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19 April 2018

***Submission on South Wairarapa District Council LTP 2018 to 2028***

We would like to speak to our submission and request a speaking slot on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Martinborough TOP 10 Holiday Park is a TOP 10 Holiday Park operating on land leased from SWDC in the Considine Park reserve.

In the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 we welcomed 8,825 guests. Based on expenditure research carried out by Angus and Associates<sup>1</sup> our guests contributed over \$1.9m to the local economy in the 12 months to 31 March 2018. We are open 365 days a year and rely on summer and event revenue to maintain our levels of service and employment during the quieter winter months.

We are investing strongly in the Holiday Park with a new reception recently completed and building underway on more family accommodation. Rental return to SWDC has increased by 17.8% over the last 12 months.

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<sup>1</sup> Peak Season Holiday Park Visitors, Expenditure & Behaviour Research, Angus & Associates, March 2017



#### 1. **Future Growth and Development**

##### **We support Option One – to prepare a Spatial Plan**

We firmly believe that SWDC needs to get ahead of the growth the region is experiencing and that a Spatial Plan developed by the community is essential for the managed growth of the South Wairarapa.

#### 2. **Youth Training and Development**

##### **We support Option One with the following comment:**

There is a clear need for funding to support programs that help youth, particularly in the areas of mental health and early intervention for at risk youth. We fully support SWDC's proposed contribution to the Kuranui project.

#### 3. **Promoting and Enhancing our District**

##### **We support Option Three**

We do not believe it is Council's role to promote the South Wairarapa to visitors. SWDC already provides funding to Destination Wairarapa to promote the region and we believe Destination Wairarapa are doing an excellent job in this regard.

We do acknowledge that the SWDC website is in urgent need of an update and that with amalgamation off the table there is a desire to unite and position South Wairarapa. We would prefer to see a lower level of spending focussed on these areas with any promotional funds allocated to Destination Wairarapa. The SWDC websites should be focussed on the needs of ratepayers.

#### 4. **Infrastructure for Visitors**

##### **We support Option One**

Given the strong growth in tourism and visitor numbers we believe that this is a priority. However, we do not believe that SWDC should be providing infrastructure to non self-contained free campers where this is already provided by the private sector. Our guests spend a significant amount of money in the region at no cost to ratepayers, we do not believe that ratepayers should be subsidising other people's holidays.

#### 5. **Sports Coordination**

We support Option Two, the Status Quo and believe that \$50,000 per annum could be better spent on marketing the Waihinga Centre as a meeting and event venue.

#### 6. **Reducing Waste Going to Landfills**

We support the target to reduce total waste sent to landfill from 600kg to 400kg per person per annum. Of the proposed initiatives we would prioritise kerbside recycling with 240l wheelie bins and some form of e-waste collection.



We have experience of food waste collections via family members in the Waikato and would be keen for SWDC to review the success of such collections in other districts before committing to this option.

We also recommend that Council install public recycling bins alongside our rubbish bins to allow people to recycle whilst out and about.

We believe Social Media sites such as 'Martinborough Wanted Buy and Sell' provide better options for people to dispose of their usable goods and do not support a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station.

#### 7. **Water Conservation**

##### **We support Option One**

We believe that water conservation is a priority for South Wairarapa and support a feasibility study to ensure a robust approach to this issue.

#### 8. **Freedom Camping**

We support Destination Wairarapa's submission regarding "ineligible freedom campers" and encourage SWDC to monitor and move on non-self-contained vehicles parking in non-designated areas. Existing littering by-laws need to be used and applied to freedom campers who do not respect our environment. We also encourage SWDC to support their existing holiday parks and campgrounds by not seeking to provide facilities for freedom campers in areas where those facilities are provided by licensed operators. We also believe that SWDC needs to consider their health and safety obligations towards people camping in SWDC designated areas. As a licensed holiday park operator we have to maintain a gap of 3 metres between all vehicles and tents for safety reasons, we believe that the same standard must be applied in SWDC designated areas. An accident or fire causing death or serious harm could have a serious reputational impact on camping tourism in the South Wairarapa.

#### 9. **Affordable Housing, District Plan and Economic Development**

There is an urgent need for affordable housing in South Wairarapa and we urge SWDC to account for this when developing the Spatial Plan. We also believe that the Combined District Plan is holding the region back. Given the pace of change SWDC needs to be able to amend the District Plan more frequently than every 10 years and we request that SWDC consider setting aside funds for this.

SWDC's best contribution to regional economic development is to cut bureaucracy and to make sure that all SWDC departments are supportive of private commercial developments. The District Plan also needs to enable positive private investment rather than restricting it. The recent example of the failure of a development in Featherston is hugely disappointing, particularly when that proposed development appears to have had wide spread community support.



#### 10. **A level playing field for Accommodation providers**

We support Destination Wairarapa's submission regarding the need for Air BnB properties to contribute. We note that there are 143 whole houses listed on Air BnB in the South Wairarapa at a time the region is facing a housing shortage both in the sales and rental markets. We are struggling to find staff due to the lack of affordable housing in the district.

We ask SWDC to consider applying a commercial rate to whole of house Air BnB properties which are available for rental for more than 60 nights a year.

We also ask SWDC to consider the requirement for resource consent for what is essentially a commercial accommodation business. We believe that Air BnB exacerbates the impact of absentee property owners on community cohesion.

#### 11. **Cycle Strategy**

Cycle tourism is growing; we would like to see more cycle stands in the urban area and would like to see SWDC prioritising those cycle routes which deliver the most benefit to residents and tourists. This includes links to the National Cycle Way and Vineyard trails.

#### 12. **Road Seal programme**

We ask SWDC to include Dublin Street West when considering road sealing priorities. The number of residents on Dublin Street West has increased. Along with winery and vineyard traffic this can cause a major dust problem during a dry summer.

#### 13. **Dark Sky Reserve**

We would like to congratulate SWDC on their support for the Martinborough Dark Sky initiative. This has the potential to provide sustained growth in off-season tourism, which in turn will provide more secure year round employment for those working in the sector.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

## --Submitter Details--

Name: Mark Guscott

## --Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Rural

Organisation:

Do you want to speak to your submission? No

Speaking preference:

## --Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document? Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support? 5%

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on?

## --Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: High quality rural land should be maintained as food producing land not concreted over for housing.

## --Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option: Option One

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

No

- b. Do you support provision of 240 litre wheelie bins for recycling? No
  - c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year? No
  - d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station? Yes
- These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option One

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below: Why would rural ratepayers support many of these cost increases, when we get little or no use for the services provided?

Upload File:

Upload Additional File:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/1029/submission/1024>

## **Martinborough Community Board Submission**

### **South Wairarapa District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

We would like to speak to this submission and request a speaking slot on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **1. Future Growth and Development**

##### **We support Option One – to prepare a Spatial Plan**

The South Wairarapa is facing a period of continued growth. We believe it is now time for the council to re-look at the district plan and undertake spatial planning. We would like to see a plan that includes infrastructure plus existing and planned community assets.

We would like to see the plan:

- include direction for future growth and organisation
- identify community values and allow for Martinborough to develop with a focus on these values
- allow the community to get ahead of growth and plan for it rather than respond to it
- allow us to anticipate and respond to risks (eg climate change/water supply/transport)
- improve linkages and connections within the community
- support consideration of different groups within the community (eg youth, elderly)
- provide the opportunity for individual communities to say who they are and identify their own character/uniqueness in order to enhance these qualities
- to enable economic growth through siting and connecting business efficiently as well as enhancing our tourism offering
- to enable well planned public spaces to reduce crime and enhance wellbeing
- respond to disruptive change (eg technology – electric cars and remote working)
- provide an opportunity for council to understand, represent and articulate the community's desires
- be flexible enough to respond to change

#### **2. Youth Training and Development**

##### **We support Option One with the following comment:**

There is a clear need for funding to support programs that help youth, particularly in the areas of mental health and early intervention for at risk youth, we are pleased to hear of SWDC's intention to support the Kuranui project.

#### **3. Promoting and Enhancing our District**

##### **We support Option One with the following comment**

We feel it is important that SWDC doesn't duplicate the work already being done by Destination Wairarapa to promote the District to visitors. The focus of this spend should be to position the District as an independent region and to support that positioning through the SWDC website, communications and social media presence. We would like this to include new ways of communicating and consulting with ratepayers to reflect the changes in the ways people communicate and more readily available digital technology.

#### 4. **Infrastructure for Visitors**

##### **We support Option One**

Given the strong growth in tourism and visitor numbers we believe that this is a priority. We would like this to be linked to the spatial planning exercise so that freedom camping and tourism in general is managed in a way to least harm the natural environment.

#### 5. **Sports Coordination**

MCB does not feel qualified to express an opinion but have contacted a number of Martinborough Ward sporting organisations to encourage them to submit on this proposal.

#### 6. **Reducing Waste Going to Landfills**

We support the target to reduce total waste sent to landfill from 600kg to 400kg per person per annum. Of the proposed initiatives we would prioritise kerbside recycling with 240l wheelie bins and some form of e-waste collection, followed by food waste collections.

We also recommend that Council install public recycling bins alongside our rubbish bins to allow people to recycle whilst out and about.

We believe Social Media sites such as 'Martinborough Wanted Buy and Sell' provide better options for people to dispose of their usable goods than a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station.

#### 7. **Water Conservation**

##### **We support Option One**

We believe that water conservation is a priority for South Wairarapa and support a feasibility study to ensure a robust approach to this issue.

#### 8. **Business Friendly**

We believe that the strongest economic development role for SWDC is to facilitate private investment and development. We have received substantial feedback from businesses in the past year that dealing with SWDC is becoming increasingly difficult and are concerned that private investors are being put off investing in our towns. We ask that SWDC put aside some time to review the way it works with local businesses so that our district remains an attractive place to invest.

#### 9. **Community Boards Review - P20 Consultation Supporting Documents**

We support a review of Community Boards' Terms of Reference and Delegations. We believe that Community Boards need to be empowered with appropriate financial and human resources. We also recommend that SWDC investigate the possibility of running

events prior to the next Local Government elections for potential candidates to understand what is involved. This will deliver well against SWDC's Community Partnerships pillar in the Council's strategic plan.

#### **10. UFB P34 consultation supporting documents**

We support the connection of libraries to UFB and request that SWDC include the new Martinborough Library in the Waihinga centre in this rollout.

#### **11. Martinborough Playground - P34 Consultation Supporting Documents**

We request SWDC allocate some of the proposed playground budget to the Waihinga Centre playground in Martinborough. We believe that the Playground budget should be spent equally across all of the District's playgrounds.

#### **12. Footpath Budget – P79 Consultation Supporting Documents**

We understand that the possible funding for new footpaths identified in last year's Annual Plan (SWDC resolution DC2017/71) was made unavailable due to urgent roading rehabilitation. We request that additional footpath funding is set aside for the footpath work on Texas Street identified in the Waihinga Centre Plans. This footpath is essential to provide safe access to the Waihinga Centre, Park and Playground, which is owned by SWDC.

#### **13. Old Martinborough Cemetery Fence**

We request that budget is allocated to replacing this fence in keeping with the fence at Considine Park. This sits well with Council's objective to provide Attractive Parks and Spaces.

#### **14. Considine Park**

We request that funding is allocated to continue the Considine Park Development Plan and ask that those funds are allocated in line with Considine Park Committee priorities.

#### **15. Martinborough Square Development Plan funding**

MCB have requested a price for providing the circular seating as per the Martinborough Square Development Plan. We note that the Plan was adopted in August 2012 but, other than the new toilets adjacent to the Museum and long delayed repairs to the Boer War Memorial little has been done. We request that SWDC allocate funds to implement the circular seating around the Boer War Memorial within the next 2 years.

#### **16. Town Beautification Funds**

We request that SWDC continue to allocate funds for town beautification to be managed by the respective Community Boards.

#### **17. Cycle Strategy Implementation**

In line with SWDC's cycle strategy we request that SWDC set aside funds for on road cycle lanes on the Martinborough Urban routes. We also request Pass Safely Signage to be positioned at key points on these popular cycling routes.

#### **18. Pool Pergola**

We ask that the pergola salvaged from the Martinborough Playground be installed at Martinborough Pool before the 2018/19 swim season.

#### **19. Manganese Removal – P44 consultation supporting documents**

We support the removal of manganese from the Martinborough Water supply. Should SWDC need to chlorinate the supply in the future we ask that the community and particularly the Martinborough Vineyards who are irrigating from town supply are consulted and kept informed.

#### **20. Residential Land Rezoning**

We appreciate the funding provided in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for residential land rezoning in Martinborough and look forward to seeing the outcome of this work. We believe this and the Spatial Planning exercise, proposed by SWDC, are crucial in order to manage growth and the acute shortage of residential accommodation in Martinborough, however, we also note that the current rental crisis is exacerbated by the proliferation of short term holiday lets removing potential long term rentals from the market.

#### **21. Bilingual Signage**

We strongly support this initiative to increase the visibility of Te Reo Māori in our District and recommend that SWDC consider early replacement of some key signs throughout the District to kick start this initiative.



*We are the ones. 111*

April 2018

## **Wellington Free Ambulance Request for Continued Funding from South Wairarapa District Council**

South Wairarapa District Council has supported Wellington Free Ambulance for a number of years, and we are very grateful for this support. We are here for everyone in South Wairarapa 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We appreciate your contribution to our running costs, helping us to keep this vital service world-class and free to patients in their hour of need.

To keep this service free to everyone in your community, we have to raise over \$4 million a year in donations from individuals and organisations across the Greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions. People in your community support us very generously, and we believe it is important that South Wairarapa District Council continues to support us too to demonstrate that they are in step with what they care about.

Last year, you generously supported us with \$9,525, which equates to approximately \$1 per person in your district. We are asking you to continue to support us with a \$1 per person, and ask for a grant of \$9,525 this year.

### **About Us**

Wellington Free Ambulance was founded in 1927, and is the only free ambulance service in New Zealand. In 2012 we also became the emergency ambulance service for the Wairarapa region.

We provide a world-class service that ranks highly globally in areas such as cardiac arrest survival rates, and quality emergency call-taking.

We are partly funded by Government, and our organisation is reliant on raising over \$4million across our entire region every year to continue to provide the service your community expects.

### **The Cost of Helping People in Your Community**

- In 2017, we helped **1,086** people in South Wairarapa.
- A significant contribution to our operating costs is the employment of 22 local paramedics and a Wairarapa Manager focussed solely on our care of people in the Wairarapa.
- On average, each time we send out an ambulance to someone in need, it costs around \$500.
- Wellington Free Ambulance receives Government funding from the Ministry of Health, ACC and DHBs which equates to approximately \$20m. Other funding comes from events and our relationship with Whitireia. We need at least \$24 million per annum to maintain the service to a high standard, and remain free to patients.
- We believe that \$1 per person in your region is a reasonable level of support from your Council.

### Helping Your Community

- We save lives in emergencies.
- We care for the most medically and socially vulnerable members of your community:
  - Elderly with chronic and complex health needs
  - Socially and economically disadvantaged people who cannot afford to access healthcare.
- We have one of the best witnessed cardiac arrest survival rates in the world.
- Our call-takers are internationally recognised, and rated in the top 4% of medical call-takers globally.
- Our patient experience survey shows that 97% of patients are satisfied with our service.
- South Wairarapa is part of the Wellington Free Ambulance region, enjoying the only free-to-the-patient emergency ambulance service in New Zealand; elsewhere in the country they would have to pay between \$80 and \$200 to call an ambulance.

Again, we are very grateful for the support we receive from the council, and your consideration of this funding request.

Warm regards,



Mike Grant  
**Chief Executive**

# South Wairarapa District Council

## 2018/28 Long Term Plan

### Grant Application Form

**Email to: [ltf@swdc.govt.nz](mailto:ltf@swdc.govt.nz) before 4 pm, 23 April 2018**

#### 1. ORGANISATION DETAILS

<b>Name of organisation:</b> Wellington Free Ambulance Service
<b>Physical address:</b>
19 Davis Street
Thorndon
Wellington 6011

<b>Postal address:</b>
PO Box 601
Wellington 6140

<b>Contact Person:</b> Rachel Carr	<b>Phone No (Day):</b> 04 912 0357
<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rachel.carr@wfa.org.nz">rachel.carr@wfa.org.nz</a>	<b>Mobile No:</b> 021 268 1343
	<b>Phone No (After hours):</b> N/A

**When was the organisation formed and what are its aims and objectives?**

Wellington Free Ambulance was founded in 1927, and has been the emergency ambulance in the Wairarapa since 2012. Our aim is to provide world-class paramedic care in your community, with no cost to the patient. We never, ever want someone to think twice about calling for help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We want everyone in our communities to have access to medical care without discrimination on any grounds, including financial capability.

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<b>Total number of members in your organisation?</b>	We are not a member organisation
<b>How many full-time equivalent people work in your organisation?</b>	345
<b>How many volunteers work in your organisation?</b>	105
<b>Date of last AGM?</b>	29 November 2017
<b>Are you GST registered? Y/N</b>	<b>GST No:</b> 10-668-689

<b>Officers of organisation</b>	
<b>Chair:</b> Ross Martin	<b>Phone No:</b> (email) ross.martin@wfa.org.nz
<b>Secretary:</b> (Chief Exec) Mike Grant	<b>Phone No:</b> 04 498 0984
<b>Treasurer:</b> (Executive Director of Corporate Services) Sarah Lewis	<b>Phone No:</b> 04 498 9989

## 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Specific reason for grant application (e.g. upgrade to facilities/purchase of equipment/one-off event):**

We are asking for \$1 per person in your district towards the running costs of Wellington Free Ambulance. This would be \$9,525, and would help us maintain our world-class service, free to all people in your district and the whole Wairarapa region.

**Where and when will the activity/event take place or what is the anticipated completion date of the project (please note funds cannot be allocated retrospectively)?**

<p>We are asking for a contribution to our FY1819 annual budget, to help with our running costs throughout the financial year.</p>
<p><b>Why should South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) support this project/event?</b></p> <p>We provide world-class paramedic care to every person in South Wairarapa when they need it. We are here for everyone in your community 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with highly qualified paramedics and internationally recognised call-takers.</p>
<p><b>Who will benefit from these funds and in what way?</b></p> <p>You whole community benefits from access to a world class healthcare service, that is uniquely free. Only our region (Greater Wellington and Wairarapa) enjoys a free ambulance service in New Zealand. In 2017, 1,086 people called on us for help in South Wairarapa. We save lives in your community every year. Your contribution will help ensure the continuation of this uniquely free, world-class, vital service for your community.</p>
<p><b>Would you like to speak in support of your application at a meeting of the South Wairarapa District Council? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes/<input type="checkbox"/> No</b></p> <p><i>Submission hearings will be held on 14 &amp; 15 May 2018 at the Council Chambers, Martinborough</i></p>

### 3. FINANCIALS

Funding requirements	
Total cost of project	\$9,525
Your organisation's contribution	\$ N/A
Other outside funding (please supply brief details)	\$ N/A
Amount applied for in this application	\$ 9,525
Shortfall (please provide brief details of how will balance be found)	\$ N/A

<b>Project income (if applicable), e.g. generated from sales to public</b>	\$ N/A
<b>Is organisation a registered charity?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Have you applied to SWDC for funding before?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>If yes, when, for what purpose and how much was granted?</b>	We applied for and were granted \$9525 last year for the same purpose outlined in this application.

<b>Bank account details</b>	
<b>Name of bank:</b>	Westpac
<b>Account name:</b>	Wellington Free Ambulance Service
<b>Account No:</b>	03 0502 0170069 00

#### 4. Declarations

We agree to comply with requests from an officer or councillor from SWDC for additional information in relation to this application.

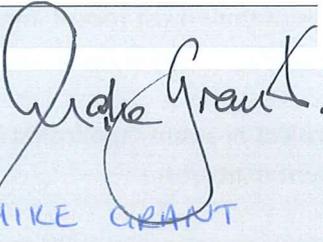
#### Statement to comply with the Provisions of the Privacy Act 1993

The personal information above is collected and will be held by SWDC for the purpose of considering your application for financial assistance. You have the right of access to, and correction of, personal information about you, that we hold.

#### Authorisation

- I certify that the information provided in this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I have the authority to make the application on behalf of the organisation.
- I agree that the necessary documentation listed below is attached to this application.
- I confirm that we will complete and return a grant accountability form within two months of the project being completed.
- The organisation will keep receipts and a record of all expenditure for 7 years.
- Any unspent funds will be returned to SWDC.
- All expenditure will be accounted for in the Grant Accountability Form.



Signatory One	Signatory Two
Signed: 	Signed: 
Full name: MIKE GRANT	Full name: SARAH LEWIS
Designation: CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Designation: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
Date: 20/04/18	Date: 19/04/18

Supporting documentation required for this application	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most recent annual accounts including notes and review/audit report.</li> </ul>	<input type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income and expenditure statement for part year and inaugural minutes (if organisation has been operating for less than 12 months)</li> </ul>	<input type="radio"/>

## South Wairarapa District Council 2018/28 Long Term Plan Grant Application

### Conditions of Grant:

#### Residential eligibility:

- Organisations, Charitable Trusts & Incorporated Societies must currently operate within South Wairarapa or have a broader Wairarapa-wide benefit.

#### Application forms:

- Will be accepted either in electronic or hard copy form.
- A separate application must be made for each project or event.

#### Annual grant:

- All applications are considered by the South Wairarapa District Council and awarded at their discretion and on the merits of each project for the greater wellbeing of the South Wairarapa community.
- There is no maximum amount for any one grant, however, the SWDC's resources are limited and funding support is not guaranteed on an on-going basis.
- Applicants will need to re-apply each year for consideration of funding to continue.
- There is a 12-month time limit for uplifting the funds from the date of notification of approval.
- After 12 months, if funds have not been uplifted the grant will be rescinded and a new application must be completed and submitted for consideration.
- Unused funds must be returned to SWDC.

#### Supporting material:

## Waihinga Charitable Trust Submission

Max Stevens - Chair

### South Wairarapa District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028

I would like to speak to this submission.

The Waihinga Charitable Trust has successfully fundraised \$2.3 million for Stage One of the project – the Community Centre building and essential landscaping. We are continuing to fundraise for Stage Two with in the region of \$390k raised so far including a recent \$50,000 grant from the Martinborough Lions, their biggest public grant ever commemorating the Lions International Centennial.

#### 1. **Martinborough Playground - P34 Consultation Supporting Documents**

On behalf of the Waihinga Charitable Trust I ask that SWDC allocate some of the proposed playground budget to the new Waihinga Centre playground in Martinborough.

#### 2. **Footpath Budget – P79 Consultation Supporting Documents**

I understand that the possible funding for new footpaths identified in last year's Annual Plan (SWDC resolution DC2017/71) was unavailable due to urgent roading rehabilitation. We request that additional footpath funding is set aside for the footpath work on Texas Street identified in the Waihinga Centre Plans. This footpath is essential to provide safe access to the Waihinga Centre, Park and Playground, which is owned by SWDC.

Max Stevens

Chairperson

Waihinga Charitable Trust

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--Submitter Details--

Name: Tim Lusk

--Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Urban

Organisation:

Do you want to speak to your submission? Yes

Speaking preference: May 14th

--Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document?

If not what general rates increase do you support?

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on?

--Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

--Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

--Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option:

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

--Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

--Sports Coordination--

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a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

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These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option Three

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

The draft LTP does not include any early response to the projected effect of the GWRC Whaitua process and related Climate Change impacts on our water supplies.

This submission by Wairarapa Water Ltd strongly recommends that SWDC include \$30,000 in this year's budget to support the combined GWRC and Wairarapa District Councils joint development of a Ruamāhanga Valley Water Management Plan, including water storage, to address these long term impacts.

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below:

This submission replaces my submission sent on Friday and is sent on behalf of Wairarapa Water Ltd.

The attached Memo supports our request in relation to Water Conservation above.

For clarity, I am not requesting a grant from SWDC.

Upload File:

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## Wairarapa Water Ltd submission to South Wairarapa District Council

### Long term plan: 2018 – 2028

#### Funding for water storage options – Water Wairarapa

Wairarapa Water Ltd (WWL) has been established by the Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Trust as an entity to represent water users.

WWL acknowledges and appreciates GWRC's significant leadership for Water Wairarapa with support from Wairarapa Councils since 2012. It is now time for water users, through WWL, to step up and assist to provide leadership for the project.

WWL has developed a Business Plan for an 18 month self-funded programme that will assess water demand and raise funds from water users to contribute to future stages of the project. Water Users are very aware that the likely outcome of the present Whaitua process and Climate Change studies will be lower reliability of water supply and that a water storage solution will take up to 7 years to build.

WWL endorses GWRC's approach to contribute \$200,000 to continue leading investigations into water storage options.

GWRC's funding is contingent upon significant funding from Wairarapa District Councils. We strongly urge Wairarapa District Councils to meet GWRC expectations for funding toward the project.

We support that all four Councils lead the project in partnership with their funds being used to investigate how water storage can be integrated into providing long term security for public water, our farmers, and the environment – an integrated water management solution for the catchment.

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WWL will work with councils, government and other potential investors over the coming year to synchronise respective work streams and assist with the transition of Water Wairarapa.

I would like to speak to this submission at the hearings and will provide a further update to Council prior to that.

Chair, Wairarapa Water Ltd Establishment Group



Tim Cook

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*People ←*

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*with winter coming i would like to see sh, water pathed so dont have to walk on the road not allways a safe thing to do*

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*Not Council's preferred option  
Needs strong buy in from sports clubs to be successful regardless of ratepayer support.  
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Leave food waste for another year*

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*With Masterton District Council installing water meters perhaps there is an opportunity to combine 3 councils water conservation policy ???*

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*On Major Services 3 Wairarapa Councils should continue to look at combining and sharing Policies & Management Skills, Fees and charges*

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*Congratulate Council on well defined document keep up the great work 😊  
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A/ Yes but sounds messy.  
B/ This will encourage people to put all waste including recyclables into the bin.  
> In many countries people are paid out by machines for recycling bottles etc.

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could this work - what is the cost?

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If we divide 'rural' land into sections as proposed. Does the existing landowner get lumbered with urban rates just because they happen to live there.

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i.e. I live at 149 Dublin St. or does the new rate only apply to land under a certain size?

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**Option Two:** Do you support continuation of Council's current approach to water conservation i.e. encouraging users to reduce their water usage as outlined on page 6 of the Consultation Document?; or

**Option Three:** What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

Select your preferred option:

Option One  Option Two  Option Three

**Option Three:**

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If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

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### Fees and charges

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14 of the Consultation Document?

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### Grants

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form which is available on our website or at the addresses listed at the top of this form.

### Other feedback

Council would like to hear any other feedback you have in relation to the content of the Consultation Document or any of the LTP supporting information or anything you think needs to be included that is not.

South Wairarapa District Council  
Please provide any other comments below:  
Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028

The Infrastructure Strategy acknowledges significant waste water infrastructure issues with a system built in the 1960/70's and the need for action to address these gaps today —

Will that action be robust enough to withstand both the predicted variables (Continue on another sheet if required)

that infrastructure of a 1000 more people than discharging waste water to the Ruamahanga River



2 April 2018

Long Term Plan Submission  
Each of the three Wairarapa District Councils

#### Included in this submission

- Air BnB whole house properties need to contribute
- Better investment in events
- Ineligible Freedom Campers
- Destination Wairarapa Funding
- Reiterating our position on the regional cycling strategy
- Support of Wairarapa Cycling Stakeholders submission to LTP
- Congratulations on helping establish the dark skies endorsement

### **Air BnB properties need to contribute**

Destination Wairarapa actively encourages its accommodation members to have their property listed on the Air BnB distribution platform. It's one of the largest and more popular booking engines in the world and clearly a distribution system to be involved with.

There are several ways that accommodation providers contribute to the cost of promotion and hosting visitors in the Wairarapa. Some contribute through their commercial rates as a tourism business. Some pay membership of Destination Wairarapa. Some do both.

Destination Wairarapa wants members who are engaged in the Wairarapa tourism industry. We do not want businesses to be compelled to be a member of their Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO). In January this year, Destination Wairarapa declined membership for an Air BnB operator who didn't want industry engagement but just further distribution.

However if whole of house accommodation providers are going to benefit from Air BnB, Destination Wairarapa wants these businesses to be contributing to the cost of tourism marketing through their commercial rates and/or membership of the RTO.

Visitors using Air BnB properties are not coming to the Wairarapa because of Air BnB. They are coming to the Wairarapa because of an attraction, event or activity they have chosen to attend. There is a cost to the Wairarapa Councils, RTO and tourism operators in promoting these attractions, events and activities, even if the event is a family wedding. Destination Wairarapa does not believe it is right that Air BnB properties should benefit from these visitors without contributing through rates and/or their RTO membership.

Some Air BnB properties are simply offering a spare room in their house for visitors and this smaller scale operation probably should not be considered as a commercial entity. These single room providers are providing an experience to share the family home and environment with New Zealanders. Providing an experience with real New Zealanders would need to be the measure of exemption so as to dissuade whole of house operators simply offering the whole house one room at a time.

The Air BnB properties are not necessarily subject to fire regulations, H&S compliance, building warrants of fitness or tax.

***Air BnB report the size of the market in December 2017***  
***Whole of house Air BnB listings - Wairarapa***

- 218 whole of house listings
  - 143 in South Wairarapa
  - 42 in Masterton
  - 33 in Carterton
- 208 of these listings were booked
  - 136 in South Wairarapa
  - 40 in Masterton
  - 32 in Carterton
- 5,829 Air BnB room nights
  - 4,275 in South Wairarapa
  - 983 in Masterton
  - 571 in Carterton; **compared with**
- 895 hotel room nights
  - 425 in South Wairarapa
  - 274 in Masterton
  - 195 in Carterton

*This is only the whole of house properties and does not include those properties which let just one room shared or privately within a house which amount to a further 112 rooms across the Wairarapa.*

Destination Wairarapa has 117 accommodation members of its 280 members.

- 73 in South Wairarapa
- 28 in Masterton
- 9 in Carterton
- 7 out of region

Destination Wairarapa's membership includes some accommodation providers which while encouraged to be on Air BnB, have chosen not to for various reasons of size, suitability and administration. But from comparing the Destination Wairarapa accommodation membership and the Air BnB report we can see at least 101 properties which are benefiting from tourism promotion and investment without contributing through commercial rates and/or membership of their RTO.

These are all whole houses placed on the tourism accommodation availability listing with Air BnB. These are all whole houses which are not available for the residential rental market. With the choice of having the property commercially rated or returning the property to the residential rental pool, the decision of owners might help improve any shortfall of available properties in the rental market.

***Given the significant investment Council makes in tourism, Destination Wairarapa would encourage Council to consider:***

- ***Applying a commercial rate to whole of house Air BnB properties which are not currently paying a commercial rate or participating in their industry through membership of their RTO***

### **Better investment in events**

Events require significant financial investment to grow and maximize the benefit for the region. The Wairarapa has lost two significant events in recent years and there is risk for the region to lose others. Brew Day left Martinborough for Upper Hutt and the New Zealand Cycle Classic was given the funding it needed to operate and grow in Waikato.

Brew Day has grown with commercial investment and is now a significant event on the Hutt Valley calendar. When it was in South Wairarapa, it was an event that brought visitors into Martinborough at least for the day.

The New Zealand Cycle Classic contributed in excess of 1,000 international guest nights for the Wairarapa; more than any other event in the region. Not to mention the significant international media interest in the event. This event will move to the top tier of world cycling with the very significant commercial investment it has received.

Council support for events is excellent but they lack capacity to invest in the way other larger councils can. We believe that Wairarapa's Councils should change the way they invest. Commercial sponsorship exists and Council could engage a professional to seek the investment needed to take Wairarapa's events to the next level.

- Commercial investment in significant individual events
- Commercial investment in the entire calendar of significant events

New Zealand's major events engage these professionals. Can we please think big and turn the three District Councils' investment of tens of thousands in Wairarapa events into the millions required to grow these events to be the best events in New Zealand.

***Given the limited capacity Council has for investment in events, Destination Wairarapa would encourage the three District Councils to consider:***

- ***Engaging a professional to find the commercial sponsorship necessary to take the region's top events to the next level and be among the country's top events***

## Ineligible Freedom Campers

Some vehicles are perfectly set up for freedom camping. They have toilets and potable water on board to enable them to camp where allowed without adverse effect on the environment and others trying to use the space.

However there are other vehicles which do not have toilets or sufficient water on board to meet the requirements of freedom camping. These vehicles are not eligible under the law to freedom camp.

Queenstown has undertaken significant work in the development of by-laws to counter the growing problems of ineligible freedom campers. They have seen obvious misuse of parking areas from campers using public spaces as toilets and general untidiness with laundry and other camping necessities.

While the Wairarapa isn't currently seeing the scale of obvious misuse of Queenstown, the Wairarapa should not wait for the problem to get to that scale. No matter what the volume of vehicles freedom camping, eligible or not, we do not find it acceptable that anyone uses our public spaces as a toilet. Management must be put in place to ensure that freedom camping vehicles are equipped and eligible to stay overnight outside of campgrounds in the Wairarapa.

The Wairarapa also has other difficulties to overcome which Queenstown Lakes District did not. The land area which Queenstown Lakes District needs to deal with (8,705km<sup>2</sup>) is remarkably similar to that of the Wairarapa (8,423km<sup>2</sup>). However, access into the depths of Queenstown is restricted by the lack of roads around lakes and into the mountains. Queenstown is limited to the line of State Highway 6 and 8 and the immediate areas around established towns.

Wairarapa on the other hand has access roads running from SH2 to the coast and mountains for the entire length of the region. This does spread the load but it also opens the region up to soft spots which aren't monitored and therefore open to misuse.

Communication within the freedom camping community is very effective. Freedom campers talk to each other physically and through social media. If a weak spot is found in an area for non-equipped vehicles to camp at, the word spreads quickly. Wairarapa needs controls in place to ensure all coastal areas are rotated through a monitoring regime to limit the potential for misuse and promotion through communication networks.

The Martinborough library free wireless internet is a perfect example of opportunistic campers spreading the word that they should park behind the retail area and benefit from the free internet. The library has moved to turn the internet off at night to move the campers on.

***The three Wairarapa District Councils, separately and severally have the opportunity to control ineligible freedom camping before it becomes a problem in the Wairarapa. Destination Wairarapa would encourage Council to consider:***

- ***Implementing a plan of monitoring and enforcement of freedom camping in the Wairarapa***

## **Destination Wairarapa Funding**

Destination Wairarapa serves its members by promoting and marketing the region domestically and internationally in a way that supports the marketing and promotional efforts of its members. Destination Wairarapa essentially provides services and performs functions which no other organisation does for the Wairarapa.

New Zealand's tourism industry is ranked as the most important export industry in the country ahead of dairy. While the Wairarapa doesn't hold a gateway status in the industry, it does contribute to the tourists' broader experience of New Zealand and is therefore a valuable contributor to the industry.

Tourism in the Wairarapa generated an estimated \$179.96 million YE December 2017 or \$493,000 per day. (Ministry Business, Innovation & Employment)

Destination Wairarapa acknowledges the financial contribution received from Council. It is this financial support which allows Destination Wairarapa to provide its services and marketing functions for the benefit of the district, region and country.

The growth of visitor numbers into the Wairarapa through product development marketing for international, domestic, groups, events, business events, media and the provision of i-SITE Visitor Centres is the core function of Destination Wairarapa. We would like to encourage the continued financial support Council provides to Destination Wairarapa.

More and more the work of the 30 Regional Tourism Organisations is heading towards including Destination Management in their core functions. Destination Wairarapa has been active in this space for some time with engagement with trains and airlines, amendments to signage and roads, disaster engagement and generally shaping the future direction of tourism for the Wairarapa.

Destination Wairarapa and the tourism industry acknowledges the significant contribution the three District Councils make to enable Destination Wairarapa to undertake its work.

***In finalising the Annual Plan, Destination Wairarapa asks that:***

- ***continued funding of Destination Wairarapa please be included to ensure the ongoing promotion of Wairarapa and ultimately maximise the economic benefits of tourism***
- ***closer engagement with Destination Wairarapa from Council departments to ensure tourism is considered in works and decisions***

## Reiterating Destination Wairarapa's position on the Masterton District Council's Draft Cycling Strategy and Draft Rural Trails Network Plan

In not having heard anything further about the consultation process, Destination Wairarapa would like to reiterate its position on the various trails included in the strategy.

The strong position the Wairarapa finds itself in with cycling as an attractor of visitors cannot be taken for granted. Investment and further development must be committed to event and tourism cycling infrastructure.

Destination Wairarapa appreciates that Masterton District Council needs to develop cycle trails and routes for its residents. However, by building the same paths and routes with tourism in mind, you will find that residents are also catered for.

### Cycling Strategy 2017

Destination Wairarapa supports the cycling strategy but:

***Would like to see more recognition of the major events road cycling is bringing to the region.***

- NZ Cycle Classic – UCI endorsed event, 1,000+ guest nights each year
- NZ Age Group Championships – Cycle NZ event, 2,000+ guest nights
- North Island Club Series – 500+ guest nights

**Would like to see the strategy include something as simple as 'when doing road work on defined race routes, a surface conducive to road cycle racing will be applied'.**

The Wairarapa is currently the preferred environment to host these major events until (*somewhat ironic in hindsight*) another region decides they want to capitalize on the benefits these events bring by applying investment. The Wairarapa councils need to recognise the significant international exposure these events provide for the region. The Wairarapa councils need to recognise the significant economic return these events provide for the region.

### Rural Trails Network

**Destination Wairarapa's submission in summary:**

- **Lansdowne Mountain Bike Park** – supports as a locals facility
- **Waipoua to Pukaha Network**
  - Stage 1 – Waipoua River Loop – does not support this
  - Stage 2 – to Opaki Vineyard – does not support this route but offers an alternative
  - Stage 3 – Opaki to Pukaha – fully supports this
  - Stage 4 – Heartland Ride – supports this with caution
- **Three Rivers Loop** – does not support this
- **Mount Holdsworth MTB** – supports this with an extension to Rivenrock
- **Rivenrock** – supports this and would encourage Councils to get behind the development
- **Summit to Bucks Reserve** – supports this but would encourage a big vision for this destination trail

- **Additionally**
  - Connecting Masterton with Carterton via a bridge across the Waingawa River at Upper Waingawa Road and in line with the 5 Towns Trails plans
  - Improved trails connecting Martinborough vineyards

#### **Lansdowne Mountain Bike Park**

Destination Wairarapa supports this as a facility for locals.

#### **Waipoua to Pukaha Network**

##### **Stage 1 – Waipoua River Loop**

**Destination Wairarapa has major reservations around this stage in the four stage network.**

This river loop does not have a destination which is an important thing to achieve as a touring cyclist and as an encouragement for families to get on their bikes.

This trail would be much better to be extended as a route to:

- the Masterton Railway Station
- a more clearly defined connection to Henley Lake

Money on an expensive river crossing which has no destination would be better spent on other cycling infrastructure.

##### **Stage 2 – Waipoua River to Opaki Vineyard**

Destination Wairarapa supports this stage.

**Destination Wairarapa has major reservations around this stage but offers an alternative.**

While a trail to Opaki would be an outstanding enhancement to the current cycling tourism product through the vineyards, orchard and grove, the opportunity is there for this trail to also serve commuters.

By connecting the Lansdowne Trails with a trail straight down State Highway 2 would have more benefits to commuters than a scenic journey through farmland. A trail straight down SH2 on the road reserve would connect with Willow Park Drive which already has a walking/cycling path from the highway to Rathkeale College. A trail straight down SH2 would be more successful in getting residents on the highway and side streets to use the trail as a commuter route.

##### **Stage 3 – Opaki to Pukaha Mount Bruce Wildlife Centre**

Destination Wairarapa fully supports this stage.

##### **Stage 4 – NZCT Nga Haerenga Heartland Ride**

Destination Wairarapa supports this stage.

However some care needs to be taken with the how NZCT develops the new Manawatu Gorge route.

Taking the trail to Eketahuna in the first instance would be an excellent development. But the extension to Pahiatua needs to be sure of a route to Palmerston North before proceeding.

### **Three Rivers Loop**

**Destination Wairarapa has major reservations around this stage**

This loop will provide no economic benefit from tourism. The loop has no destination and with no opportunity to spend along the way.

With the other routes proposed in the network which will provide destinations, community engagement and opportunities to spend, this loop would not be money well spent.

### **Mount Holdsworth Mountain Bike Park**

Destination Wairarapa supports this park provided that a roadside extension is added to connect the park with Rivenrock.

### **Rivenrock**

Destination Wairarapa fully supports Rivenrock and would encourage councils to get behind this facility with road access and administrative support.

This MTB has a big vision of being the best of its type in New Zealand. They have plans and the means to bring major events to the region.

### **Rimutaka Summit to Bucks Reserve**

Destination Wairarapa supports this trail but believes the project needs a big audacious vision. Perhaps to be 'the fastest downhill ride in New Zealand'. This is going to be a difficult ride no matter how it's framed and it needs to be targeted at and cater for a particular market.

This ride could become a destination, a reason to travel.

This ride could bring about other tourism services such as a shuttle service back to the top of the hill for a second run or at least to get back to your car.

### **Additionally**

***Destination Wairarapa fully supports the concept of the Wairarapa 5 Towns project to connect the RCT with Carterton and Masterton.***

A bridge across the Waingawa River at Upper Waingawa Road and entering Masterton via Upper Plain Road would be money better spent than on a bridge connecting a loop track in Masterton. This would be a most excellent opportunity for Councils to develop a trail which would be destinational and provide economic returns for Masterton and Carterton. The bridge and trail would open up access to Mount Holdsworth and Kaituna for cyclists without having to negotiate SH2.

***Destination Wairarapa fully supports cycling as a major tourist attraction in and around Martinborough.***

An off-road trail looping around the Martinborough vineyards would be appealing for cyclists and motorists. A wide, two way, lime trail would take cyclists off the road and assist with safe navigation between vineyards.

**Support of:****Wairarapa Cycling Stakeholders Group**

Destination Wairarapa supports the Wairarapa Cycling Stakeholders Group pre-submission to the Long-Term Plans. Specifically we support:

- employment of a cycling co-ordinator for the whole of the Wairarapa
- signage for safe cycling routes
- the 5TTT vision of becoming a grade 1 trail ride and therefore the need for Underhill Road in Featherston and Greytown to have the speed reduced to 80km or lower per hour

## Freedom Camping in the Wairarapa

Rodney & Jelena Algie  
Mawley Holiday Park Managers

We have just read an article written by English tourists (published by the NZ Herald) complaining about there are not enough "Free" places to stay.

We think this high lights the main problem with Freedom Camping. It is encouraging Tourists to come to N Z who cannot afford to be here. We need to be looking at "Quality Tourism" not "Quantity Tourism"

As managers of a Holiday Park, we see the impact of Freedom Camping first hand.

A lot of the young Tourists don't have sufficient funds. As a result:

- They steal from their fellow travellers (phones, food etc)
- They steal our equipment (plates, cultery etc)
- They camp in unsafe areas

The Wairarapa doesn't have the problems other areas have yet. But our councils need to reconise the negative impact of Freedom Camping on our environment, economy and the social impact. Because of the negative issues (e.g turning our beautiful country into a giant latrine) the locals are becoming more hostile to Freedom Campers. We are losing our "friendly place to visit" status.

Our councils need to work together to supply workable solutions to this problem. The present systems are not working.

We have been around the world 7 times. We have visited the beautiful woodland areas of the UK and Europe. We have never seen the tourists use those areas as a latrine. Why are we allowing it to happen in NZ!!

Kindest Regards

Rodney & Jelena



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17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Mr. David Hancock  
General Manager  
Destination Wairarapa  
7 - 13 Church Street  
Masterton

Dear David

Thank you for all your work recently on the freedom camping issue that not only faces Wairarapa but also many other areas in regional NZ.

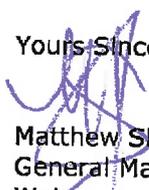
While Tauherenikau offers only pop up parking only for self- contained Motorhomes and Caravans we are very supportive of ensuring that Freedom Camping is well controlled in the Wairarapa.

We want to encourage as many campers into our region as possible but we need to be mindful that these tourists are using resources supplied and remain within any bylaws that local councils and accommodation providers have.

We welcome visitors at Tauherenikau with open arms as you know but like any business we ensure that those staying with us follow our rules and regulations and keep our beautiful race course clean and tidy for others to enjoy.

It's important that our region joins together and promotes Wairarapa as the welcoming and peaceful area it is and we wish yourselves and the steering committee all the very best in working towards a freedom camping solution for both the providers and the travelers

Yours Sincerely

  
Matthew Sherry  
General Manager  
Wairarapa Racing Club  
Tauherenikau Events Centre  
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## Featherston Motels and Camping

4 Fitzherbert Street Featherston 5710

To SWDC CDC and MDC

We totally support Destination Wairarapa regarding Freedom camping.

We would like to see council implement a plan of monitoring and enforcement of freedom camping in the Wairarapa.

We charge a fee for campers to camp with us, some do not wish to pay but leave their rubbish and plug into our power if not monitored.

We also have people from other countries that are happy to put money into the community to see the Wairarapa that stay with us.

The people who come from other countries and our own who sleep in their vehicles which are not set up for freedom camping are the ones who are an issue because they are running on a very low budget so are not bringing anything to the community and want to use everything without paying.

Let's encourage people to visit the Wairarapa and enjoy all it has to offer by monitoring the ones that are misusing camping sites and getting them to clean up or move on.

Marie and Robert King



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05 April 2018

## Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council on the Ten Year Long Term Plan

### Introduction

1. This submission is from Regional Tourism New Zealand (RTNZ), located in Wellington. If you wish to contact us regarding this submission, in the first instance, please telephone Charlie Ives, Executive officer on 04 496 5396, or 027 230 2293. Or e-mail at [charlie@rtonz.org.nz](mailto:charlie@rtonz.org.nz)

### Tourism and regional economic development

2. **Tourism is an intrinsic part of regional economic development.** Tourism is New Zealand's largest export industry and significant contributor to the New Zealand economy. It is a \$99 million per day industry, delivering \$40 million in foreign exchange and another \$59 million from domestic visitor spending every day.
3. **Tourism brings new money to regional and local economies.** Visitor spend contributes towards generating economic growth which binds and maintains community vibrancy and well-being. The visitor market underpins the business case for many recreational, sports and cultural facilities and events that require a mix of community and visitor use to be viable.
4. **The economic value and benefit of tourism is felt much wider than direct tourism businesses.** Tourism injected \$69M into the South Wairarapa economy (YE January 2018) with 55% of visitor expenditure in retail, hospitality and other services, 45% in accommodation, activities and attractions, air and land transport and GST.
5. **Events bring communities together, attracting visitors and stimulating economic activity, and** South Wairarapa needs to continue sufficiently investing in major events if it is to be competitive with other regions and to realise the economic and social benefit they bring.

6. **Visitor expenditure supports wider community and business goals.** Tourism engenders a sense of pride and vibrancy in place and is often referred to as the “shop window” for economic development. The qualities that attract visitors to a place are also those that attract people to return and live, to work, to do business and to build new businesses in New Zealand’s regions, cities and districts.
7. **The Visitor Industry provides significant economic returns and employment across all levels of the job spectrum.** Tourism is heavily service driven and relatively labour intensive. It therefore provides comparatively higher numbers of FTE jobs compared with other important industries. The industry *directly* provides jobs at a wide range of skill levels from relatively low-skilled jobs through to higher skilled management roles. Furthermore, many of these jobs can be part time, supporting parents who wish to minimise reliance on child care and people who want to study part time.
8. **Destination planning, development and management** is a critical facet of growing tourism in South Wairarapa. Expectations of a well maintained and vibrant place is high, and plays an important part in attracting new visitors, and bringing return business to the region. We would therefore urge council to ensure there is long term projections on how to manage tourism growth and foster community support for the industry.
9. **The Visitor Industry provides exposure to other New Zealand products and services.** Not only do visitors purchase NZ produced food, their exposure to a positive NZ experience increases their propensity to purchase NZ products when they return to their home countries. Rural tourism is also growing worldwide, creating opportunities such as farm hosting, special interest agricultural tours, farm-gate sales and local farmers’ markets.

#### **Local Government & Regional Tourism Partnerships**

10. **Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) are acknowledged and respected as the key regional agencies.** RTOs are responsible for fostering and promoting sustainable regional tourism development, and while there are variations in RTO scale and structure, nearly all RTOs are defined by the following common key goal:

***To grow domestic and international visitor expenditure in the region, which supports the economic sustainability of communities***

11. **The role of Regional Tourism Organisations.** There are currently 30 Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs), spread throughout New Zealand. Each organisation is structured differently, reflective of their own community’s view of tourism, its promotion and on-going development.

Business and Major Events are an integral part of many RTOs visitor marketing strategies as they deliver significant economic benefit to a region. Events generate a strong visitor yield, given the high daily expenditure of participants.

Beyond the tourism benefits, business events have wide and enduring benefits associated with business relationships, knowledge transfer, employment and industry development. Business events help industry deliver their goals; acting as levers to launch new ideas, identify trends, spread news of research breakthroughs, and equipping people to meet the challenges of change.

**RTNZ would therefore recommend that:**

1. The South Wairarapa District Council maintains tourism funding at current levels as a minimum, or preferably increases resourcing in line with their aspirational marketing strategies.

**Yours sincerely**

PP  


**Charlie Ives**  
**Executive Officer**

**About Regional Tourism New Zealand**

Regional Tourism New Zealand (RTNZ) is the name for the incorporated trust of 30 existing Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs).

It was established as a Charitable Trust in 2005, with the objects being to represent the interests of the collective RTO sector in New Zealand.

As the peak body for RTO's RTNZ aims to encourage better coordination amongst RTO's as well as ensuring collective RTO's are engaged and consulted with on issues critical to the development of the regional tourism sector in New Zealand.

The activities RTNZ engages in include:

- **Developing RTNZ submissions on issues and draft plans that impact the collective**
- **Providing advice and assistance to members**
- **Developing and maintaining ongoing relationships with stakeholder agencies**
- **Negotiation and execution of project based funding contracts**
- **Managing and implementation of projects on behalf of RTNZ**
- **Coordination of media enquiries**
- **Advocacy of the RTO sector and the important role it plays in the New Zealand tourism landscape**

## CORNWALL PARK MOTEL

119 Cornwall Street

Masterton

13th April 2018

As a Motel Business owner, I totally agree & support Destination Wairarapa's submission put forward to all District Councils as per below.

[Destination Wairarapa, through the Long Term Plan (LTP) process is **asking the three district councils to level the commercial accommodation playing field by charging whole of house properties listing on Air B&B and other online booking platforms a commercial rate with dispensation for those who are contributors to the tourism industry through membership of their RTO.**]

Kind Regards

Pauline Dickson

027 891202

## Featherston Motels and Camping

4 Fitzherbert Street Featherston

12/04/2018

To the three Wairarapa District Councils

I have seen a few properties in and surrounding Featherston advertising on Booking.com and AirBNB recently.

These properties should be contacted by council as to whether they need to be paying commercial rates and pan tax if extra toilets have been installed for financial gain.

Some properties have obviously put cabins/cottages on their property for commercial accommodation or are using their house as such.

We respect there is a need for accommodation and would just like it to be a level playing field for those commercial operations who are paying commercial rates pan tax etc in their running costs already.

Are council monitoring when extra water is used?

Extra showers toilets installed?

New buildings?

Extensions?

Extra road traffic parking?

Number of people frequenting the property?

Are these people contributing to the tourism industry?

Marie and Robert King

## --Submitter Details--

Name: Guy Didsbury

## --Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Rural

Organisation: Pirinoa Station

Do you want to speak to your submission? No

Speaking preference:

## --Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document? Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support? 3% (inflation only)

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on?

## --Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: You should have the skills to deal with challenges as they come up.

Planning for anything is sometimes out dated as soon as the plan is filed. Think on your feet and deal with whats in front of you in a responsible way.

## --Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Not your job

## --Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below: We don't need promotions and logos, that's just marketing speak. A

lot of marketing can be done cleverly for no cost. If you do the

councils job of providing roads, rubbish facilities etc, ie the

basics, the promotion of our amazing area will take care of

itself.

## --Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: You should be providing enough of these services as is needed anyway.

Not sure if there is any other option.

--Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Stick to the basics - maybe some funding on a case by case basis. Our sports facilities in Pirinoa have no council input, yet are run reasonably successfully. Why should we pay for someone elses wish list when we have and do work hard to maintain our own facilities?

--Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

No

b. Do you support provision of 240 litre wheelie bins for recycling? No

c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year? No

d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station? No

These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below: Again stick to the basics. I understand there is a recycling sorting something in Masterton??? Do what has to be done as efficiently as possible. Leave the value adding to private business.

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district? Leave that to the Regional council. They are struggling with it as it is. Im not sure another outfit should be going anywhere near there. Building dams etc is very expensive compared to bores generally. Don't spend money so it seems like you are behaving politically correctly. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14? An 11% increase in rates in two years is disgraceful. Not many businesses could stand that sort of cost increase and get away with it. A lot of these proposed costs sound a bit airy fairy to me.

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below:

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<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/1029/submission/1026>

## --Submitter Details--

Name: Jim Hedley

## --Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Rural

Organisation:

Do you want to speak to your submission? Yes

Speaking preference: May 15th

## --Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document?

If not what general rates increase do you support?

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on?

## --Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option:

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

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These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option:

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below: Many of councils functions benefit the people of the district not the land. So to fund the public good portions of those functions council should use the full 30% of UAC or UAGC allowed excluding water sewerage and rubbish collection. UAC or UAGC are the best tool council have available to them to in order that a ratepayer pays for the benefit they receive. It's not for the rural area to fund an unfair share of those functions for the benefit they receive.

Those functions that are not already covered by a UAC or a UAGC that should be are governance- leadership- advocacy, public protection, community development, libraries. If filled the 30% then a differential should be used between urban and rural based on what it would be using a UAC or a UAGC or use of population split.

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<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/1029/submission/1027>



## **Submission by the Wairarapa Youth Education Training and Employment Network South Wairarapa District Council – Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2018-2028**

### **1. Introduction**

The following is a submission from the Wairarapa Youth Education Training and Employment Network (YETE) to the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) regarding the Long Term Plan Consultation Document for 2018-2028.

### **2. Background**

The Youth Education and Employment (YETE) Network is a community-led, inter-sectorial partnership which was formed in 2015 to strategically align resources and efforts in the whole of the Wairarapa to support our young people to reach their vocational and/or educational potential by developing appropriate pathways that allow them to transition from school through tertiary education to employment.

YETE's purpose is to:

- ensure a wide range of locally led community groups/sectors work together in a connected and collaborative manner for the first time;
- improve community, business and educational outcomes by bringing together a range of agencies, Non Government Organisations, educational organisations, local bodies and employers with the common goal of providing relevant, purposeful and coherent pathways from education to employment;
- strengthen and grow the provision and range of career services and information that is localised to the Wairarapa;
- facilitate the free flow of information between employers and young job seekers in the Wairarapa;
- collaborate and strengthen education and training pathways for youth “at-risk” of not going into further education, training or employment;
- grow and build employer partnerships with schools and tertiary institutions to promote and establish more relevant learning pathways;
- ensure schools are well informed regarding local employment needs and opportunities;
- ensure employers have a better understanding of “millennials”, their characteristics and how best to work with them; and
- strengthen understanding of cross-cultural competencies and how these relate and could benefit the work place.

Outcomes sought through the YETE initiative include:

- improved economic growth and development;
- improved life outcomes for young people – lives filled with meaning, purpose and achievement;
- a stronger, more productive, more positive and more vibrant community;
- a happier, healthier and more socially integrated community; and
- less time and effort spent on restorative activities.

YETE is funded through a range of sources including grants from the three Wairarapa Councils. For the 2017/18 year the SWDC provided a \$5000 grant to support YETE activities.

### **3. Submission on the SWDC Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

The LTP is supported by the five community outcomes of:

- Healthy and economically secure people
- Educated and knowledgeable people
- Vibrant and strong communities
- Sustainable South Wairarapa
- A place that is accessible and easy to get around

The Consultation Document also identifies a recurring theme from meetings with residents about the need for more work to be done in the district for youth training and development.

The Council has identified that it sees its role as more of facilitation rather than providing these for our youth. The Council already provides grants to the community throughout the year (currently \$157,000 per annum), and is proposing to set aside an annual amount of \$75,000 per annum specifically to support youth training, development and recreational activities.

These grants would be targeted at benefiting as many of our younger residents as possible rather than grants to individuals, to enable the Council to get the best reach possible with its' grant spend.

YETE fully supports this proposal and is encouraged that the Council is willing to invest in the future of its younger residents.

As such YETE requests that the SWDC consider increasing its support to the YETE initiative to \$10,000 per annum. This level of support is consistent with the other Councils in the Wairarapa and will enable to initiative to extend the level of engagement it currently has in the South Wairarapa.

Should it be required, we are happy to provide further information about the level of activity that we have undertaken in South Wairarapa throughout the last year, along with detail about the impact an increased grant from SWDC would be likely to achieve.

A separate grant application form has been completed accordingly.

Tracey Shepherd  
On behalf of the YETE Partnership.

21 April 2018

# South Wairarapa District Council

## 2018/28 Long Term Plan

### Grant Application Form

Email to: [ltf@swdc.govt.nz](mailto:ltf@swdc.govt.nz) before 4 pm, 23 April 2018

#### 1. ORGANISATION DETAILS

<b>Name of organisation:</b>	Wairarapa REAP on behalf of the Youth Education Training and Employment Partnership (YETE)
<b>Physical address:</b>	340 Queen Street
	Masterton

<b>Postal address:</b>	PO Box 442
	Masterton 5840

<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>Phone No (Day):</b>
Tracey Shepherd	0274400114
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Mobile No:</b>
<a href="mailto:tracey.shepherd@waireap.org.nz">tracey.shepherd@waireap.org.nz</a>	0274400114
	<b>Phone No (After hours):</b>
	as above

**When was the organisation formed and what are its aims and objectives?**

YETE is a community-led, inter-sectorial partnership which was formed in 2015 to strategically align resources and efforts in the whole of the Wairarapa to support our young people to reach their vocational and/or educational potential by developing appropriate pathways that allow them to transition from school through tertiary education to employment.

<b>Total number of members in your organisation?</b>	NA
<b>How many full-time equivalent people work in your organisation?</b>	1.4 FTEs currently work for YETE
<b>How many volunteers work in your organisation?</b>	Members of the YETE Action Group are all volunteers
<b>Date of last AGM?</b>	NA
<b>Are you GST registered? Y/N</b>	<b>GST No:</b> 021-091-065

<b>Officers of organisation</b>	
<b>Chair:</b> YETE Chairperson - Tom Hullena	<b>Phone No:</b>
<b>Secretary:</b> NA	<b>Phone No:</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b> All funding is managed by Wairarapa REAP	<b>Phone No:</b>

## 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Specific reason for grant application (e.g. upgrade to facilities/purchase of equipment/one-off event):**

To support the ongoing activities of the YETE Partnership in South Wairarapa as per the submission to the Long Term Plan

**Where and when will the activity/event take place or what is the anticipated completion date of the project (please note funds cannot be allocated retrospectively)?**

This is an ongoing project.

**Why should South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) support this project/event?**

The activities undertaken by YETE are consistent with the proposal in the LTP about the need for more work to be done in the district for youth training and development. YETE is able to leverage the many relationships with community organisations, businesses and schools in the region that it has already established to ensure that youth training and development initiatives continue to be made available to young people in South Wairarapa

<p><b>Who will benefit from these funds and in what way?</b></p> <p>Young people living in South Wairarapa and who are either in years 11-13 at school or who have already left school and are not currently in education, employment or training (NEETS)</p>
<p><b>Would you like to speak in support of your application at a meeting of the South Wairarapa District Council? Yes/No</b></p> <p><i>Submission hearings will be held on 14 &amp; 15 May 2018 at the Council Chambers, Martinborough</i></p>

### 3. FINANCIALS

Funding requirements	
Total cost of project	\$ 151,458
Your organisation's contribution	\$ 45,458
Other outside funding (please supply brief details)	\$ 43,000 - Lotteries 30,000 - MDC 10,000 - CDC
Amount applied for in this application	\$ 10,000
Shortfall (please provide brief details of how will balance be found)	\$ 13,000 - funding applications will be made to community organisations and other philanthropic entities
Project income (if applicable), e.g. generated from sales to public	\$ NA
Is organisation a registered charity?	Yes/No Wairarapa REAP is registered as a charity and acts as the fund holder for YETE
Have you applied to SWDC for funding before?	Yes/No Yes
If yes, when, for what purpose and how much was granted?	Ongoing funding support - \$5,000 granted in 2017/18 year.

Bank account details	
Name of bank:	Westpac
Account name:	Wairarapa REAP
Account No:	030687 0314400 00

#### 4. Declarations

We agree to comply with requests from an officer or councillor from SWDC for additional information in relation to this application.

##### Statement to comply with the Provisions of the Privacy Act 1993

The personal information above is collected and will be held by SWDC for the purpose of considering your application for financial assistance. You have the right of access to, and correction of, personal information about you, that we hold.

##### Authorisation

- I certify that the information provided in this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I have the authority to make the application on behalf of the organisation.
- I agree that the necessary documentation listed below is attached to this application.
- I confirm that we will complete and return a grant accountability form within two months of the project being completed.
- The organisation will keep receipts and a record of all expenditure for 7 years.
- Any unspent funds will be returned to SWDC.
- All expenditure will be accounted for in the Grant Accountability Form.

<u>Signatory One</u>	<u>Signatory Two</u>
Signed: 	Signed:
Full name: Tracey Shepherd	Full name:
Designation: Education Manager	Designation:
Date: 23 April 2018	Date:

##### Supporting documentation required for this application

- |   |                       |
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| • Most recent annual accounts including notes and review/audit report.  | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Income and expenditure statement for part year and inaugural minutes (if organisation has been operating for less than 12 months) | <input type="radio"/> |

--Submitter Details--

Name: Ellen Blake

--Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Urban

Organisation: Ms

Do you want to speak to your submission? No

Speaking preference:

--Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document? Agree

If not what general rates increase do you support?

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on?

--Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Consistent and coherent approach to spatial management is essential.

--Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Great initiative and would like to see a focus on activities for girls recreation.

--Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option: Option One

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

--Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Recommend that alternative funding is considered for this work

Some councils are considering a tourist bed tax. SWDC should look at ways to obtain funding from visitors.

--Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

I assume there is already coordination of sporting facilities provided by SWDC. So there is best use of facilities by sports codes

Support free use of swimming pools

--Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

Yes

b. Do you support provision of 240 litre wheelie bins for recycling? No

c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year? Yes

d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station? Yes

These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

Existing recycling bins are ok

Kerbside food waste collection is good if it is composted and then sold back to residents

E-waste collection is good but should be user pays

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option One

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

Support study to reduce water use as a priority. There is a lot of garden watering that still happens. Household water tanks should be encouraged / subsidised to provide emergency and dry weather capacity.

Water pipe leaks - no information if this is an issue

Water efficient design included for building consents

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below:

Please improve footpaths to a good standard and ensure they are on both sides of all new subdivisions. Prefer asphalt as it is more flexible and not so hard - less likely to shift and become uneven.

More seats

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<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/1029/submission/1029>

## --Submitter Details--

Name: John Rhodes

## --Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Urban

Organisation: nil

Do you want to speak to your submission? No

Speaking preference:

## --Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document?

If not what general rates increase do you support?

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on? I don't wish to express an opinion about rates

## --Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Why must we have 'growth' at all? Certainly if it is to happen it should be planned for, but the first thing to get agreement on and decide is the ultimate population of the District. Once we know this, we can work backwards and plan for it. Council needs to do serious thinking! By all means make a spatial plan, but only after the intended population level is known.

## --Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

## --Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option: Option Three

Option Three: Suggested expenditure: \$10,000

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Option One is said to have five benefits, but three of them - 'clarity', 'unity' and 'confidence' - are nebulous and not worth three fifths of \$300,000. 'Growth' (the first so-called benefit) is arguably not a benefit at all but a harm. That leaves 'service' in the shape of updating the SWDC website. I support this and have been arguing for it for some time to no avail. Surely \$10,000 will do the trick?

## --Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: I support Option One with the proviso that no more money be wasted on cycle trails beside roads. The roads themselves are fine for cycling. The cycle trail beside Western Lake Road is an unmitigated disaster.

--Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below: In Greytown we already have sports coordination funded by our Trust Lands Trust.

--Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

No

b. Do you support provision of 240 litre wheelie bins for recycling? No

c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year? Yes

d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station? Yes

These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

(a) Instead, encourage residents to compost their own food waste

(b) Wheelie bins would only encourage recycling, which is the last and least effective strategy in waste minimisation. instead, promote REDUCTION and RE-USE.

(c) is definitely needed

(d) Absolutely yes!

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district? Strictly limit the growth of new subdivisions, which place increasing demand on existing water supply and other services.

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14? no

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below: see uploaded file

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<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/webform/Supplement%20to%20electronic%20submission%20on%20on%20SWDC%20Long%20Term%20Plan%202018%20-%20waste.docx>

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## **Supplement to electronic submission on SWDC Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

John Rhodes

21 April 2018

Dear SWDC

Council must show much more and much better leadership in reducing waste to landfill. The Long Term Plan must state annual goals, expressed in tonnes, for waste reduction rather than simply saying it wants an unspecified reduction. A letter from SWDC staff member Mark Allingham to me in October 2017 said that the goal is to reduce waste to landfill by a third by 2026. This is nowhere near enough.

Recycling must be seen as a last resort. The proposed recovery centre is a great step towards re-use, but reducing waste is the primary goal. It is now virtually impossible to sustain life in our District without the plastic packaging which our supermarkets use on many, many products. SWDC must work with retailers and their chains to cut off this significant component of our waste stream at source. Use Local Government NZ to achieve this nationally.

SWDC should take a lead in glass bottle re-use (not recycling) by arranging with local wine growers that they use standard bottles which can be re-used (not recycled). The idea might well catch on in other parts of NZ. A central washing plant in (say) Martinborough would process used bottles for all the wineries in the district and possibly for those in the other two Wairarapa districts also. This would reduce the 'glass mountain' and enhance our image.

Hazardous waste needs urgent attention. I have been trying for at least 18 months to find out from SWDC what I should do with a mercury-containing energy efficient lamp that no longer works. You have still not answered. Also, in December 2017 I asked what I should do with tins of paint that contain lead. Having received no answer I repeated the enquiry in March this year and still await a reply.

The specific questions in my unanswered letter were and remain:

1. *When will the waste management section of the SWDC website be updated? It still uses the 20<sup>th</sup> century terms 'rubbish' and 'refuse' rather than waste. I've been asking for this for at least two years, and despite an assurance that it will be fixed nothing has happened. It seems nobody is motivated to do it.*
2. *Until we eliminate plastic bags, they continue to be part of our District's waste stream. The Earthcare brochure on the SWDC website says that plastic film is not accepted for recycling. A while ago plastic bags could be taken to transfer stations, but I understand that this is no longer the case. Please, what is the present situation? Should we be stockpiling waste plastic film until SWDC has a new arrangement in place? And what negotiations are happening between SWDC and South Wairarapa retailers, especially supermarkets, to eliminate plastic packaging (both film and other types) at source?*
3. *For the last year I have been trying (unsuccessfully, so here's yet another attempt) to find out from SWDC what I should do with a dead mercury-containing compact fluorescent lamp which is still on my desk. It's hazardous waste, for which the only advice I can find on the SWDC website applies to commercial and industrial property owners. But householders produce hazardous waste too! As another example, the website tells me nothing about the recommended disposal method for tins of lead-based paint in my garage.*

Yours sincerely

John Rhodes

## South Wairarapa District Council

### 2018/28 Long Term Plan

### Grant Application Form

Email to: [ltip@swdc.govt.nz](mailto:ltip@swdc.govt.nz) before 4 pm, 23 April 2018

#### 1. ORGANISATION DETAILS

**Name of organisation:** *Cobblestones Museum*

**Physical address:** *169 Main St, Greytown, 5712*

**Postal address:** *169 Main St, Greytown, 5712*

**Contact Person:** *Brian Baxter*

**Phone No (Day):** *06 304 9878*

**Email:**  
*brianbaxter@xtra.co.nz*

**Mobile No:** *027 211 0359*

**Phone No (After hours):**  
*06 304 9878*

**When was the organisation formed and what are its aims and objectives?**

*Cobblestones was formed in 1969, and incorporated as a Charitable Trust in 1981.*

*The purposes are:*

- The preservation of old buildings and artifacts*
- To provide a centre for tourism, education and entertainment*

*Cobblestones has a modern exhibition hall, 6 heritage listed buildings on site, plus several other buildings and sheds.*

**Total number of members in your organisation?**

*Cobblestones does not have members as such. It is run by a board of trustees appointed by the three Wairarapa councils, Greytown Trust Lands Trust and community organisations*

**How many full-time equivalent people work in your organisation?**

*We employ a part-time cleaner and gardener. During the Summer we employ a part-time receptionist who is funded by WINZ. For the rest of the year we use volunteers to run our reception. All other museum work is also undertaken by volunteers*

<b>How many volunteers work in your organisation?</b>	<i>About 60 We have calculated that over 6,000 volunteer hours are provided at Cobblestones each year.</i>
<b>Date of last AGM?</b>	<i>10 October 2017</i>
<b>Are you GST registered? Y/N</b>	<i>Yes, GST No: 33 319 266</i>

<b>Officers of organisation</b>	
<b>Chair:</b> <i>Grey Tuck</i>	<i>Phone No: 06 304 8241</i>
<b>Secretary:</b> <i>Anne Hayden</i>	<i>Phone No: 06 562 4034</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b> <i>Anthea Nickson</i>	<i>Phone No: 0274 499 411</i>

## 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Specific reason for grant application (e.g. upgrade to facilities/purchase of equipment/one-off event):**

*To assist with the operating costs of the museum, and the maintenance and up-grade of our 6 heritage listed buildings and facilities. Should you wish the grant to be used for a specific project, we are able to accommodate that.*

*Our annual operating costs are about \$110,000 and we cover only about half of that by visitor fees and other revenue streams. Thus we rely on grants to survive.*

*We also have a separate upgrade and improvement programme. Last year we spent \$40,000 on re-re-roofing our woolshed, and this year we have spent \$53,000 on upgrading our electricity system, and \$6,000 installing lighting in the grounds.*

*In 2018/19 we plan to spend funds on further improving our electrical reticulation, developing new exhibits, upgrading our carriage shed, and repairing our church. We usually fundraise separately for major improvement projects, but our operating costs are difficult to fundraise for because many organisations will only fund projects.*

**Where and when will the activity/event take place or what is the anticipated completion date of the project (please note funds cannot be allocated retrospectively)?**

*The funding will be applied over the 2018/19 financial year at the Museum, and 2019/20 and 2020/21 if funding for 3 years is granted.*

**Why should South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) support this project/event?**

*Cobblestones is a Wairarapa museum, showcasing early Wairarapa history. We are a major tourism attraction in Wairarapa (we are rated number 1 attraction in Greytown on Trip Advisor), and host many school visits each year.*

*We also provide and host many community events in our grounds, such as the annual fete, annual open day, annual Christmas carols evening, annual jazz festival, and annual "Shakespeare in the Park" performance (which was undertaken in association with Kuranui College and the Greytown Little Theatre Company). We also host weddings, and meetings of various community groups. All these events help provide both a tourism attraction as well as entertainment and community facility for locals.*

*But without funding from Councils and other organisations we would not survive.*

*SWDC has financially supported Cobblestones since its inception.*

**Who will benefit from these funds and in what way?**

*In simple terms, the whole community benefits from having a museum such as Cobblestones. It attracts tourists, provides educational facilities, and is a place for local entertainment and functions.*

*Most of our visitors are from outside of Wairarapa, with many from overseas.*

**Would you like to speak in support of your application at a meeting of the South Wairarapa District Council? Yes**

***Submission hearings will be held on 14 & 15 May 2018 at the Council Chambers, Martinborough***

### 3. FINANCIALS

Funding requirements	
<b>Total cost of project</b>	<i>Approximately \$110,000 annual operating costs. Our major operating costs are ground lease (\$34,000), rates (\$6,000), power (\$4,000), insurance (\$5,000), wages (\$16,000), grounds and building maintenance (\$12,000), exhibition development (\$10,000), accounting fees (\$4,000).</i>
<b>Your organisation's contribution</b>	<i>\$50,000 (through gate takings, shop sales and building rental)</i>
<b>Other outside funding (please supply brief details)</b>	<i>Funding received in 2017/8 for operational costs included: \$15,000 SWDC \$2,500 Masterton District Council \$5,000 Carterton District Council \$30,000 Greytown Trust Lands Trust \$17,000 WINZ (wages subsidy)  We will be applying for similar amounts again in 2018/19.</i>

<b>Amount applied for in this application</b>	<i>\$15,000 for each of the next 3 years</i>
<b>Shortfall (please provide brief details of how will balance be found)</b>	<p><i>At the moment our shortfall for 2018/19 is about \$20,000, assuming we are successful in applying for the same level of grants as in 2017/18.</i></p> <p><i>The Greytown Trust Lands Trust grant of approximately \$30,000 is confirmed for 2018/19 (the GTLT grant is essentially to cover our ground-lease costs – part of our land is owned by GTLT and they charge us rental and give us a grant of approx. the same amount).</i></p> <p><i>We will apply for grants from the other Wairarapa Councils as well as other organisations such as South Wairarapa Rotary. And we usually receive some donations from individuals during the year.</i></p> <p><i>We have no reserves other than approximately \$20,000 in our “rainy day” fund to cover cash flow and contingencies. If we are unsuccessful in our fundraising we have to reduce our activities.</i></p>
<b>Project income (if applicable), e.g. generated from sales to public</b>	<i>We receive about \$50,000 annually from gate takings, shop sales, and building rental. And other grant funding as detailed above.</i>
<b>Is organisation a registered charity?</b>	<i>Yes, Charity No: CC35875</i>
<b>Have you applied to SWDC for funding before?</b>	<i>Yes. We have received funding from SWDC since we began.</i>
<b>If yes, when, for what purpose and how much was granted?</b>	<i>In 2017/18 we received \$15,000 from SWDC. (and also in each of the 2 previous years) The funding was to assist in our operating costs.</i>

<b>Bank account details</b>	
<b>Name of bank:</b>	<b>BNZ Carterton</b>
<b>Account name:</b>	<b>Cobblestones Trust</b>
<b>Account No:</b>	<b>02-0640-0027156-000</b>



#### 4. Declarations

We agree to comply with requests from an officer or councillor from SWDC for additional information in relation to this application.

##### Statement to comply with the Provisions of the Privacy Act 1993

The personal information above is collected and will be held by SWDC for the purpose of considering your application for financial assistance. You have the right of access to, and correction of, personal information about you, that we hold.

##### Authorisation

- I certify that the information provided in this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I have the authority to make the application on behalf of the organisation.
- I agree that the necessary documentation listed below is attached to this application.
- I confirm that we will complete and return a grant accountability form within two months of the project being completed.
- The organisation will keep receipts and a record of all expenditure for 7 years.
- Any unspent funds will be returned to SWDC.
- All expenditure will be accounted for in the Grant Accountability Form.
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<u>Signatory One</u>		<u>Signatory Two</u>	
Signed:	Brian Baxter	Signed:	Grey Tuck
Full name:	Brian Baxter	Full name:	Grey Tuck
Designation:	Museum Trust Deputy Chairperson	Designation:	Museum Trust Chairperson
Date:	17 April 2018	Date:	17 April 2018

##### Supporting documentation required for this application

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| • Most recent annual accounts including notes and review/audit report.  | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Income and expenditure statement for part year and inaugural minutes (if organisation has been operating for less than 12 months) | <input type="radio"/> |

--Submitter Details--

Name: Trish Higginson

--Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Urban

Organisation:

Do you want to speak to your submission? Yes

Speaking preference: May 15th

--Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document? Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support? Other

Other: No further rate increases until Council show frugal spending

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on? No more spending on the Waihinga Centre

--Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Neither option and no more spending until community are properly consulted

--Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

--Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below: No further projects until community are engaged

--Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Please address the footpaths in all three towns. They are a disgrace at the moment

--Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

--Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

No

b. Do you support provision of 240 litre wheelie bins for recycling? Yes

c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year? No

d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station? No

These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below: The Council should start engaging with and listening to the community without further delay.

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## Submission to South Wairarapa District Council Long Term Plan 2018/28

Volunteering Wairarapa is aiming to develop and expand its service into the South Wairarapa communities to fulfil its mission - "Making it easy for people to volunteer in the Wairarapa".

We will not be requesting a grant from SWDC this financial year as we have a grant from Nikau Foundation to cover costs of setting up in the South Wairarapa District.

### Background

Volunteering Wairarapa (VW) became an incorporated society on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, having evolved from the Wairarapa Volunteer Centre which was a service operating under the Wairarapa Community Centre Trust since 2015.

Currently, VW services 85 organisations, 200 active volunteers (we have a further 200 on our books who are not active currently due to having a committed volunteering schedule).

### Proposal for expanding our service into the South Wairarapa District

We have a satellite office in Carterton where we hold 'volunteer chats' for many South Wairarapa residents.

We are proposing to trial the Volunteering Manawatu model here in the Wairarapa. Manawatu have their main office in Palmerston North and on Fridays from 10am to 12 noon they have volunteering pop-ups in Foxton, Levin and Fielding Libraries.

A paper has been presented to the Wairarapa Library Service (WLS) for Volunteering Wairarapa to trial a pop-up service from 10am to 12noon on Fridays from mid year onwards until the end of this year in the four WLS libraries. We will do a review on its success at the end of year.

This will comprise of 1 -2 volunteers from the respective communities manning the pop-up with a banner, small table, and chairs. The benefit of having a common day and time throughout the region is that the promotion can be consistent – the radio promotion would be *"If you want to find about volunteering in the Wairarapa, call into your local library between 10am and 12noon on Fridays to chat about voluntuneeing opportunities for you"*.

VW are finding that many of our new volunteers are recently retired migrants to the Wairarapa, many reside in the South Wairarapa District, who move here to be near to their families who live in the Wellington region. They bring professional skills and experience which are needed in the 'not for profit' organisations that we are serving.

We would like to speak to this submission on 15 May.

Griff Page  
Board Member

Jill Greathead  
Regional Manager

22 April 2018

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## --Submitter Details--

Name: Jackie Buckley

## --Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Urban

Organisation: Ms.

Do you want to speak to your submission? No

Speaking preference:

## --Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document? Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support? 3% (inflation only)

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on? Water conservation, youth development, sports coordination, areas of waste - in fact the most important element of the long term plan is the spatial planning, which would clearly and factually identify priorities and needs of South Wairarapa

## --Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: In my view, this is clearly the priority and will identify the demographic needs of the community as well as infrastructure needs

## --Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below: There is no clear indication in the plan as to where and how this money will be spent. I believe the Council needs to work closer with the NGO sector and take a greater collaborative approach to this.

## --Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option: Option Three

Option Three: Suggested expenditure: Difficult to comment

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Whilst the Council's technology needs to improve, members of the community need to be educated in utilising that technology.

There is no evidence to suggest that members of the community will utilise the web site as many members of the community are not techno-savvy and tourists are more likely to utilise the

I-site website. Once again, perhaps more research needs to be undertaken in this area before committing to increases for rate payers.

--Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Until a spatial plan has been developed, I would like to see this matter on hold. Already, there are a number of facilities for visitors to the area. I'm not sure how the community/rate payers will benefit from providing more facilities. As it is, tourism is increasing prices through the area to the point the many members of the community can no longer enjoy eating out in restaurants or enjoying a drink in one of the local bars. Business owners are undoubtedly benefiting from increased tourism, however, the average rate payer don't appear to be

--Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Once again, I believe more collaborative discussions need to be had before decisions of this nature are made, and a spatial plan may well throw up priorities

--Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

No

b. Do you support provision of 240 litre wheelie bins for recycling?

c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year?

d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station?

These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below: Get the plan completed first. My view is that most people utilise their food waste for compost or feeding livestock; I don't see visitors using food waste bins. Wheelie bins would be nice to have (especially on windy days) however, the real problem seems to be the waste bags that are left by weekend visitors, and which get torn open by various animals and scavenged by rats. In my view recycling is the main priority.

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

--Grants--

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--Other Feedback--

Please provide any other comments below: I believe the key element of this consultation document is the spatial planning which will reveal evidence-based data in terms of priorities for the area. My biggest concern is the increase in rates over the next two years and would like to see a more even distribution over the next 10 years - the planning process should be able to identify key priorities. As a ratepayer who has moved from the city for a more balanced lifestyle, I find that the cost of living in Martinborough is increasing excessively, and a significant hike in rates will only serve to diminish opportunities for members of the community, like me. Already restaurant and bar prices preclude the average ratepayer from enjoying what South Wairarapa has to offer, and would seem to benefit only tourist and business owners.

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## --Submitter Details--

Name: Emma Cameron

## --Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Rural

Organisation:

Do you want to speak to your submission? No

Speaking preference:

## --Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document? Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support? 5%

Other:

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on?

## --Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Mixed views, not convinced that this is the best tool.

## --Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Very important

## --Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Unnecessary, it sells itself. We need to slow the growth as farming land is disappearing and the ability to feed ourselves too.

## --Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below: MOST DEFINATELY OVERDUE

## --Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

If you have any views on this project please comment below: Not a council role

--Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

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No

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c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year? Yes

d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station? Yes

These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below: No need for a food waste collection as long as subdivisions have yards for compost

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district? Planting for clean water, restore wetlands to ensure good filtering systems in place ensures cleaner water

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

--Grants--

If you are applying for a grant please complete the grant application form and attach:

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This submission is made by:

Daryl Sykes

**Key Points of Submission:**

I am a long-term property-owner resident and ratepayer. I have been active in Ngawi/Cape Palliser community affairs since 1972 and for the past twelve years have been a members of the Ngawi Ratepayers Association. I am actively involved in the Wairarapa Fishing industry and am a patron of the Cape Palliser Marine Radio Association.

**Rates Affordability** - I support inflation adjusted rating only and propose that the SWDC consolidate a number of proposed work streams to ensure more efficient and affordable service purchase and delivery.

**Future Growth and Development** - I give conditional support to the preparation of a spatial plan on the understanding that future development is consistent with the natural character of the region; does not impose any loss of amenity values to incumbent residents; does not entail unexpected expenditure by Council as a consequence of defaults on their part in terms of RMA responsibilities and interpretations.

**Youth Training and Development** - I submit that the SWDC investment (as opposed to expenditure) be directed at facilities rather than direct funding of individuals clubs and/or teams.

**Promoting and Enhancing the District** - I do not support this proposal. The LTP is not correctly sequenced and Council should not be again seduced by the 'build it and they will come' concept. See below.

**Infrastructure for Visitors** - This must be a medium term priority in the LTP and is the starting position for the sequencing of considerations about future promotion and 'enhancement'. The numbers, frequency of use, demands on facilities, and impact on roading of increasing tourism are currently poorly provided for in the SWDC annual workplan. There is a significant amount of catching up to do, especially in areas related to waste collection and disposal at coastal locations. Visitor activity has surged ahead of Council provision and we should pause to get the management settings right before encouraging even more of the same.

**Sports Coordination** - I submit that SWDC investment be directed at facilities and maintenance of them.

**Reducing waste going to landfills** - this is a contentious issue for me. Almost daily I see evidence of waste going to the ocean or over the bank on the Cape Palliser Road because Council makes it both difficult

and expensive to dispose of refuse. The transfer station on Lake Ferry Road is not accessible at times when coastal residents and weekend visitors are travelling to and from the coast. The refuse collection from the villages from Whatarangi to Mangatoetoe is being compromised by the amount of residential waste and whiteware being disposed of in wheelie bins at the Ngawi camping site. Commercial users have been freeloading the bins provided for the use of campers. The refuse disposal situation is literally a mess - and it needs a well executed response in order to have an efficient disposal and removal service.

I do support e-waste disposal - by way of a central collection points and well advertised quarterly drop-offs in Pirinoa, Featherston and Martinborough. Council should investigate the sale of e-waste to off-set the service costs or otherwise tender the opportunity to an established e-waste business.

**Water Conservation** -I support Option 2.

#### **Other Matters:**

I am surprised and disappointed to find no reference to the provision for and implementation of a formal Disaster Recovery Plan for the District.

Given the geology and geography - and the well-documented history of major earthquakes and flooding; the significant increase in the numbers of visitors to the coast; the burgeoning coastal communities; the reliance SH2 access to and from Wellington and the Hutt Valley; the limited medical infrastructure available in Masterton and the distance to Palmerston North and/or Napier if the Remutaka Pass is unavailable, the South Wairarapa district is seriously exposed in the event of a major disaster.

Effective recovery after a natural disaster is vital to ensure the wellbeing of individuals and our community. It is more than simply the replacement of what has been destroyed and the rehabilitation of those affected. It is a social and developmental process that involves all sections of the community working together to return to normality and wherever possible to enhance social networks, improve the natural and built environments, and kick start the economy.

The complexity and timeframes of recovery demand sound planning, effective coordination and above all, community involvement. The plan must address these aspects and articulate how the SWDC will undertake recovery operations during and following a disaster. In doing so the plan must provide a framework for the management and coordination of recovery as well as guidance on the major considerations for recovery

across the spectrum of Social, Infrastructure, Economic and Environmental Recovery.

Successful recovery recognises, supports and builds on community, individual and organisational capacity. Recovery planners should assess gaps between existing and required capability and capacity. They should quickly identify and mobilise community skills and resources and acknowledge that existing resources may be stretched requiring additional resources to be mobilised. Recovery should consider how to sustain effort over anticipated recovery timeframes.

**In closing** - Your LTP summary notes that the median age of residents is predicted to rise to 49 years by 2043 - I am surprised that older ages were not predicted - but I strongly agree that the district will progressively have many more residents on fixed incomes. That should be a major consideration for Council when consolidating the LTP.

I am strongly in favour of Council investing primarily in infrastructure maintenance and development whilst facilitating and enabling community investment in arts and culture as determined by those willing to support those interests. The rural/urban divide is a particular challenge in terms of justifying investments but not an insurmountable one. Roothing, electricity and water reticulation; broadband coverage; refuse collection and disposal; eco-toilets and camper van dump stations that are serviced and promoted; coordination of infrastructure and service providers to underpin a Disaster Recovery Plan; proper maintenance of all Council buildings and facilities; responsible employment and recruitment policies; and rigorous financial management - all of which must be underpinned by transparency and proper accountability.

I do not see the SWDC having any direct role in terms of social responsibility other than giving proper recognition to the impact of rates on the affordability of owning or renting a home; or on maintaining viable and economic businesses in the District. The SWDC must recognise the role of the national Government agencies in regards to social services and support and coordinate and direct those when issues are brought to their attention. Social housing and/or social services issues are not issues for Council to resolve with rates income.

Finally for this submission - I grow increasingly concerned at what appears to be an imbalance in the oversight of the three main South Wairarapa communities - with Featherston quite obviously being the 'poor relation' in regards to SWDC investment and oversight. Current negative publicity

around SWDC decision making and leadership is corrosive to ratepayer confidence in elected officials and needs to be resolved very promptly. If the so-called Featherston Square development is typical of this Council's vision for and commitment to Featherston then urgent attention needs to be given to planning and development procedures and standards.

Yours sincerely

**Daryl Sykes**

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*"The cure for anything is salt water - sweat, tears or the sea" - Isak Dinesen*

## --Submitter Details--

Name: Emily Greenberg

## --Ratepayer Details--

Ratepayer: Urban

Organisation:

Age:

Do you want to speak to your submission? No

Speaking preference:

## --Rates Affordability--

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document? Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support? Other

Other: no rates increase.

If you ticked 'disagree' which activity areas do you think we should spend less on? No money for Wairarapa Water Project or the Wellington Airport. Money should be spent more efficiently. We already spend more money on rates than people in Wellington,

## --Future Growth and Development--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below: I do not support that you are only considering 2 options. I support spatial planning but it should be done in collaboration with the other 2 Wairarapa Councils and GWRC for most aspects and the Councils on the other side. Spatial planning should be "regional". We can get value for money if we work together. \$300k over 10 years will get us nothing of value.

## --Youth Training and Development--

Select your preferred option: Option One

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Although Option 1 is ticked, this is an error. I support youth training and development but I believe:

Option 3: the \$ for it should be found from cost savings in other areas and not through a rates increase.

## --Promoting and Enhancing our District--

Select your preferred option:

Option Three: Suggested expenditure:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

Again why have you chosen these limited options? A Clear vision for unity, growth and service can be gained through engaging with the public at relatively little cost. This should be included in

Council's role already and should not require a rates increase.  
Option 4 - Improved Promotion at no rates increase.

--Infrastructure for Visitors--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

The use of LED lights throughout the District, not just Martinborough should protect our views of the night sky. I understand the warmer 3000K lights are better than the bright 4000k lights.

I also note that the Western Lake Road bicycle trail which was put in a few years ago for I think \$200k is in disrepair and is not even mentioned in the larger LTP document, although a yet to be built Featherston to Msterton trail and the Greytown trail are mentioned. Please budget to maintain the Western LAke Road. Also bicycle trails/strategies should be for us, especially school kids, first and tourists second. We need safe bicycle routes to schools as a priority.

--Sports Coordination--

Select your preferred option:

If you have any views on this project please comment below:

I support the need for sports coordination but think SWDC's support for it can be found through cost savings in other area and should not be tied to an increase in rates.

--Reducing Waste Going to Landfills--

a. Do you support provision of kerbside food waste collections?

No

b. Do you support provision of 240 litre wheelie bins for recycling? No

c. Do you support provision of an e-waste service at transfer stations or an advertised collection service scheduled throughout the year? Yes

d. Do you support provision of a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station? Yes

These ideas are not mutually exclusive, you can support more than one. These ideas are not included in the current rates increase of 5.99% in year one. If you have any views on these ideas please comment below: Most urban lots have ability to compost on-site. I think expecting everyone to use kerbside composting is unrealistic in our area.

--Water Conservation--

Select your preferred option: Option Two

3. What other options would you like Council to investigate to conserve water in our district?

If you have any views on these ideas please comment below:

--Fees and Charges--

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to fees and charges as outlined on page 14?

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Please provide any other comments below:

I think the Options are written in a leading style. They assume change always comes with a rates increase. People can desire change and also more efficiency in other areas to pay for change. Change doesn't always have to cost money. Please consider how these are worded in the future.

My 3 key points I want to make:

- 1) Spatial planning should be regional and this should lead to cost savings
- 2) LED lights throughout the district should be the warmer 3000k to protect the night sky everywhere, not just Martinborough.
- 3) A bicycling strategy should focus on routes for school children first, tourists second and put \$ in to maintain existing trails such as the Western Lake Road rather than committing money to a Featherston to Masterton trail at this stage.

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