

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

3 APRIL 2013

AGENDA ITEM D2

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES GROUP REPORT

Purpose of Report

To update Councillors on the Infrastructure and Service Group activities.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receives the information.*

1. Consents

1.1 Wastewater (All sites)

Consultation with affected parties has taken place during the period by way of a monthly update outlining progress during the period. Work has largely revolved around land suitability investigation at Featherston and Martinborough.

A Combined Steering group meeting is planned for 11 April 2013 to further consult with the group membership.

The timeline for application completion for all sites is 30 June 2013.

1.2 Wastewater Strategy Overall

Efforts continue as above to undertaking more in depth assessment of adjacent land that might be available (Council owned land included) for land treatment in the future for all sites.

In addition, Council has been approached by two separate landowners near the Greytown site on the basis that they are interested in taking treated waste water for irrigation purposes.

Given this interest and to maintain probity within the process, it is intended to publically seek expressions of interest from landowners in the vicinity of the three wastewater treatment plants.

1.3 Water

Nil to report.

1.4 Coastal

Consent applications for coastal works are in process, these include retrospective approvals for past emergency work, rehabilitation of damaged rock structures and for new works required in specific locations.

1.5 Gravel Pit Extraction

Several river gravel extraction consents in the rural areas south and east expire in November 2013 and preparation of renewal processes including consultation and documentation is underway.

1.6 Land Fill Consent

The Martinborough landfill consent application is still in progress.

1.7 Wastewater and Water Reticulation

A contract for wastewater and water pipeline renewal work in Featherston and Greytown has been awarded to Bruce Buchanan Ltd in the sum of \$739,501.41 GST excl.

Two tenders were received with other tenderer being Perkinson Civil Ltd whose comparable tender was \$856,275.75 GST excl.

The contract calls for pipeline renewal work (wastewater and water), wastewater joint testing and remediation and additional condition investigation works in Featherston and Greytown and is expected to take five months to complete.

This contract will deliver two years of budgeted renewal work.

1.8 Wastewater Treatment Plants

Planning and delivery for capital work at the treatment plants will be initiated this when consent certainty and agreed environmental outcomes are available. This is not expected to occur until the 2013/ 14 financial year.

1.9 Water Supply

The Capital Assistance Funding application for the Featherston Water Supply upgrade project has been lodged with the Ministry of Health. A decision is not expected for several months.

Community water usage and rainfall records and trending is attached for Council's information in Appendix 1.

2. Operations Utility Assets and Services

2.1 Wastewater Treatment Plants

Greytown, Martinborough and Featherston Wastewater treatment plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period with one non-compliance issue.

The breach occurred at the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant. The exceedance of the allowable parameters for discharge to the river was caused by a UV sensor fault combined with low sewage flows through the pond system over the summer period.

City Care Ltd has taken over the routine weekly maintenance at the Lake Ferry Wastewater Treatment plant. Auckland Contractors S3 has completed the six monthly plant checks during this period.

The programming to tidy up each Wastewater Treatment plant site is currently underway by CCL.

2.2 Wastewater Reticulation

2 pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

2.3 Water Treatment Plants

Martinborough and the Featherston/Greytown Water Treatment Plants operated routinely throughout the period. River levels had triggered Resource Consent low flow and low water level conditions. Public advertising and letter mail outs were done over the period.

Council officers have also been preparing alternative source of supply for the Featherston & Martinborough water supply as a contingency to any further restrictions due to falling river levels.

At present all Water Treatment Plants are drawing the minimum water take from rivers and bores as per the resource consents.

The Pirinoa Water Treatment Plant is now under CCL for the routine maintenance. During this period an additional water tank was installed for the treated water. This installation is to maintain continuation of supply. The pricing of telemetry for external plant monitoring is the next item.

The Boar Bush silt trap and intake structure was repaired to improve the water quality to the main storage pond.

The annual UF filter replacements have arrived from the overseas supplier for the Greytown Water Treatment plant. The filter exchange is programmed late in March for a quarter of the plants filters.

2.4 Water Reticulation

There were 51 water reticulation repairs reported and rectified during the period.

2.5 Water Races

To comply with the water race resource consents low flow and low water level condition the water take from the Tauherenikau and Waiohine Rivers are at the lowest setting. Council did a letter mail out to the Longwood users of the scheme advising continuation of supply may be compromised to comply with the resource content condition.

2.6 Waste Management

Operations continued on a routine basis throughout the period.

Efficient light bulb recycling boxes are in place at the 3 main transfer station sites to manage the disposal of this type of bulb.

Waste export and recycling tonnage data for the period is attached in Appendix 2.

2.7 E-Waste Collection Region Wide

Earthcare Environmental Ltd is working through the associated issues with MDC on the e-waste collection to get a programme underway.

3. Roading and Reserves

3.1 Roading Maintenance – Oldfield Asphalts

Grading of unsealed roads has continued despite the dry weather to relieve corrugations and satisfy complaints from residents.

Signs maintenance slipped for approximately two weeks while Oldfield's "sign man" was on leave but is now back to a satisfactory standard.

Recent ordered works include:

- Cleaning 200 culverts on the White Rock Rd.
- Repair of a dropout on the Blue Rock Rd.
- Dig out repairs White Rock Rd.
- Minor maintenance to boulder beaches on the Cape Palliser Rd.
- Drop out repairs on the Hinakura and Hikawera Roads.
- Completion of the resealing contract.

Planned ordered work for the next two months includes:

- Repair of a persistent drop out on the western side of the Whakapuni Hill by a minor realignment of the road.
- Cutting back high vegetation for sight improvements.
- Cleaning of water table drains.
- Dig out repairs to the worst of the pavement failures on Lake Ferry Rd. (Other repairs will have to be delayed until 2013/2014 financial year).
- The replacement of the wooden bridge deck on the Wards Line Bridge.

4. Property and Facilities

4.1 City care Contract

Maintenance of parks and reserves is generally satisfactory although there are still some minor issues around what is included as routine work and what is ordered work. In preparing their "maintenance rounds" City Care need to ensure that the specified levels of service are met.

Berm mowing has been limited at times during February due to the high fire risk, and staff have been requested to be extremely cautious when using machinery in dry areas.

The allowance for berm mowing in the initial months of the contract is insufficient to meet the expectations of the residents. City Care has been doing their best to minimize costs but still provide mowing where needed. The budget for berm mowing needs to be reviewed for the 2013/2014 financial year.

4.2 Graffiti

Table 1 – Graffiti strikes February 2013

Town	No. of strikes	Location
Featherston	7	Rubbish bins outside Kia Ora dairy; lamp-posts
Greytown	0	
Martinborough	16	Barrier arm cnr Watt & Ludlam Sts; M'boro Square tables

Table 2 – Graffiti strikes October 2012 – February 2013

Town	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	TOTAL
Featherston	13	0	17	102	9	141
Greytown	0	0	9	0	0	9
Martinborough	5	0	5	0	14	24
TOTAL	18	0	31	102	23	174

4.3 Playgrounds

Martinborough – a further attempt has been made to repair the roundabout but this was not successful. This equipment is now recommended for replacement.

Featherston – Community Board has been advised of available budget for additional equipment.

4.4 Trees

Greytown southern entrance – concepts for this have been discussed between City Care, Greytown Community Board and the Tree Advisory Group. Community Board has agreed to proceed with City Care's proposal up to the \$10,300 budget available this year.

Farley's Oak, Greytown – Greytown Community Board has agreed to maintain and monitor the tree, while simultaneously proceeding with the resource consent application process for its removal, when this becomes necessary.

4.5 Sports Fields and Facilities

Soldier's Memorial Park, Greytown – an additional soccer team will be competing this year, and the club has raised a concern that the sports pavilion showers will be inadequate for four teams. Officers are costing a proposal to put showers into the Greytown Swimming Pool changing rooms. Hot water heating would be by gas, with the winter sports codes taking responsibility for refilling the gas bottles. The external door to the women's changing room would be reinstated, and an external door would be added to the men's, to enable access without going into the pool complex.

4.6 Events

4.6.1. Events completed in February

- Martinborough Fair, 2 February – turn sprinklers off in Square; additional toilet cleaning and rubbish removal requirements

4.6.2. Events in March

- Martinborough Fair, 2 March – turn sprinklers off in Square; additional toilet cleaning and rubbish removal requirements.
- Round the Vines, 17 March – additional toilet cleaning and rubbish removal requirements, Martinborough.

4.7 Parks

O'Connor's Bush, Greytown – following a complaint from a resident on West St backing onto the Bush, pest control specialists were brought in to deal with a wasp problem. Three wasp nests were found close together near the West St boundary – the exterminator noted it was unusual to see nests so close together.

5. Libraries

5.1 Statistics all Libraries

Refer Appendix 3 for statistics:

- Issues
- Transactions

6. Civil Defence and Emergency Management

The teams are continuing to make steady progress with the establishment of their Civil Defence Centres. Paul Walker has supplied them with basics for their kits and expects them to increase as the teams develop. The three community team leaders have met with Paul and discussed operational issues including that of ward boundaries and a flooding scenario affecting two wards. Discussion around training for the teams and at this stage have agreed that it will be kept very simple and relevant.

Paul will continue to monitor and work alongside the three teams.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Monthly Water Usage

Appendix 2 – Waste Exported to Bonny Glen Including Recycling

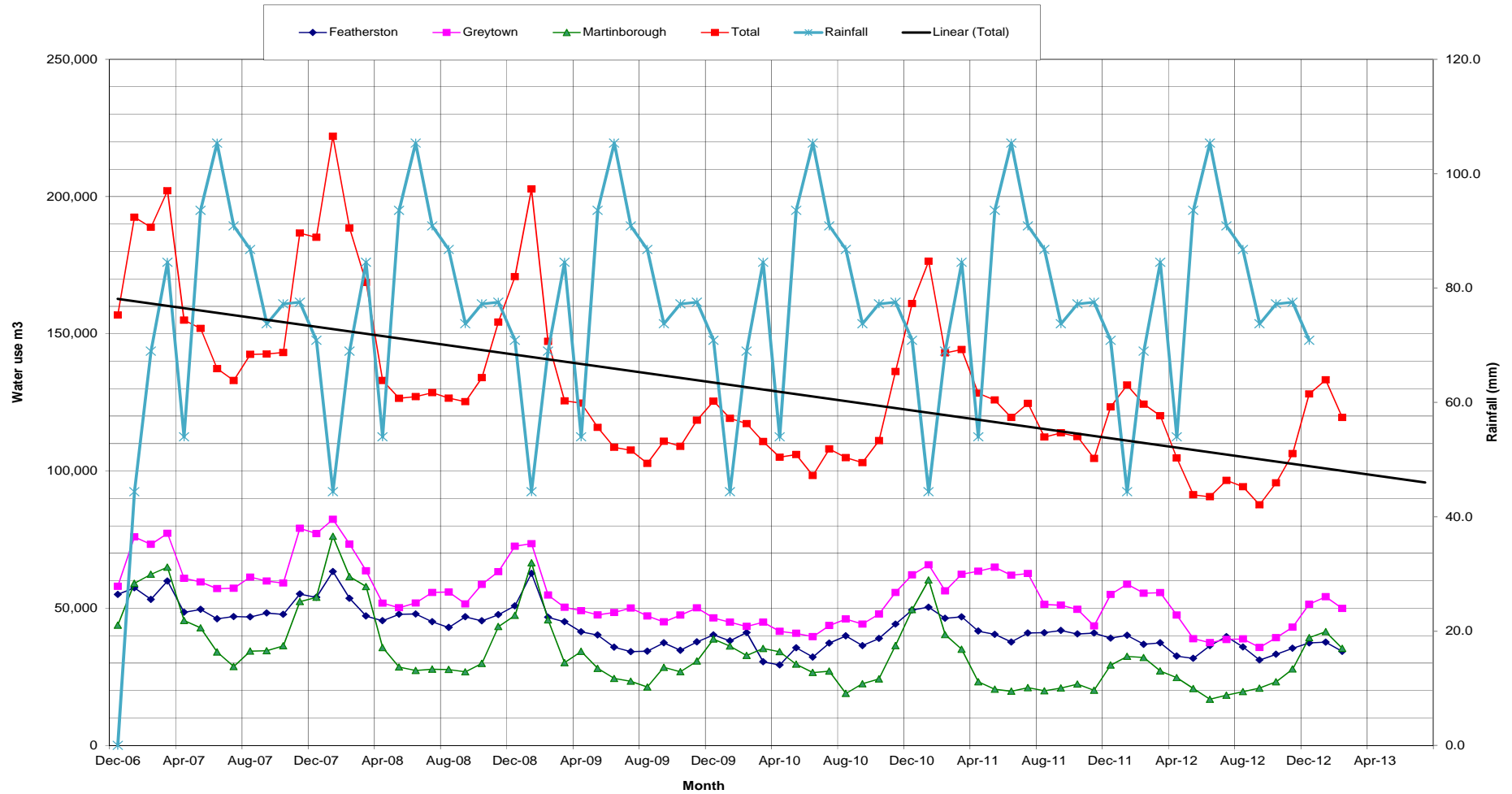
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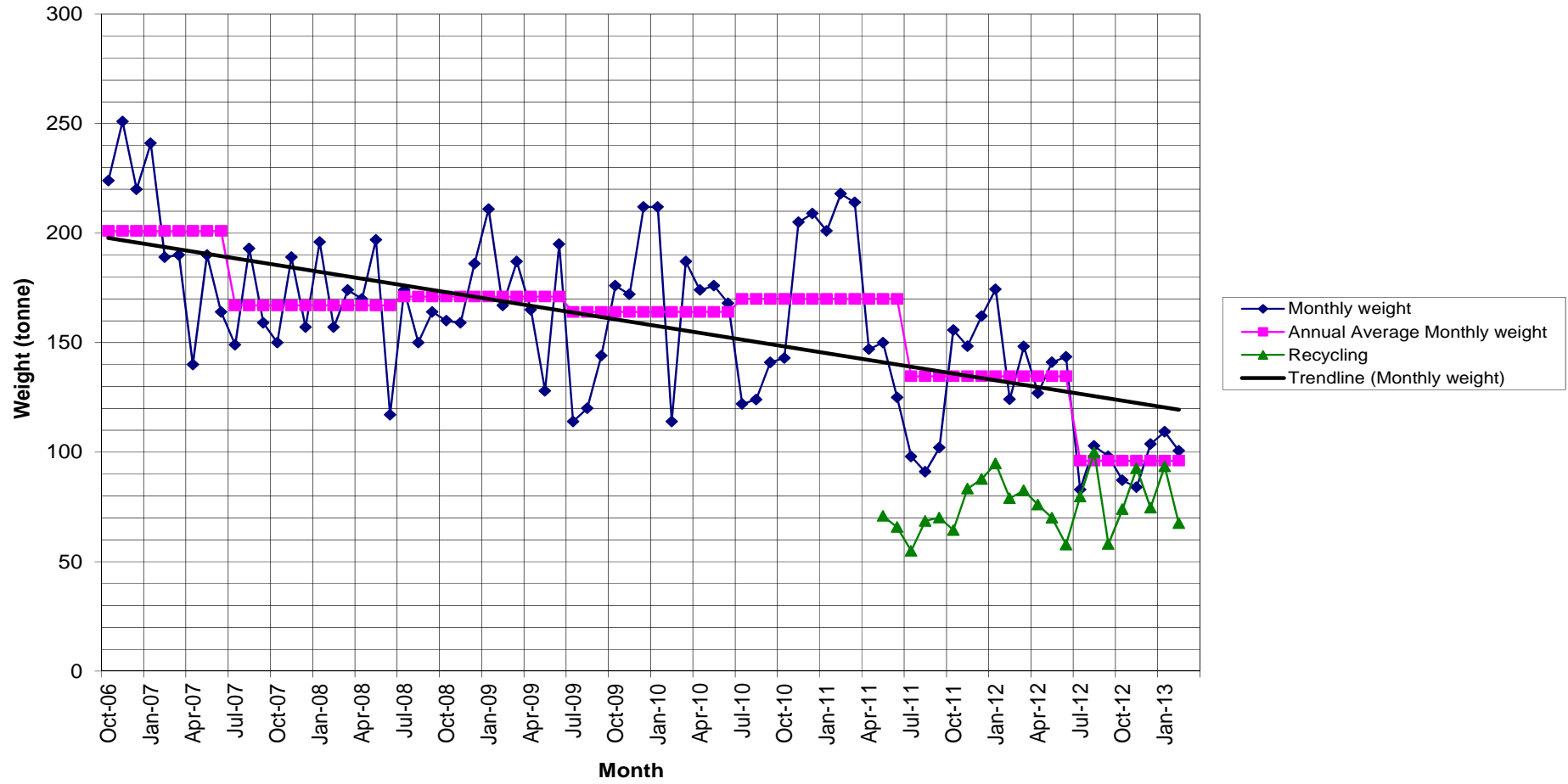
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Water use South Wairarapa District Council



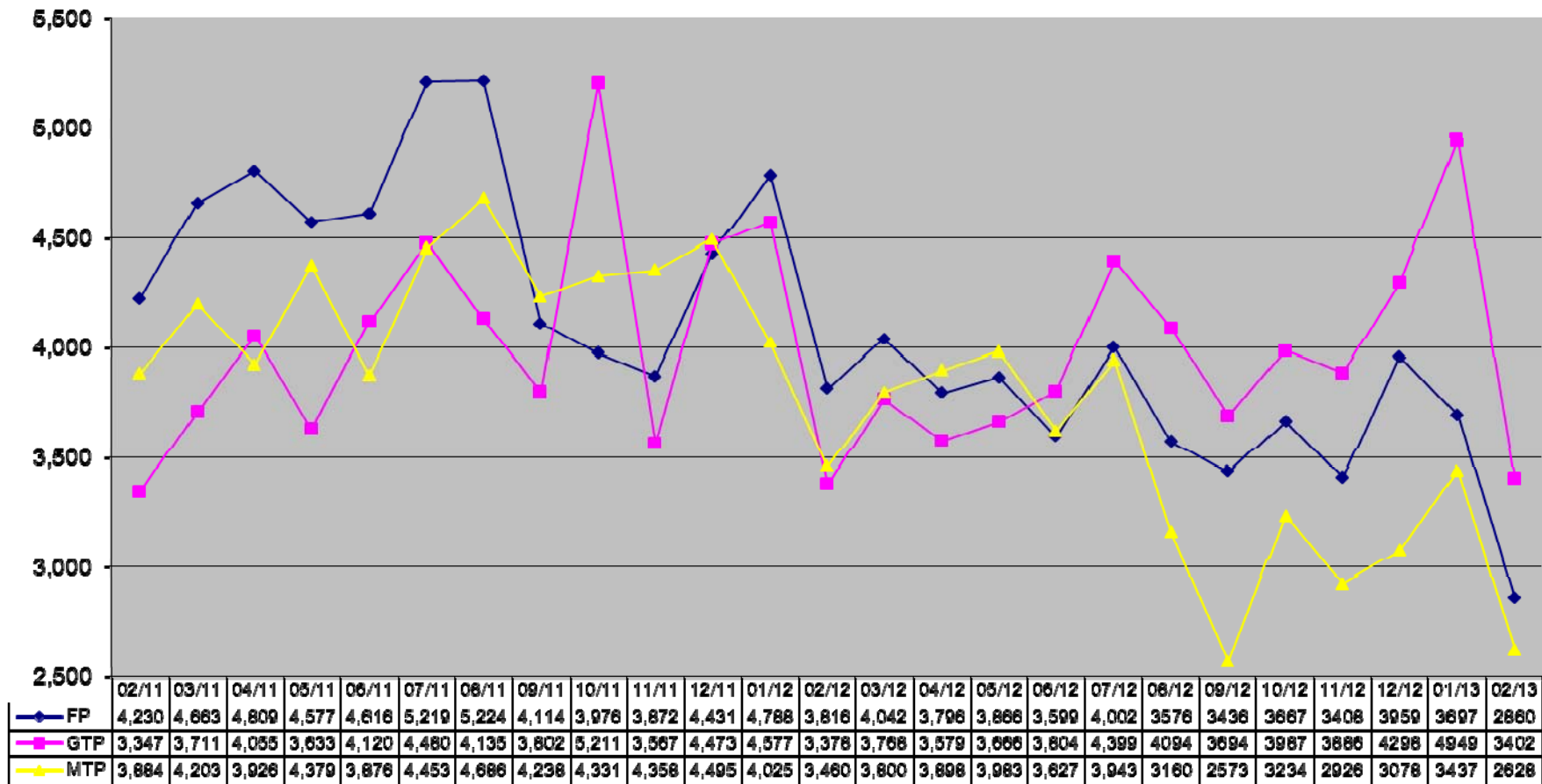
**Appendix 2 – Waste
Exported to Bonny Glenn
Including Recycling**

Monthly weight of waste transferred from Martinborough transfer station to Bonny Glen



Appendix 3 – Statistics all Libraries

Issues: Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries: 2011-2013



Each library has a similar drop in numbers and the only common denominators are children back to school and the weather.

**Transactions (excluding Council functions) for Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries
2011-2013**

