

Councillors and Community Board Members,

### Cycle Tourism in Martinborough

Wairarapa Winegrowers would like to address a number of health and safety issues related to the rise of cycle tourism in and around Martinborough.

Cycle tourism has grown significantly in the area in the last five years. There are now an estimated 350 possible bikes for hire in Martinborough, from both accommodation providers, and cycle tourism operators. These numbers can be augmented on summer weekends by the local population on their own bicycles using the wine trail route along Princess Street, Huangarua Road, Puruatanga Road, Todds Road and Martins Roads.

Incidents have been observed by wineries and cellar doors along this route including unsafe cycling behaviour, nonobservance of the road rules, cyclists dealing with speeding traffic and the failure to wear helmets.

Wairarapa Winegrowers propose several improvements to help keep the cyclists safe and promote our wine region as a safe place to enjoy.

### The issues identified

- The current speed limits in place along Princess Street, Puruatanga Road, Huangarua Road, Todds Road and Martins Road warrant review because of the heavier volumes of both local traffic and cycle tourists. The number of residents who live on and use these roads has increased. The numbers of cycle tourists, particularly on summer weekends, riding a variety of bicycles, tandems and crocodile bikes which are slow and cumbersome compete with this fast moving traffic (70-100km). Local industry traffic including farm and vineyard machinery is also prevalent on these roads especially during the harvest season in late March and April.
- Cycle tourists' general non-adherence to the road rules, often in groups, possibly intoxicated, competing with a minority of locals who may be careless drivers, and visitors to the region who are more distracted, slowing down, backing up and turning on and off unfamiliar roads.
- Approximately 50% of cycle tourists are seen not to be wearing cycle helmets despite being issued with them by cycle tourism operators.

### How can we resolve some of these issues?

- A transparent review of current speed limits along the wine trail route of Princess Street, Puruatanga Road, Huangarua Road, Todds Road and Martins Road. The zones of 100km should be reduced to 70km and 70km to 50km along these main cycle routes.
- Widen the wine trail route of Huangarua Road, Puruatanga Road, Todds Road and Martins Roads to the same width as Princess Street to incorporate a cycle lane and encourage traffic movement.
- Signage warning of cycle traffic along the wine trail route, particularly at intersections.
- Signage warning of heavy farm and vineyard machinery traffic along the wine trail route.
- Education pack rolled out to all cycle tourism operators and accommodation providers who hire bikes noting the road rules, speed limits, cycle safety and compulsory helmet use.
- Signage at every winery/cellar door in town, not just those on the cycle route, reinforcing these four messages road rules, speed limits, cycle safety and compulsory helmet use.



## **Conclusion**

Wairarapa Winegrowers requests the Martinborough Community Board and South Wairarapa District Council undertake a full transparent review of the resolution items as outlined above, and consult strongly with New Zealand Transport Authority to ensure a safe and pleasant wine trail route of Princess Street, Puruatanga Road and Huangarua Road, Todds Road and Martins Road. Thirteen of our approximately 60 vineyard members are situated on this route.

We are happy to work with and support an education and communication plan for cycle tourism operators and accommodation providers in order to increase awareness and safety of cycle tourists.

Dave Shepherd

Wairarapa Winegrowers Committee

# **Martinborough Community Board**

Community Engagement Plan DRAFT

### Purpose:

To identify priorities for community engagement, available channels and costs, to allow MCB to make a decision on next steps.

**Recommendation:** *Members discuss the paper and agree next steps.* 

### **Priorities:**

MCB identified two immediate priorities for Community engagement at a workshop on 4 July 2017:

- Town Beautification
- Suggestions for new road names

#### **Available Channels:**

**OurSay** (oursay.org) is a free online community engagement tool – we can set up surveys on specific issues, I would recommend we use it alongside a paper survey, both of which will need to be advertised widely.

**Facebook** – we can use our FB page to direct people to OurSay. We currently have 680 followers of the page. We can boost a post to followers of the page and their friends.

Martinborough Star – We can feature in our monthly column and advertise.

**Wairarapa Media** – cost dependent but the Wairarapa News has a wide distribution and is read by 27,000 people per month.

**Website** – we could offer a link to an OurSay online survey and the option to download a pdf, on the SWDC website front page (News and Notices – subject to SWDC approval) and MCB page.

**Distribution of a paper-based survey**: SWDC office, Martinborough Library, P&K, Kitcheners, Village Café and more. We would need to approach individual businesses and organisations to stock the survey and see if they would be happy to collect response for us.

**Third Party E-mailing lists and newsletters:** Ratepayers newsletter, School, Kindergarten and Play centre newsletters, Business Assoc, Martinborough Ratepayers, private e-mailing lists, Real Estate Agents – could all be used to direct people to the Our Say survey and locations of paper surveys.

### Costs

Facebook – boost post to Followers and their Friends - \$20 Star – tbc (no more than \$95) Wairarapa News - tbc SWDC Website - \$0 Design - \$0 Printing – tbc

### Survey Content – rough wording only

Martinborough Community Board wants to better understand your priorities for Town Beautification to ensure available funds are allocated in those areas that will make the most difference.

- Please prioritise the following public spaces for beautification Martinborough Square Kitchener Street Jellicoe Street
  SH53 entrance to town Waihinga Centre Park and Playground (Town Hall precinct) Other (please specify)
  Which of the following projects would you support (Please select your top 3) Bicycle Stands Street Murals
  Chorus Cabinet Art Town sign on SH53 entrance
  Replacing green plastic rubbish bins with a more aesthetically option Provision of recycling bins in public spaces
  Other (please specify)
- 3. If you could do one thing to make Martinborough more beautiful what would it be?

South Wairarapa District Council has asked Martinborough Community Board to suggest some road names which could be pre-approved by SWDC and used by in future developments. This would save time for developers and ensure community input into new road names. Please let us have your suggestions here:

# for: MARTINBOROUGH COMMUNITY BOARD meeting 17th JULY 2017

Attached are reports from a survey of the Martinborough road crossings and footpaths.

CROSSINGS: The crossings are numbered for ease of identification. Refer to separate map for location.

FOOTPATHS: The upgrades programmed for 2016 – 17 and 2017 – 18 were available for comment and input. Suggestions on the proposed programme are listed. Further suggestions are included.

(Survey carried out by Pam Colenso and Maree Roy.)

# MARTINBOROUGH FOOTPATH UPGRADES and PROGRAMMES

# 2016 - 2017

Strasbourge Street	Broadway to Ohio	needs doing
Strasbourge Street	Ohio to Cambridge	needs doing
Strasbourge Street	Panama to Broadway	needs doing

[Note: Other programmed footpath upgrades for 2016 – 17 have been completed]

# <u>2017 - 2018</u>

Strasbourge Street	Princess to Panama	needs doing
Suez Street	Oxford to Naples	URGENT. High Priority
Panama Street	Kitchener to Strasbourge	marginal
Suez Street	Strasbourge to Oxford	URGENT. High Priority
Kitchener Street	Princess to Panama	marginal
Panama Street	Kitchener to Strasbourge	marginal
Panama Street	Naples to Kitchener	marginal

[Notes: (i) the footpath upgrades tagged 'marginal' could be deferred at present.

(ii) the Suez Street upgrades marked **URGENT** are marked with XXX on the map. They should be done before the remainder of the 2016 – 2017 programme is completed.

(iii) See below also - NEW footpaths suggested (#7 and #8)

# **SUGGESTIONS:**

1: The footpath on Oxford St from Cork St to the Pukemanu Hotel [Memorial Square corner] needs to be made level – it currently slopes down towards road which makes it very uneven. This should be given **high priority** as it is used by Wharekaka residents going into town and also by residents attending the Medical Centre.

2: MEMORIAL SQUARE:

(i) The pedestrian crossing from the Square to Jellicoe Street needs building up to stop the water pooling in between the gardens after rain. This stops people using the pedestrian crossing and they are using the street on the angle to P&K's instead which poses a health and safety risk.

(ii) The pedestrian crossing from the Square to Oxford Street needs attention as well to stop the water pooling between the gardens. As stated above this is a problem.

(iii) By toilets and Museum: disability car parking space. If someone is using this parking space they cannot then take their wheel chair up onto the pavement without going behind the vehicle, then down Texas Street to the curb run off, to then come up on the pavement. If the curb was lowered and/or a crossing made at the passenger side of the vehicle then the access to the footpath would be easier.

3: Footpaths which need levelling owing to uneven surface caused by tree roots: Dublin Street (outside house number 67), New York Street (outside house number 54), Cologne Street (outside house number 54).

4: Malcolm Street – OK except for one driveway about half way between Jellicoe and Regent Streets.

5: Oxford Street - lime footpath (from start to Todd's Road needs repair after recent heavy rain and flooding.

6: Several road signs are obscured by tree branches and shrubbery so are difficult to read.

7: **URGENT SUGGESTION**: Roberts Street between Grey Street and Dublin Street [beside old Cemetery and south of it]. This requires a **new** footpath and kerb and channeling onto the road. (marked XXXX on the map). This side of the road is widely used for parking for the school and kindergarten and is currently very unsatisfactory.

8: Suggestions for other new footpaths:

Esther Street (first priority)

Weld Street from French Street to Roberts Street

French Street

Dublin Street from Regent Street to Sackville Street.

# MARTINBOROUGH ROAD CROSSINGS [for numbering - refer to map]

#### New York Street:

- 1 Okay
- 2 Okay
- 3 Okay
- 4 Okay
- 5 Okay

### New York/Sackville Street

- 6 Okay
- 7 Okay

### **New York/Regent Street**

8 Marginal (Needs work done)

### **Cologne/Regent Street**

- 9 Marginal
- 10 Marginal

# Cologne/Sackville Street

- 11 Marginal
- 12 Narrow and slope too steep
- 13 Narrow and slope too steep
- 14 Narrow and slope too steep

### Cologne/Cambridge

- 15 Take slope off Steep no footpath
- 16 Take slope off and too narrow
- 17 Take lip off between road and curb
- 18 Too narrow remove edge

### Cologne/Broadway

- 19 Has lip which needs to be removed and is too narrow no footpath
- 20 Okay
- 21 Too small/ 2 steep and facing wrong angle
- 22 (A&B) Both need major work: can't be used (Urgent work needed)

### **Cologne/Princess**

- 23 Okay
- 24 Okay

### Strasbourge/Princess

- 25 Okay
- 26 Okay

### Strasbourge/Panama

27 Small and too narrow

28 Small and too narrow

#### Strasbourge/Broadway

- 29 Okay
- 30 Okay
- 31 Okay
- 32 Narrow and lip needs removing

#### Strasbourge/Ohio

33 A little too steep and small

#### Strasbourge/Texas

34 New run off needed (urgent)

#### Strasbourge/Cambridge

- 35 Too narrow and steep
- 36 To narrow and on wrong angle
- 37 Ok but can't use as flooding and water and debris lies across this constantly
- 38 Okay but worn on the edge

### Strasbourge/Cork

- 39 Ok
- 40 Ok

### Strasbourge/Sackville

- 41 Awful too steep
- 42 Ok
- 43 Too small and steep grass berm
- 44 Ok

### Strasbourge/Suez

- 45 Ok
- 46 Pot hole in road in front of crossing otherwise Ok

#### Strasbourge/Regent

- 47 Too steep and small
- 48 Ok

### **Oxford/Regent**

- 49 Ok
- 50 Ok
- 51 Ok

### Oxford/Suez

- 52 Needs new slope and crossing (Urgent)
- 53 Ok
- 54 Ok
- 55 Ok

- 56 Whole new curb and channel needed (Urgent)
- 57 Repair road and smooth (rough edge on road) too steep

# Oxford/Cork

- 58 Lip and rough (needs work)
- 59 Camber on road too steep
- 60 Needs to be repaired exit (Urgent)
- 61 Ok

### **Oxford/Square**

- 62 Ok
- 63 Ok

## Kitchener/Square

64 Ok 65 Ok

## Kitchener/Ohio

- 66 Ok
- 67 Ok
- 68 Ok
- 69 Ok

### Kitchener/Broadway

- 70 Ok
- 71 Ok
- 72 Ok
- 73 Ok

## Kitchener/Panama

- 74 Terrible (Needs total repair)
- 75 Ok
- 76 Too small and steep
- 77 Ok

### **Kitchener/Princess**

- 78 Too steep onto road
- 79 Ok
- 80 Ok
- 81 Ok

## Naples/Princess

- 82 Ok
- 83 Ok

### Naples/Panama

- 84 Grassed
- 85 Narrow needs to be levelled

### Naples/Broadway

- 86 Ok
- 87 Ok
- 88 On to grass Edge of road repaired
- 89 Too steep

## Naples/Ohio

- 90 Lip needs removing
- 91 Ok
- 92 Too much of a dip from the road

## Naples/Jellicoe

- 93 Ok
- 94 Ok
- 95 Ok
- 96 Ok

## Naples/Kansas

97 Too small and steep

### Naples/Cork

98 Too small and too steep

NOTE: Driveway into 62 Naples Street is broken and too steep to be used by wheelchairs. This is the only way to get from Cork Street onto the Naples St footpath.

## Naples/Sackville

- 99 Too small and too steep
- 100 Too small and too steep
- 101 Too small and too steep
- 102 Too small and too steep

### Naples/Suez

103 Needs replacing

## Naples/Regent

104 Needs completely rebuilding (not fit for purpose and health and safety hazard) URGENT.

## Venice/Regent

105 Ok

## Venice/Sackville

- 106 Ok
- 107 Needs tidying up grassed remove weeds in gutter
- 108 Ok
- 109 Needs tidying up repaired and levelled

## Venice/Jellicoe

- 110 Could be curbed and just use the pedestrian crossings
- 111 Ok
- 112 Needs patch in footpath

113 Ok

#### Venice/Broadway

- 114 Narrow and has lip on road
- 115 Narrow and has lip on road
- 116 Ok
- 117 Ok

### Venice/Princess

- 118 Camber on road too steep
- 119 Grassed but lip on edge with road

#### **Dublin/Roberts**

- 120 Drainage issue
- 121 Ok

### Dublin/Broadway

112 Ok

123 Terrible: too steep and too narrow (needs immediate work)

#### Dublin/Greenaway

- 124 Too narrow. No proper slope
- 125 No proper slope or edging

#### **Dublin/Jellicoe**

- 126 Ok
- 127 Ok
- 128 Marginal
- 129 Grassed lip too small

#### **Dublin/Sackville**

- 130 Too small and steep
- 131 Grassed but curb too steep

### Malcolm/Regent

132 Small and steep – grassed

### Malcolm/Jellicoe

133 Grassed lip ok

#### Daniel/Jellicoe

134 Ok

### **Daniel/Regent**

135 Ok

### Weld/Roberts

136 Ok

### Weld/Jellicoe

- 137 Ok 138 No crossing barra poods o
- 138 No crossing here: needs one urgently ( urgent)

### **Grey/Jellicoe**

139 Ok

140 Too steep (Needs urgent work)

## **Grey/Roberts**

141 Ok

142 Ok (there are two crossings here – both ok)

### Square/Kansas

143 Ok

144 Very sharp angle and too narrow and small

### Square/Texas

145 Ok 145 Ok

### Square/Cambridge

147 Ok 148 Ok

### Square/Kansas (Winemakers corner)

149 and 150 **Both need crossings** as people are currently using the vehicle access to neighbouring properties which is not ideal.

### Square/Texas (P&K/Martinborough Hotel corner)

151 and 152 Both have a terrible slope and a lip at the edge of the pavement.

### Square/Jellicoe

153 and 154 OK.

# SUGGESTED PRIORITY ORDER:

- 1: Naples/Regent #104
- 2: Cologne/Broadway #22
- 3: Oxford/Suez # 52 and #56 [NB : with urgent footpath repair for Suez Street]
- 4: Dublin/Broadway #123
- 5: Kitchener/Panama #74
- 6: Oxford/Cork #60
- 7: Strasbourge/Texas #34
- 8: Strasbourge/Sackville #41
- 9: Grey/Jellicoe #140
- 10 ... Refer to survey for others; new crossings [below] should be done before these if possible

# **NEW CROSSINGS:**

- 1: Square/Kansas (marked #149, #150)
- 2: Weld/Jellicoe (marked as #138)



12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Martinborough Community Board Martinborough Attention: Victoria Read

# Re: Speed limit outside Palliser Estate entrance

Dear Community Board Members,

I am writing regarding my concern at the speed that cars travel past our entrance way on 96 Kitchener Street. The speed limit is 70km/hr however approximately 50 metres west of our entrance way is the 100 km/hr sign going out of town (and correspondingly 70km coming into town). We find most cars are travelling well in excess of the 70km/hr, especially heading out of town as they see the 100km/hr sign.

We have a very busy cellar door with visitor numbers up considerably on the back of increased tourist numbers. This year our visitor numbers are up 46% on the previous year and 107% on five years ago. We had over 16,000 visitors this year, a large portion of which are either travelling by bike or on foot. I believe there is a huge risk that there will be an accident due to the speed that cars currently travel past us.

Accordingly I have approached the South Wairarapa District Council to request an extension of the 70km/hr speed zone further out of town (1km would suffice). This would hopefully help to ensure cars have already slowed down from 100km/hr while passing our entranceway on the way into town, and have not sped up to 100km/hr when passing our entrance way on the way out of town. Unfortunately the Council have had no success with the NZTA and therefore I am contacting you in the hope that we can work together to find a safe solution for our visitors and community.

I have attached the correspondence to date with the SWDC. If you require further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Pip Goodwin Chief Executive The Mayor, and Members of Sth Wairarapa District Council.

I am writing to draw your attention to the absolutely appalling state of the footpath/berm/whatever you wish to call it, along Princess St Martinborough, from New York St to Huangarua Rd.

This area is the main access for tourists visiting the vineyards. It is a disgrace to the town.

At present it is a boggy mess of large potholes and puddles.

We need a proper footpath/cycle way akin to that on Princess St from Cologne St to New York St. Some weekends there are dozens of cyclists using the road, and not all are experienced. This as you know is a busy road, and cyclists and walkers have to contend with speeding traffic, stock trucks, logging trucks etc.

It is only a matter of time before someone I injured. I'm hoping it won't be me ! I am an amputee and confined to a wheelchair. I live on Princess St. and use this section of road nearly every day.

It is positively dangerous. The surface is so bad that I am forced to use the road. This is far from ideal as you can imagine.

I believe everyone including myself is entitled to safe access on our footpaths.

I spoke informally to the Mayor some months ago. She bought up the option of a lime path as per Oxford St. Having raised this with likely interested parties we need/want a proper path and would strongly resist a lime path.

I look forward to your response.

**Denise Evans** 

63 Princess St. Martinborough.

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