



WAIRARAPA COVID-19 RECOVERY JOINT COMMITTEE

Agenda

NOTICE OF MEETING

An extraordinary meeting will be held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough on Monday 31 August 2020 at 2:30pm. The meeting will be held in public (except for any items specifically noted in the agenda as being for public exclusion).

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Alex Beijen (SWDC) Chairperson, Mayor Greg Lang (CDC) Deputy Chairperson, Mayor Lyn Patterson (MDC), Cr Brent Gare (MDC), Cr Rebecca Vergunst (CDC), Cr Rebecca Fox (SWDC) and up to four iwi representatives (one representative from each of the iwi entities with mana whenua in Wairarapa: Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust / Rangitāne o Wairarapa / Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa / Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust).

QUORUM

Six members, with at least one from each iwi and one from each of the territorial authorities.

Open Section

- A1. Apologies
 - A2. Conflicts of interest
 - A3. Public participation
 - A4. Actions from public participation
 - A5. Confirmation of Minutes Pages 1-3
Proposed Resolution: That the minutes of the Wairarapa COVID-19 Recovery Joint Committee meeting held on 27 July 2020 are a true and correct record.
 - A6. Extraordinary business
- B. Decision Reports**
- B1. Wairarapa Recovery Report Pages 4-8



WAIRARAPA COVID-19 RECOVERY JOINT COMMITTEE Minutes from 27 July 2020

Present:	Mayor Alex Beijen (SWDC) Chairperson, Greg Lang (CDC) Deputy Chairperson, Mayor, Cr Brent Gare (MDC), Cr Rebecca Fox (SWDC), Robin Potangaroa (Ngāti Kahungunu), Tiraumaera Te Tau (Rangitāne o Wairarapa), and Hera Edwards (Ngāti Kahungunu). Mayor Lyn Patterson (MDC) and Cr Rebecca Vergunst (CDC) via audio-visual conference.
Officers In Attendance:	Dave Gittings (Wairarapa Recovery Manager), Harry Wilson (SWDC Chief Executive), Kathryn Ross (MDC Chief Executive), Georgie Cox (Communications), Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor) and Kim Rudman (Alternate Wairarapa Recovery Manager SWDC) for part only.
Conduct of Business:	The meeting was held in the SWDC Council Chambers, 18 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 2:00pm and 2:50pm.

Open Section

Mr Potangaroa opened with a karakia.

A1. Apologies

WAIRARAPA COVID-19 RECOVERY JOINT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRJC2020/03) to accept apologies from Cr Rebecca Fox and Mr Jason Kerehi.

(Moved Cr Gare/Seconded Mr Potangaroa)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Actions from Public Participation

There were no actions from public participation.

A5. Minutes for Confirmation

WAIRARAPA COVID-19 RECOVERY JOINT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRJC2020/04)
that the minutes of the Wairarapa COVID-19 Recovery Joint Committee meeting held on 16 June 2020 are a true and correct record subject to correcting the spelling of Tiraumaera Te Tau.

(Moved Mr Potangaroa/Seconded Cr Gare)

Carried

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

B Decision Reports

B1. Recovery Plan Report

Mr Gittings outlined work undertaken by the recovery team.

Members agreed that job opportunity trends and iwi initiatives should be incorporated into the recovery website, and that an update on the status of applications to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) should be included in the next officers' update.

Members discussed plans for social recovery, attempting to quantify the impact of returning New Zealanders, key milestones of the recovery timeline, and the intended depth and scope of the Recovery Plan.

Members supported the communications scope and recovery website.

WAIRARAPA COVID-19 RECOVERY JOINT COMMITTEE RESOLVED (WRJC2020/05):

1. To receive the Recovery Plan Report.

(Moved Mr Potangaroa /Seconded Cr Gare)

Carried

2. To adopt the Wairarapa recovery milestone timeline noting the decision phase indicators.

(Moved Mayor Lang/Seconded Cr Gare)

Carried

3. Action 1: Include an update in the next officers' report on the status/outcome of Wairarapa applications to the Provincial Growth Fund; Recovery Manager
4. Action 2: Determine whether immigration data is available on returning New Zealanders, and if available, whether it has value for Wairarapa recovery; Recovery Manager
5. Action 3: Discuss and agree the correct strategic position, level and scope of the Wairarapa Recovery Plan; Recovery Manager and CEO's

C Information Reports

C1. Ko Wairarapa Tēnei Recovery Update

Ms Te Tau reported that a Māori business network launch was planned for the 12 August 2020. Ms Te Tau noted the importance of the PGF funding for marae as that would provide job and career opportunities for whānau and would bring people home.

Ms Te Tau closed with a karakia.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

Wairarapa Recovery Report

31 August 2020

Agenda Item B1

1. PURPOSE

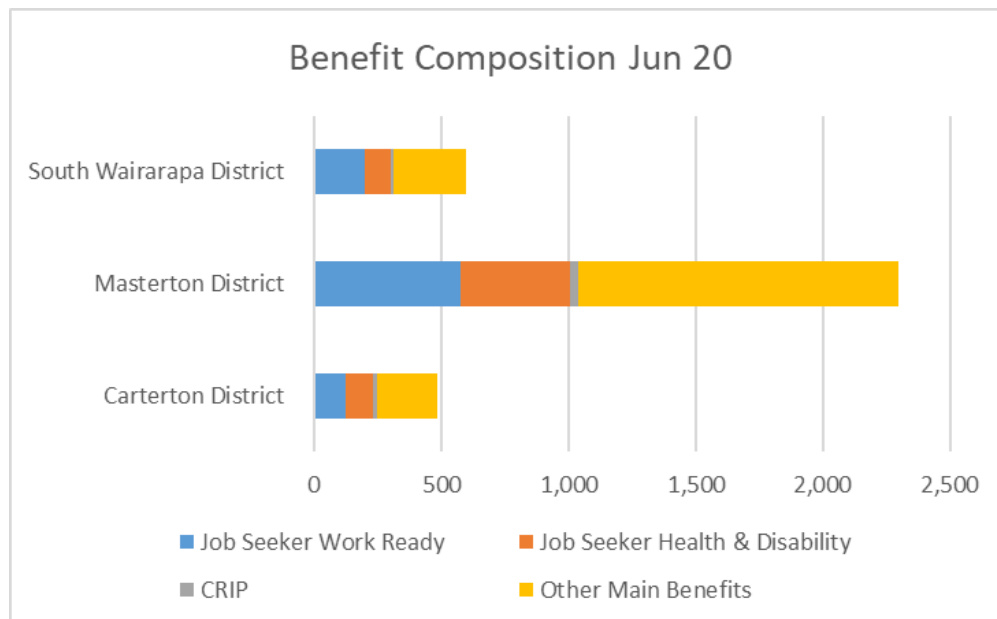
To update the Wairarapa Recovery Committee on the recovery co-ordination.

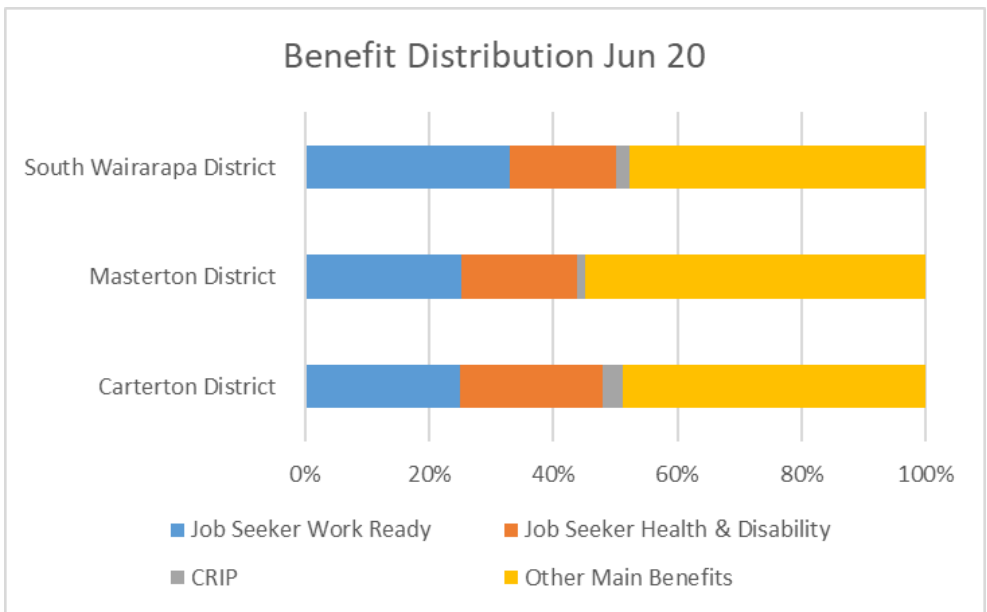
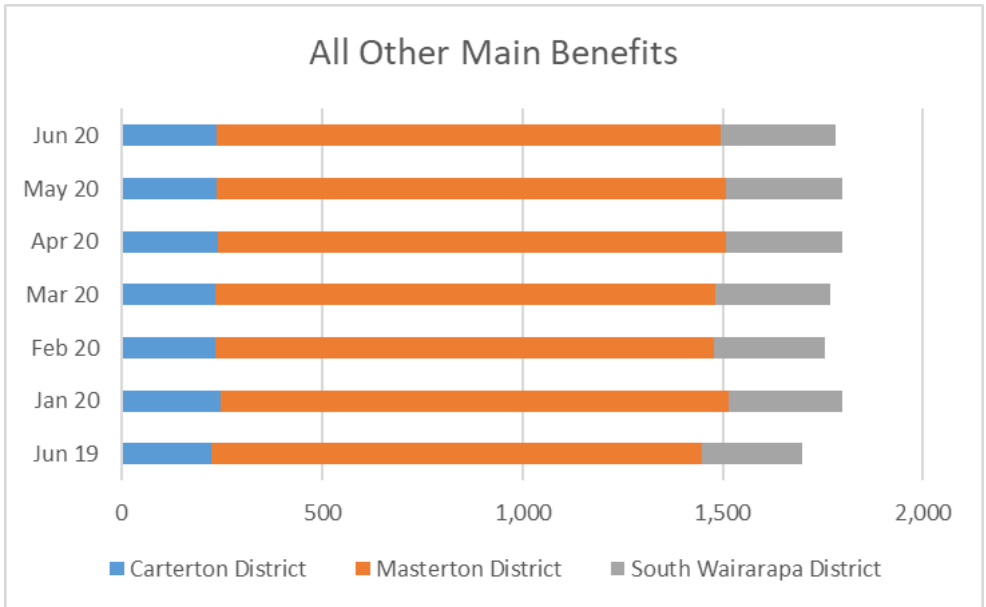
2. SIGNIFICANCE

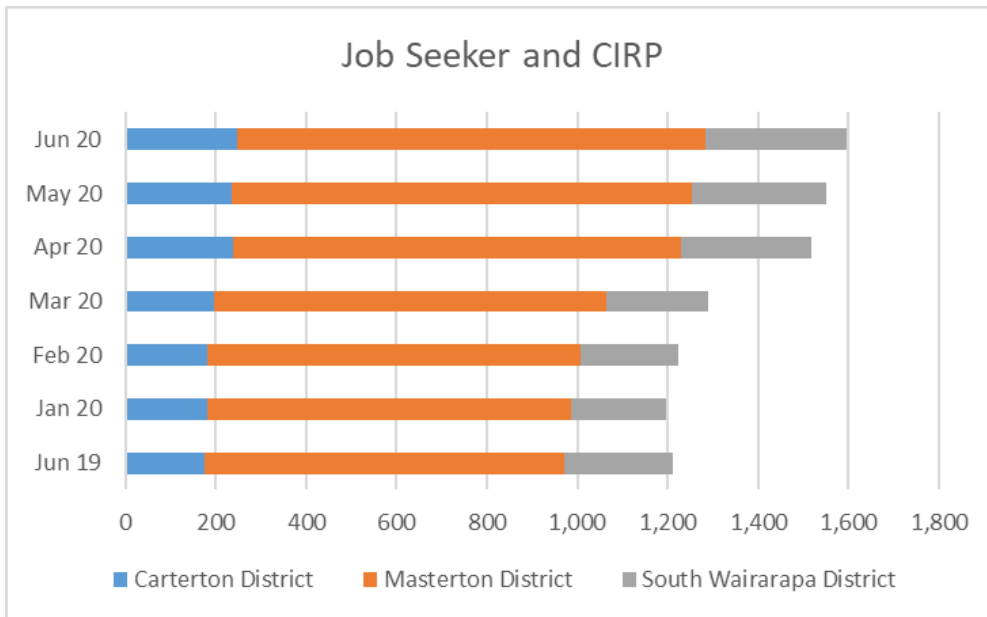
The matters for decision in this report are not considered to be of significance under the Significance and Engagement Policy.

3. WAIRARAPA BENEFIT DATA

Displayed below is the composition, distribution and growth in benefits distributed within the Wairarapa.







4. WAIRARAPA SOCIAL OUTCOME FOCUS

The post COVID level 4 lockdown and the ongoing response to the pandemic is being approached from the perspective of the four well-beings: economic; cultural; environmental; and social. The localised responses have been largely driven from Central Government’s economic, social and environmentally driven stimulus packages that the Wairarapa on its own could never hope to match. The role of the team has been to be informed and monitor the plethora of grants and subsidies along with the local initiatives to identify any potential gaps.

What has become increasingly apparent is the need to place a larger degree of focus on the social coordination aspect for the many and varied groups that support the Wairarapa District and its communities. The focus for us at the regional level needs to be on our people.

5. SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY LEADERS GROUP FORUM

It was noted in the July meeting of the Wairarapa Recovery Committee that the Mayor of Masterton District Council would progress the planned Leaders Group Forum.

It was noted that this group requires the mana derived from the mayoralty and should be chaired by the Mayor in order to have the right level of authority to drive conversations and implement change. To support the Mayor in this role Wairarapa Community Networks will be able to co-ordinate some of the smaller, on the ground NGO networks to enable the Leaders Group Forum to:

- Identify trends;
- Identify what actions are required;
- Identify solutions to actions and advocate for change together;
- Anticipate issues and work together to address them quickly; and
- Build a local dashboard of up to date data for our community.

6. SURVEY

To better understand the impacts of COVID-19 on our community, and to guide our community led recovery, it is proposed that a survey be conducted to provide base social data and ongoing trends.

The survey is proposed to be on-line, encompassing the following:

- Current situation and concerns in the community;
- Personal/household impacts (including financial);
- General wellbeing, safety and community resilience; and
- Perception and future outlook.

An on-line survey has its drawbacks, and is limited in its ability to provide a balanced view across all communities. However, balancing this is that an online survey is of relatively low cost and therefore repeatable to identify the trends and potential issues.

7. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

A communications plan has been developed with the following objectives:

- To support Elected Members and members of COVID-19 Recovery Committee to communicate role in Wairarapa-wide recovery;
- To facilitate collaboration and coordination across organisations involved in supporting Wairarapa's recovery from COVID-19;
- To give public confidence coordination is occurring; and
- To raise awareness of COVID-19 response initiatives underway with two intentions:
 1. Increase engagement/involvement in these initiatives; and
 2. Feed into the third objective to enable confidence in a coordinated recovery.

The strategic approach to delivering on these objectives is focused on:

1. Positioning those involved in Wairarapa COVID-19 recovery as advocates for existing community efforts.
2. Creating linkages between different parties.
3. Leveraging existing communication channels and partnering with local media.

The success of the communications plan will be measured by:

- Stakeholder survey (satisfaction with comms, specifically supporting and promoting recovery initiatives)
- Digital communications benchmarks (website visits, email open rates)
- Media coverage with brand inclusion

Key messaging is being finalised, in collaboration with Recovery Managers. This will feed into further development of existing communications channels (website).

Next steps include finalising an implementation plan focused on stakeholder engagement and coordination, media engagement and welfare support.

8. WAIRARAPA RECOVERY RESOURCE

While all three Wairarapa Councils have provided resource for the recovery roles, the work has been an addition to an already heavy schedule for each officer. Each of the three Councils spends approximately 5-6 hours per week in recovery co-ordination equating to almost a half full time FTE. The time allocation increases prior to committee reporting and this could be eased if committee meeting timings were reviewed and a quarterly meeting schedule adopted.

9. WELLINGTON REGIONAL RECOVERY

16 'Regional' Recovery Projects are currently under development or actively being delivered to meet four recovery goals identified by the Wellington Group Recovery Office. These goals are:

- Goal 1: Enhance the capability of NGOs and community groups to be more self-reliant.
- Goal 2: Create economic opportunities for visitors to spend time and money within the region.
- Goal 3: Lay the foundation for future infrastructure investment from Government.
- Goal 4: Strengthen regional governance and collaboration for long-term benefits.

The challenges and opportunities for the COVID-19 Wellington Regional Recovery Programme will continue to evolve. Further recovery goals and projects are likely to be identified and initiated as the true nature and impact of the pandemic become better understood.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Wairarapa Recovery Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Endorses** the coordination of Wairarapa Community Networks to support the Leaders Group Forum.
3. **Endorses** the implementation of an on-line survey.
4. **Agrees** to move the committee meetings to be held quarterly.

Dave Gittings
Wairarapa Recovery Manager