997 Greytown Storm-water Management Plan as it currently exists, whilst commencing a review of this plan and its recommendations in line with all concerns in this submission.3. Request that SWDC acknowledge the wider community interest in these systems and establishes a Liaison Group	Council officers are to prioritise work on the Moroa Water Race. Work to include a review of the bylaw and operational maintenance. Particular attention to maintenance of water races on Council owned land, maintenance of silt collection filters, consideration of requirements for urban ratepayers who have water races through their properties, consideration of whether diversions are an option.	Consultation process complete. Group to be formed. By Laws to be reviewed in line with legislation.	Closed

# Appendix 2 – Annual Plan Timeline

## SWDC 2016/17 ANNUAL PLAN TIMELINE

#### February

- 10<sup>th</sup> Councillors Meeting Projects
- 24<sup>th</sup> Council/Finance and Policy Meeting proposed fees for adoption, agree projects and changes for consultation

#### March

- 10<sup>th</sup> Significant activities and Financial Information to Paul
- 17<sup>th</sup> Draft CD to CEO
- 16<sup>rd</sup> Councillors Meeting Finances and CD
- 24<sup>th</sup> CD to Newspaper for formatting
- 25-28<sup>th</sup> Easter

#### April

6 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting/ Policy and Finance Meeting – Supporting Documentation Adopted and CD Adopted				
7 <sup>th</sup>	Customer Service Staff briefed				
8 <sup>th</sup>	CD Published and distributed				
19 <sup>th</sup>	Public Consultation	7pm	Featherston – ANZAC Hall		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Public Consultation	7pm	Greytown – Town Centre		
21 <sup>st</sup>	Public Consultation	7pm	Martinborough – Council Chambers		
25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC				

#### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> Councillors Meeting public meetings
- 18<sup>th</sup> Submissions with comment to councillors
- 25<sup>th</sup> Submission Hearings and Deliberation

#### June

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Plan content completed for formatting and final review

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday

- **7**<sup>th</sup> Fees and Charge book updated
- 15<sup>th</sup> Councillors Meeting Final Plan
- 29<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting/Policy & Finance Meeting Adopt Annual Plan

# **Appendix 3 – LTP Process**

	GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD SWDC LTP ACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS				
Activity	Outcome	Actions			
Roading	Seal Extension Policy	CB Chair to sit on working party with Coucillors and Council Officers to establish a seal extension prioritization system			
		Community Boards with assistance from council Officers to establish a 3 year plan in line with budget. Council ask			
		consideration be given to not installing any new footpaths this year rather concentrating efforts on maintenance and			
Roading	3 year Urban Footpath Priority list	making footpaths wheelchair and mobility scooter friendly.			
		Community Boards with assistance from council Officers to establish a 3 year plan in line with budget, and provide			
Roading	3 year Rrural footpath Priority list	feedback on the overall cycle strategy			
Amenities	Build relationship	Informally meet with Friends of Stella Bull park to deteremine whther the GCB can assist in any way with their plans.			
Amenities	Youth facility on Pierce Street	GCB liaise with Rosie Montgomery if a survey of primary and early Childhood children/parents is required.			
Development	Identify New initiatives	GCB lead project and Council Officers will assist if required.			
Amenities	Improved Utilisation of Collier Park	What development at this location would GCB support			
Amenities	Soldiers Memorial Park development Plan	Council Officers will liaise with you			
Consideration					
Footpaths		Widen seal and creat footpath on North road			
		Widen Seal and creat footpath on Udy street			



### Your rights our commitment

23 December 2015

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Dear Suzanne

Thank you for your notification of 10 November that the Community Board awards Victim Support with a grant of \$500.00. These funds are much appreciated.

This grant will help Victim support provide quality service to victims of crime and trauma in the Greytown area. It will be used for volunteer expenses including debriefing, supervision and reimbursement to volunteers of expenses incurred in their role as Support Workers, such as mileage, parking and phone calls.

Victim Support work hard to make a positive difference and ensure people are well supported and safe while they regain control of their lives. We can only do the work we do with the heart and will of our volunteers and the help and support of the communities, and organisations like the Greytown Community Board.

I have enclosed a couple of copies of our latest newsletter Voice.

Thank you for your support of the work we do.

Kind regards,

Kathy Luke Fundraising, Grants & Special Projects





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# Giving back makes you fulfilled

"Speaking to someone in their own language makes so much difference," said Allison Li, a volunteer Support Worker in Auckland West. "Especially when they are talking about deep and personal emotions following a traumatic event."



Allison speaks Mandarin, and all of her Victim Support referrals are to help people who speak that language. "Often people are new to the country and can be very vulnerable while they learn the New Zealand culture and language. Being able to communicate easily is such a relief for them - it's half the therapy done."

> Allison also has a vital role as a translator

between victims and the police or other services. She says the language barrier can make it impossible for some people and she feels good that she can be there to empower them, help them through complex processes. "There is a real need for more volunteers who have a second language, we live in such a diverse society and it is good to help our own people."

Working in the mental health services during the day, Allison feels her volunteer role and her job benefit from each other. "Many of the skills are complementary, in both roles I need to listen and pick up on cues - it's hands on with real people who need your support.

"I am learning new skills all the time and at the same time I am giving back and that makes you happier - more fulfilled."

### Inside...

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# Victim Support busier than ever

October 2015 was exceptionally busy for Victim Support, with the highest number of calls in any one month -7,122. The Tuesday after Labour weekend 342 calls were clocked up. An average day during October was 229 calls, so this particular Tuesday was an incredibly eventful day. Last year the calls for October was 5,626.

The new victims who registered included those effected by homicide, suicide, family violence, kidnapping and serious assaults, along with aggravated robbery and serious accidents.

Calls included victim requests for help, Support Workers contacting victims and vice versa and victims wanting information.

"Demand for our service is so unpredictable, we need to be prepared to meet whatever is expected of us," said Victim Support Chief Executive Kevin Tso. "We are were available all Labour weekend – we are on call 24 hours a day every day of the year - so it wasn't because people were waiting for our telephone service to open when the holiday weekend ended."

A huge thank you to our volunteers, staff and their families, and our loyal supporters for their dedication and hard work and generosity. We can't do our work without you.

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# Message from our Chief Executive

It's that time of year again – the holiday season of goodwill and festive cheer seems to come around really fast.

Holiday times are exceptionally busy for Victim Support, especially as other support agencies close. Family stresses can be very high and road travel is at its peak. Also, many towns suddenly have an influx of tourists both from home and from overseas. It is a mix of events that can cause major issues for people. It is not always possible for us to calculate where we will be needed most, so our resources can be really stretched, but regardless of the time of day or night, we will be there for people in need of support.

We recently welcomed the newly appointed Chief Victims Advisor, Dr Kim McGregor, who for almost three decades made a significant contribution to the work in sexual and family violence, and we look forward to forging strong bonds with her.

In mid-November I had the pleasure of attending the Counties Manukau Volunteer Awards, one of many such events held around the country to celebrate and thank our wonderful volunteers. I presented two, five, ten and fifteen year badges and certificates to 19 people - representing a total of 46 years of service to victims, and that is just in Counties Manukau! New Zealand is blessed to have such people nationwide responding to their community in need.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday time.

Kevin Tso, Chief Executive

# Valued member reflects

Jane Bryden has been a valued member of the Victim Support Board for 10 years, but her Victim Support story dates still further back. Here is an abridged excerpt from Jane's farewell speech at the Victim Support Conference and AGM, October 2015.

"My Victim Support story starts in 1995 when I joined Telecom and was immediately briefed that I would be managing the company's new sponsorship for Victim Support, a small but committed organisation made up almost entirely of volunteers to helping those who needed it at perhaps the lowest point in their lives.

The Telecom sponsorship included mobile technology to all volunteer Support Workers. Some of you might recall when you were obliged to sit in police stations waiting for calls, often through the night. Mobile technology enabled you to be at home or at work or at other activities.

I've lived through some significant personal challenges as a result of the Christchurch earthquakes. I was injured in February 2011 and, once we could get to a hospital, eventually hospitalised for surgery. As I said before, we all know that any of us could



### The big one is back!

Early next year you will have the chance to help Victim Support – and yourself – when our 2016 lottery tickets go on sale.

Past lotteries have been tremendous events for us – in raising awareness of our work with victims of trauma and crime, and also raising vital funds that help keep our services free of charge. Lottery winners have benefitted too, with previous top prize winners driving away

be a victim of a crime, of an emergency, of trauma. Most people probably think it won't happen to us.

None of us is above needing help at some time, and when it does happen to us, it can be frightening, hurtful, traumatic. When it happened to me, it was all of those things. I truly believe my association with Victim Support taught me about resilience, how it's OK to feel frightened, shocked and hurt and angry and that talking about it helps.

I'm not the person I was, but I have no doubt my Victim Support experience, and the support of some within Victim Support along with family and friends, helped me through.

I think I always knew what we do, my own experience meant I truly understood what we do.

But my Victim Support story is one of thousands, hundreds of thousands of stories. We help victims and their families find strength, hope and safety in the face of grief and trauma.

We provide emotional and practical support, information, financial assistance, referral to other support services and some advocacy for victims' rights.

And we do this quietly with the best interests of the victims and their families in mind, not loudly with an interest in headlines or in furthering our own interests.

It's all about victims. None of us is here for any reason other than to contribute to the provision of services to victims.

None of this matters a jot if we forget what we do and who we do it for – victims.

in fabulous new vehicles and many others winning an array of lifestyle prizes.

Victim Support Lottery 2016 will be no exception. We'll keep you posted about the details and availability of tickets. You can also visit our website for more information -

http://www.victimsupport.org.nz/ victim-support-lottery/

# victims 33port.org.nz

# Volunteers call for volunteers!

Victim Support is delighted to have been accepted for eight different national projects as part of BNZ's Closed for Good, when the bank shuts its branches for a day and up to 5,500 staff help community organisations around New Zealand.

On the single largest day of corporate volunteering, many BNZ staff spent time fundraising and handing out information about becoming a Victim Support frontline volunteer. We are always needing more people - from all backgrounds and ethnicities - to train as volunteer Support Workers.

We owe a big thank you to many passionate BNZ staff, Kiwi Rail, AMP Capital, Westfield, New World and all the councils from Auckland to Christchurch. A special thanks also goes to Beat Communications on behalf of Cadbury who secured a large amount of confectionery to hand out along with our volunteer information.



If you are interested in volunteering with Victim Support, please call us on **0800 VOLUNTEER (0800 865 868)**.

# Muriel makes time for everyone

Muriel Grant has been a volunteer Support Worker since she was sixty, "some ten or eleven years now," she says. "It has been the most amazing and rewarding time, watching people's faces and helping them to trust and start talking."

A volunteer for the South Canterbury area, Muriel says she is called out about three or four times a month, if others aren't available. "Victim Support can always rely on me if no one else can go."

Muriel is a real favourite with our Contact Service team, as she will always have time for them, even if she is bringing in the cows, a task she does every afternoon. Depending on where the cows are, she may walk one to eight kilometres. "I am out in all weathers," said Muriel, "I've even walked through the snow with the girls."

Contact Service member, Leonie, enjoys her contact with Muriel. "She will have a yarn with me on her cell phone while she is out on the farm. But if she isn't home her husband David will take a message. Muriel says he is her welltrained secretary! It a real family affair."

Jan Andrews Muriel's Service Coordinator in our Timaru office says Muriel is a special person who is always happy to support victims day or night. "She takes the role in her stride with her calm, kind, understanding



manner. Muriel is keen to help out even when she is not on roster, which is very rare as she makes herself available 24 / 7.

"Muriel has never ever declined to support a victim, she offers great support and the victims love having her in their lives. Muriel is an asset to me and the wider organisation." Good on you Muriel!

# School supports victims

We hear many inspiring stories like this one from McAuley High School in Otahuhu, Auckland. The school's theme for 2015 year is justice, so the Student Council, pictured, decided it would be fitting to raise funds for Victim Support, especially as some girls at the school have had experience of our services.

Janette Ioane, Student Council head, said the collection was made throughout the school and raised \$320. It is heartening that our future leaders recognise the importance of the work we do, and that they are prepared to donate their hard earned funds to help keep our services free of charge to those who need our support. Thank you!



If you are able to help with fundraising and / or promotional events in support of Victim Support, check out http:// www.victimsupport.org.nz/events/ for handy ideas and tips.

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# Cutting through the silence

Victim Support has five Bereavement Service Specialists (BSS). Together they cover the country, overseeing our trained volunteer Support Workers who help family and friends following a suicide.

"Our role is to ease trauma, prevent complications following the death of a loved one, minimise the risk of suicidal thoughts or actions for those affected by the suicide, and increase coping and resilience," said central region's BSS, Russell Baines.

Russell says that suicide rates are higher than our road toll, but it is a topic we don't talk much about. it's a silent death. "A death that invokes many difficult emotions for those left behind and can carry with it a shame or stigma that adds to the silence and isolation.

"People, even friends and family, often don't know what to say, how to help, when a suicide happens," said Russell.

Our volunteer Support Workers help cut through this silence and listen to how people feel, what they are thinking and wanting to do. They provide support for as long as it is needed.

Many people think the young are at greater risk for suicide but not many realise its people who have retired that are taking their lives in greater numbers than before.

"I am passionate about the work the Bereavement Service is doing and Victim Support as a whole. We make a difference. A real difference. There are some cases where the support our volunteer has given following a suicide could almost be described as lifesaving."

This work is called postvention, and the Victim Support website has a section about suicide and the postvention services we provide: http://www.victimsupport.org.nz/get-help/after-a-suicide/

Last year we handled 77.328 calls and spent 35,851 hours in support actions. These are some of the areas those hours were spent:

responding to

28,916 people who are victims of serious crime and trauma

22.526 new incidents

#### and supporting

- people after a homicide 1.541
- people after a suicide 2,268
- people after a fatal motor crash 1,549
- people after sexual violence 2.803

### #MyBodyMyTerms

New Zealand singer and songwriter Lizzie Marvelly enlisted some very famous friends to start a conversation through a campaign, #MyBodyMyTerms. It's a campaign that encourages people to think about opinions, beliefs and perceptions that they may hold in a culture where rape survivors blame themselves for the criminal actions of their rapists. Where young people aren't

sure what constitutes consent; and where intimate photographs are shared online. #MyBodyMyTerms aims to challenge those perceptions head-on.

Victim Support and three other relevant agencies (i.e. Youthline, HELP and TOAH-NNEST) have been featured in the campaign, so people in need of help are guided towards appropriate agencies. #MYBODYMYTERMS

See the full message and maybe take part at http:// mybodymyterms.com

### Need help?

If you need help following a traumatic event or crime, please call us immediately - 0800 VICTIM (0800 842 846).

(Tear here)			
Yes! Here is my donation to help victims of crime and trauma	Value of donation \$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$ Gifts over \$5 are tax deductible.		
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**Greytown Community Board** Chair: Shane Atkinson 72D Woodside Road RD 1 Greytown 5794 06 304 8967

14 December 2015

Craig Thorburn 107 Main Street Greytown 5712

Dear Craig

#### **GREYTOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

On behalf of the Greytown Community Board, thank you for your expertise and time given to bring together the themed Greytown business Christmas decorations. The decorations are well designed to fit in with Greytown's colonial look and definitely enhance the charm of Greytown at this time of year. There are so many positive comments in the community about the decorations and of course the Community Board all think they look fantastic.

Please extend our thanks to your assistants for their time and effort in hanging the decorations. We look forward to further businesses participating in 2016.

Yours sincerely

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