

Annual Plan 2023/24 Submissions

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First and last names

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- Mail
 Call my mobile phone
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- Yes
 No

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- Yes
 No

A. Water Budget

Please tick
one option

Feedback

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Please tick
one option

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D. Community & Youth Grants

Please tick one option Feedback

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2. Do not provide any grants in 2023/2024

What else is important to you? Is there anything else you'd like to say?

I'm a farmer who is troubled by the amount of the proposed rural rate rise of 29%. This is a massive increase for one year. The amount I currently pay for rates on my farm is running close to the red line and its becoming scary. I'm not joking! And what do I get for the rates? I've got half a farm under water, government on our backs about this, that and the other and then you people spring this on us. Are you aware of how much the rural sector is struggling? Do you actually care?

I say NO to the 29% rural rate rise AND request that rural be the same amount as proposed for urban.

Stop dividing our communities into two different groups.

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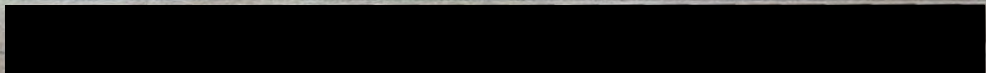
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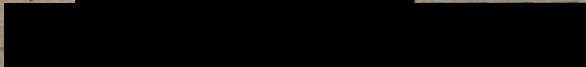
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- Keeping rate increases to a reasonable level, is my main concern. As a Rural ratepayer, my rates increased 32% last year. This year the proposed increase is 29%. That's over 60% for a 2 year period. This is unreasonable.
- It seems that Council's overall rate increase of 15.9% is being loaded on to the Rural ratepayer in an unbalanced manner (29%) compared to the Urban increase of (11%). Council's Consultation Document provides no reasoning for this approach.
- As a Rural ratepayer we do not utilise Council's sewerage infrastructure or stormwater infrastructure. We have tank water, & take our own refuse to the Transfer Station.
- I look forward to Council adopting a more balanced approach to its rate increases.

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Other (please specify):

Actively manage bush/reserves in an equitable manner in order to improve light and therefore quality of life conditions for all members of Featherston community. The failure to manage a block of reserve is obvious on entry to Featherston, and SWDC has ignored all previous requests, as supported by FCB.

Q7

No

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Q9

Email me

Lastly, what is your preferred method of contact?

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No thanks, not this time

Q9

Lastly, what is your preferred method of contact?

Send me a text message

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Respondent skipped this question

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Other (please specify):

Better management of the library staff is required, not three more FTEs for three libraries when the Council can't even deliver current level of water services.

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Other (please specify):

I do not support removing grants as I believe that we won't get this budget back if we do, however, I would have considered a reduction in the grants for this FY.

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Q9

Call my mobile phone

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Other (please specify):

Recent announcements about Martinborough's wastewater indicates that a fiscally conservative approach is not prudent

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Dear SWDC

I completed the online submission for the Annual Plan consultation. However, this did not provide the additional feedback section included in the hard copy submission form so please add the following comments to my submission.

Although I am a rural ratepayer I strongly disagree with the proposal to pause water loan repayments and urban footpath renewals. You have essentially admitted in your FAQs that this is a sop to keep the average rates to something less than 20%. The three waters transition is unlikely to occur as planned and next year's urban rates will need to increase by the 15.4% baseline you have indicated. This will be on top of likely increases in operating funding in order to address Wellington Water's increasingly avaricious budgets. Even if 3 waters proceeds as planned, the ratepayer will need to pick up the paused funding, just through water charges rather than council rates. Who knows what the charging model will be then. This is thoroughly disingenuous of you. We don't like the rates increases but understand the external factors at play. Just stand up and defend the increase in costs.

You are correct in your FAQ's that full FIS are not permitted in the Consultation Document under the LGA. But you are also required to provide sufficient information in the document for ratepayers to understand the increase and variation to the LTP. I do not think you have achieved this. For example, I do not understand why Land Transport charges have increased so dramatically - is this because of the emergency rural road work? A reduction in the subsidy? Also, why animal services and bylaws have increased so much. Is this because of the dog pound? More callouts? The document has a lot of words but not much explanation.

I look forward to participating in the upcoming rating review. We are rural ratepayers, just on the outskirts of town and so get the benefits of both town and country. We strongly disagree with the existing assumption that urban ratepayers do not drive on rural roads, do not have dangerous dogs or infringe the district's bylaws. Similarly, rural ratepayers have the benefit of thriving towns that provide safe drinking water and flushing toilets whether we choose to use the facilities or not.

Regards

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Improve urban design and integrate what we build with natural features.

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No

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Q9

Lastly, what is your preferred method of contact?

Email me

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Q2

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Increase the budget to Wellington Water Limited's recommended level of \$7.496 million (including inflation).

Q3

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Q4

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Q2

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Send me a text message

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Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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- Minimise waste and provide environmentally sustainable services**
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- Empower and enable our community to drive behavioural change for the benefit of the environment**
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- Protect town and rural community character, retaining our unique look and feel**
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- Improve urban design and integrate what we build with natural features.**

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Q9

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ZIP/Postal Code	██████
Email Address	████████████████████
Phone Number	██████████

Q2

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Keep the Long-term plan budget of \$3.5 million, not maintaining current levels of service (included in the proposed budget).

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Other (please specify):

The Council is seeking to raise rates and is increasingly decline rates rebates for low income earners. I would support the increase in budget only if the rates rebates were also extended to offset the financial impact to low income households in the area. Otherwise the Council is driving the economic pain to low income earners with I fear dire consequences. Plus the Council really needs to ensure the water race users are operating fairly and consistently in accordance with the water race bylaws, as there are known abusers of the rules that individuals can do little to address in their communities. It is a big leap that employers will increase wages to offset these Council charges, and I worry that Council believe that is achievable to the current economic recession.

Q3

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Keep the current budget of \$300,000 p.a. which will likely not meet the Council's foreseeable requirements to fund emergency works (included in the proposed budget).

Q4

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Leverage partnerships with central and regional agencies to enable economic development and employment opportunities
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Deliver sustainable, clean, clear, safe and secure drinking water

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No

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No thanks, not this time

Q9

Email me

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ZIP/Postal Code	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Q2

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Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Q2

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Email Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

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ZIP/Postal Code	████
Email Address	████████████████████████████████████████
Phone Number	██████████

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Remove the budget for the cost of casual library staff and risk continued library closures on some days of the week.

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Other (please specify):

Have each library manage their own pool of librarians, we need to be able to go to the library and meet our own librarians. At the moment we have no idea who will be looking after us. The library is a key hub of the town and works best when we have consistent staffing, not random librarians on rotation for what reason.

Q5

COMMUNITY & YOUTH GRANTS: Choose your preferred budget to keep or remove community and youth grants:

Keep the current budget of \$170,000 (included in the proposed budget).

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Other (please specify):

The Youth grant enables Featherston Booktown to provide an extraordinary experience for 1500 students throughout the south Wairarapa and the region. This contributes to increased engagement in literacy, aids well being, giving our rangatahi many more options for life success. This is a jewel in the SWDC crown.

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Strengthen social connections within the community,

Encourage civic pride and participation,

Advocate for better transport and technology to improve social and business opportunities

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Take opportunities to advance and showcase arts, culture and heritage

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WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Increase the budget to \$4.9 million, improving the ability to meet current levels of service, with some gaps.

Q3

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Increase the budget to \$500,000 p.a. which will provide a greater level of reserves for Council to draw on to fund emergency works.

Q4

POOL OF CASUAL LIBRARY STAFF: Choose your preferred budget for a casual library staff pool (without this casual library staff pool to cover leave there will be more days when our libraries will be closed due to insufficient staffing):

Remove the budget for the cost of casual library staff and risk continued library closures on some days of the week.

Q5

COMMUNITY & YOUTH GRANTS: Choose your preferred budget to keep or remove community and youth grants:

Do not provide any Community and Youth grants in 2023/2024.

Q6

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Protect and replenish our natural environment and biodiversity

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Q7

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the public hearings scheduled for 8 & 9 June?

No

Q8

The Council is keen to work more collaboratively with our community to ensure what we are doing remains fit-for-purpose. If you'd like to be considered for future workshops and consultations, then please indicate below:

No thanks, not this time

Q9

Email me

Lastly, what is your preferred method of contact?

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Other (please specify):

not sure we can do any of these without additional costs

Q7

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Q2

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Increase the budget to Wellington Water Limited's recommended level of \$7.496 million (including inflation).

Q3

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- Take active measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change**
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- Empower and enable our community to drive behavioural change for the benefit of the environment**
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Yes, I'm keen to be contacted to participate in future feedback sessions

Q9

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

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Q2

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Other (please specify):

I object to the funding of the rural road reserve through rural ratepayers only. Rural roads are assets that have variable utility to all ratepayers and beyond. Usage of these roads by residents and non-residents will vary. However, their availability to everyone is universal. In either case, significant economic benefits are provided to businesses in urban areas, whether as a result of rural residents accessing essential services in those centres or whether through the passing urban trade of tourism, which is reliant on the rural road network. Typically, there are few rural businesses to take advantage of this economic potential. It seems unjust therefore that rural ratepayers wholly subsidise assets from which they do not gain the entire benefit. There are numerous rural roads in the district, which are either heavily used for cross-district industrial and business purposes (e.g. Longbush/Te Whiti Road), or which are essential for the fulfilment of heavily promoted tourism opportunities (e.g. to Wairarapa Moana or to Cape Palliser). I propose that council immediately considers funding the rural road reserve through all ratepayers in advance of deciding the increase to rural road reserves. Furthermore, I note that 100% of animal control and bylaws are funded by rural ratepayers, and would suggest that this is similarly unfair, given the benefits to urban ratepayers.

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Q9

Lastly, what is your preferred method of contact?

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Q7

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Q9

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Email me

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Q2

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Increase the budget to \$4.9 million, improving the ability to meet current levels of service, with some gaps.

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Other (please specify):
 water is basic requirement and i dont believe it should have been included for consultation - first option is a non option!

Q3

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Increase the budget to \$500,000 p.a. which will provide a greater level of reserves for Council to draw on to fund emergency works.

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Other (please specify):
 urban ratepayers/tourists use rural roads this should be spread across all ratepayers. \$1 million would be better but cost would increase rates too much as it only applies to rural ratepayers

Q4

POOL OF CASUAL LIBRARY STAFF: Choose your preferred budget for a casual library staff pool (without this casual library staff pool to cover leave there will be more days when our libraries will be closed due to insufficient staffing):

Other (please specify):

use volunteer or council staff when only one staff member available to ensure Libraries can be kept open without increasing spend. Could reduce library costs by creative use of options. Libraries are amazing facility but reducing hours by small amount across three libraries might be a necessary saving message

Q5

COMMUNITY & YOUTH GRANTS: Choose your preferred budget to keep or remove community and youth grants:

Keep the current budget of \$170,000 (included in the proposed budget).

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Other (please specify):

there seems a lack of youth funded activities - this is such a small amount of money it wont make a huge difference to rates but could make a difference to some essential activities. we should be looking at other cost saving options.

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Other (please specify):

better use of council facilities eg Waihinga centre for community and also commercial activities that could generate income to offset costs, urgently addressing Wastewater issues in Martinborough

Q7

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Q2

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Other (please specify):
 I assume that none of these costs are charged to ratepayers in rural centers such as Hinakura which have to take care of their own potable, and storm waters and sewage.

Q3

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Increase the budget to \$1 million p.a. which will enable more essential work to be completed and a reserve built up for future use.

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Other (please specify):
 We currently have no direct road access to our property - the Hinakura road was washed away last year and no repairs have been undertaken that I am aware of, although a meeting with council and residents has occurred

Q4

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Take opportunities to advance and showcase arts, culture and heritage

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Other (please specify):

reconnect isolated communities who have lost their roads and in particular Hinakura

Q7

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Q2

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Keep the Long-term plan budget of \$3.5 million, not maintaining current levels of service (included in the proposed budget).

Other (please specify):

What's the point of having a LTP if you dont adhere to it? We pay council to make the decisions. If they're always wrong perhaps you shouldn't be looking for a new long term plan, you should be looking for a new council that gets the decisions right?

Q3

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Other (please specify):

Increase the budget, taking the money from all the silly ideas council have like.. new office furniture. Not needed. There's \$130K. 3 x poorly planned located and executed public BBQs that are rarely cleaned. There's \$39k. The new fleet of council cars that are all electric that you haven't told us about. There's some more money. Stop being idiots and spend more wisely.

Q4

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Remove the budget for the cost of casual library staff and risk continued library closures on some days of the week.

Other (please specify):

You simply cannot afford it. Interestingly Shirley Knightingale ran a group of volunteers and 'friends of the library' to cover these tasks FOR FREE. But when you stabbed her in the back, stabbed her in the front and told her she was no longer wanted, you lost all the wonderful generosity and kindness that she created and brought to our community. And that community of helpers - based on goodwill - saw your wickedness for what it was and also left. You now live with the consequences of what you created. I'm sure we'll all manage and cope if the library is closed some days. Remember, we're already used to being let down by SWDC in so many other ways that closures like this really would ne water off a ducks back given what you've already put us through. It's also not worth \$165k to fix. Shirley was able to sort it without \$165k. Your current crop of library staff should be able to also. But wither way, closed some days the firm option here.

Q5

COMMUNITY & YOUTH GRANTS: Choose your preferred budget to keep or remove community and youth grants:

Do not provide any Community and Youth grants in 2023/2024.

Other (please specify):

Yip explain it was about choices and the staff spent the money on EVs, furniture, BBQs, and wasting time on subdividing when no new consents will be granted for two years. You cannot afford it.

Q6

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Other (please specify):

These are a list of things you want. How about you dont railroad the community to prioritise what you want, but instead ask them what they want? That is what we mean when we say you dont listen to us. Do you even understand the difference? The only thing I want is for Council to restructure SWDC. Lower salaries. Less people. Then you'll have more money for some things and platform for the right decisions to be made in the first place.. Too many... waaaaa too many people are on too much salary. THIS ISNT WGTN! The CE position should be one year rolling contract, performance based, for half the money. Make it happen. I also think Council need to flush their heads down the toilet and wake up. Spending hours and hours and \$\$\$ and \$\$\$ and more \$\$\$\$ and then more \$\$\$ on subdivision plans for Martinborough that cant be realised bc no new toilets can go on for 2 years beggars belief. Fire the senior mgmt team at council. Get some people in there who arn't stupid! What is the point of having an LTP if you dont adhere to it? You might as well not even bother consulting if you're only going to make it up as you go. rates increases were meant to be around 5% now you want 15% before that you wanted 30-70% increase unforecasted. When does it stop? When you employ smarter people who dont want to replicate a bigger urban council here nor think like one. When you all understand this you'll start doing something right for a change.

Q7

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the public hearings scheduled for 8 & 9 June?

No

Q8

The Council is keen to work more collaboratively with our community to ensure what we are doing remains fit- for-purpose. If you'd like to be considered for future workshops and consultations, then please indicate below:

No thanks, not this time

Q9

Lastly, what is your preferred method of contact?

None of the above,

Other (please specify):

Would not want to waste any more of my time. Qualified statement by recent stats saying confidence in SWDC was only 10%. Says you need to change. Start by saving us money and railroading the community into poor options.

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Q2

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Keep the Long-term plan budget of \$3.5 million, not maintaining current levels of service (included in the proposed budget).

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Other (please specify):

I need more information and detail to properly evaluate this.

Q3

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Keep the current budget of \$300,000 p.a. which will likely not meet the Council's foreseeable requirements to fund emergency works (included in the proposed budget).

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Other (please specify):

You do nothing on Underhill Road which affects me. Other than agreeing to a quarry operation which is ruining the roading infrastructure and now you pass that on to other Rural Ratepayers. I object.

Q4

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Remove the budget for the cost of casual library staff and risk continued library closures on some days of the week.

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Other (please specify):

Better rostering. Adjust days of the week and hours. If we can't afford it, we can't afford it.

Q5

COMMUNITY & YOUTH GRANTS: Choose your preferred budget to keep or remove community and youth grants:

Do not provide any Community and Youth grants in 2023/2024.

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Other (please specify):

Stop all grants and spend the money on more important projects.

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Sustainable living, safe and secure water and soils, waste minimised, biodiversity enhanced

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Nurturing and creating the district's special character, qualities and culture

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Supporting sustainable growth, employment, economic wellbeing and development

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Provide universally accessible, safe and diverse spaces to strengthen connection between people and place

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Advocate for better transport and technology to improve social and business opportunities

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Plan for growth that protects rural land and character,

Encourage economic diversity and local vibrancy,

Deliver sustainable, clean, clear, safe and secure drinking water

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Design and implement innovative, sustainable, efficient and affordable wastewater and stormwater systems

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Other (please specify):

Reduce the number of staff at SWDC. Review the number of company vehicles. Look at revenue generating activities because you are FAILING.

Q7

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No

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Yes, I'm keen to be contacted to participate in future feedback sessions

Q9

Email me

Lastly, what is your preferred method of contact?

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Q2

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only):

Other (please specify):
 As a rural property owner, water management in the urban area has no impact on my property

Q3

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Increase the budget to \$1 million p.a. which will enable more essential work to be completed and a reserve built up for future use.

Other (please specify):
 and ensure roads are kept open unlike the current situation on the Hinakura Rd

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Keep the budget of \$165,000 for the cost of casual staff to keep libraries open when permanent staff are on leave (included in the proposed budget).

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Protect and replenish our natural environment and biodiversity

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Minimise waste and provide environmentally sustainable services

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Take active measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change

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Work in partnership with mana whenua and iwi, respecting tikanga, kaitiakitanga, and taha Māori

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Protect town and rural community character, retaining our unique look and feel

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Other (please specify):
 Underhill Road is a joke and an accident waiting to happen.
 Thanks to the quarry that SWDC & GWRC signed off on.

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Martinborough Community Board (MCB) Submission to SWDC on the 2022/2023 AP Consultation Document. Date 26th May 2023

While the MCB is neutral on the Pillars of the SWDC AP, we do have specific comments to add on items that impact on the Martinborough Community. The items below represent significant concerns held within the community.

1. Getting our wastewater treatment system compliant and fit-for purpose.
This work is very urgent in nature and the failure of this basic infrastructure has obvious serious and very negative impacts on the town, its residents, tradespeople and businesses. The MCB desire to see the urgently delivery of a plan to resolve the issues.
2. Strengthening and encouraging social connections within the community.
Promoting the increased and wider option use of the Waihinga Centre is something the MCB sees as being an opportunity to achieve this.
This facility is very under- utilized, and we should look at opportunities to use the existing facility and promote it. This may mean in future making improvements / modifications to the existing facility, (i.e furniture décor and fit-out) that would make it more user-friendly and appealing.
3. Public access and safety. Improvements to existing footpaths and mobility-friendly crossings, plus lighting and other safety measures at pedestrian crossings throughout the township. Currently these are, in many cases non- compliant, so we would like to work with council to adopt and plan to improve them.
4. Rural roads:
Review basic maintenance of berms and watertables. If this work is kept up it mitigates storm damage to the already vulnerable rural roads.
If some of the roading budget was allotted to local people for this work, even a petrol allowance for those mowing rural berms, this would be a cost-effective measure.



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COMMUNITY BOARD**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

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5. Savings, efficiencies:

Residents have expressed a concern with regards to the efficiency and 'value -for - money' that is being achieved in the expenditure of budgeted money generally.

We are concerned at the standard of basic financial record keeping and management in some areas that we have responsibility for.

As a board we would like to see improvements and will be attempting to hold the council to account in this area.

Martinborough Community Board

Katherine Reedy

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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The Mayor Martin Connelly

The Chairperson and Councillors (SWDC)

SUBMISSION ON 2023/24 ANNUAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

I and my husband Jason Reedy, live and farm at [REDACTED], 4701Ha steep hill country farmland over an hours drive south-east of Martinborough on the coast.

My family, the Camerons have lived and farmed on this land since 1844.

Both properties are largely covered in mature native forest, Kanuka and Manuka scrub. This makes for very challenging environment in which to make a living from sheep and beef. We cannot plant in pines due to restrictions in clearing the land and currently, with the large downturn in demand for manuka honey, is not earning from bee farming at all.

However, our land is unfairly valued at carbon prices which in turn has increased our rate payments to an unsustainable level. We strongly oppose the 29% increase in rates.

Statement of proposal

Te council has recently requested feedback on the following

1. Water budgets. As we reside in rural farmland, we “do for ourselves” in the supply and maintenance of water.
2. Rural Road Reserve. Clearly, with the many road closures the region has experienced in the last decade, there is a major issue that needs addressing. I agree that the rural road reserve needs to be increased, as a direct result of the major weather events we have experienced recently. However, a large factor in the demise in our rural road network, is the fact that these roads are poorly maintained. The issue of road maintenance needs to be a large factor in finding a solution. There is major inefficiencies in the work that the roading contractors do. I have personally witnessed substandard and wasteful repairs undertaken by staff at Fulton Hogan. I have addressed these issues with Councillors at the pop-in meeting held at the Waihinga centre in Martinborough on May 22nd 6.30pm. The Council needs to act on this immediately by closely monitoring ALL repairs and maintenance done by Fulton Hogan. SWDC need to review the roading contractors they use and review all future work they embark on. Or, I recommend employing a different roading contractor.

3. Pool of Casual Library Staff. Close the library when not enough staff are available.
4. Community and Youth Grants. Unsure

Farming in isolated rural communities has become increasingly difficult. With the Government imposing numerous regulations on farming and times of high inflation, it is becoming harder to make an income from farming. The increase in costs, particularly for us at Pahaoa Station is a result from these regulations but also we have had significant increase in running costs, particularly freight increases due to the fact that we do not have a road. The Hinekura hill road has been closed due to a large slip that happened on June 14th 2022. Since this time, residents of Hinekura have had to use the Admiral Hill road, which has added an extra 60-90 minutes when travelling into Masterton or Martinborough. Council has funded a road built on the Hinekura hill, but is 4wd only. Many residents can not afford purchasing 4wd drive vehicles especially with the increase of the ute tax. Trucking companies and Contractors that we rely on are forced to travel the Admiral hill road which has doubled and at times tripled our running costs. This has caused major impacts on our mental health as this causes financial and emotional pressures on our day to day lives.

And you are asking us to dig deeper in to our pockets to fund what is clearly major inadequate spending by the South Wairarapa District Council.

I fear that in imposing an increase on rates of 29% that you will force many farmers off their land. As a result, these families will move into local towns such as Martinborough. Clearly this will impose even more pressure on small towns, as in the case of Martinborough, that has recently had to stop new builds as the sewage network can not cope.

I agree with an article written in The Wairarapa Time -Age (20th May 2023) from a meeting of Masterton District Council with residents, one person stated, "the council needs a review of council staffing. Place a hiring freeze on non-essential roles in council and re-spread money into infrastructure or get rid of over paid consultants". Another way of saving money is to have an independent review of the roles of members of SWDC, and a review of their salaries.

Conclusion

Do not impose a 29% increase in rates. There is a need for a fairer rating system. Large land holders like ourselves, have had land values increase due to Carbon yet we cannot plant pines. Most of our farm is covered in mature scrub grown pre- 1990's so we are unable to claim carbon. We receive no income from this land. As a result, we will need to borrow money from the bank to pay our rates.

Review the rating valuation to a system that better reflects the land type per farm, not have a one size fits all rate- a first principle rating review is needed. This needs to reflect the actual value of land used for farming and not based on over inflated carbon valuations. Also, we need a "Benefits Analysis" As we an isolated farming community, we do not benefit from urban amenities.

An immediate review into the work carried out by roading contractors is needed. Council need to budget and project manage all contractors they employ. Recent roading contractors have been inefficient in the job they do, and are wasting large amounts of money in the repair works being done. Contractors need to be held accountable before spending is incurred. More emphasis needs to be on road maintenance, such as clearing blocked culverts and drain clearing.

In a recent Wairarapa Times-Age article, written by Sue Teodoro, and I quote, "The total annual spend on personnel (in SWDC) for the past three years (ending June 30th) was \$4.6million in 2020, \$5.2 million in 2021, and \$5.8 million in 2022."

That is a massive increase for salaries collected by staff at South Wairarapa District Council. I understand in explanation in FAQ section of annual plan, that there is an increase in administration but I do question the salaries that are getting paid.

Again, and to quote Dan Riddiford in the same article, " I question the quality of administration offered by the council, especially in relation to roading expenditure. There is insufficient management by the council of roading contractors. There is a high level of questioning in the South Wairarapa rural community as to the competence of the management of roading issues."

We as residents of Hinekura agree with these statements and question the management of the roading by the council. Especially as after nearly 12 months of not having a road to our community.

I do not wish to speak to my submission.

Kate Reedy 26.05.23

A photograph of a tree-lined path. In the foreground, a large, dark, pointed rock sits on a concrete base. The path is covered in fallen yellow leaves. A blue trash bin is visible in the distance. The number 160 is overlaid in the top right corner.

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GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN

January 2023 – June 2024

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Message from the Greytown Community Board Chair

We, the Greytown Community Board (GCB), are proud to present this Community Plan. In developing this plan, we have tried to hear as much as possible from the wide and diverse Greytown Community. We recognise the privilege and responsibility we hold to keep Greytown strong and thriving. We also acknowledge that our constituency covers many varying demographics and the key to representing this Community is to not forget all the people who live, work and love Greytown.

We are all lucky to have either been born here or to have found this unique haven that is Greytown. Greytown brings the city to the country with its diverse shopping, excellent dining options and cultural and artistic opportunities. At the same time, it is the best of rural life and small-town charm that generates warmth and comradery. The Greytown Ward is a landscape of diversity that beautifully melds our distinct history into our growth and prosperity. Our history holds many firsts that still are prominent in our town today. We are the best small town in New Zealand because we are unique. We celebrate and recognise the importance of holding on to our heritage as we build our future.

I am proud to be the Chair of the Greytown Community Board because I love this town. It is my home and it holds my heart. I take the role I have for this term seriously as do all the members of the GCB. We all love this town and want it to flourish. In this Greytown Community Plan is our commitment to the entire Greytown Community that we hold our duty to act in the best interests of Greytown seriously.

Louise Brown
Chair

Meet the Greytown Community Board Members

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Warren Woodgyer
Deputy Chair

The things I love about living in Greytown is the ability to walk or bike to most places I frequent. The parks, Rail Trail, trees, friendly and interesting people, and village lifestyle. I would be the first to admit the village lifestyle has changed a little after fifteen years of living here. However, it's still a great place to reside.

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Louise Brown
Chair

My mother is American and my father was the New Zealander. I moved to New Zealand twenty-four years ago and studied law. I have lived rurally for twenty-two of those years and moved to Greytown twelve years ago. I love living just outside Greytown as I am minutes from a vibrant town with classic architecture, great places to eat, fascinating shops and amazing events and attractions.

Neil Morison
Board Member

I am a sixth-generation family that has lived and farmed in rural Greytown. A lot has changed in my lifetime of living here. What I love about Greytown is that it has kept its old heritage but welcomes new modern businesses that keep the community thriving.



Jo Woodcock
Board Member

I have a strong sense of belonging and connection to Greytown having lived here for over thirty years. This bond with the South Wairarapa has increased through my roots. In the 1950s, my Opa and Oma worked and lived on the railway at Pigeon Bush. I loved growing up in Greytown picking fresh apples from the trees and catching eels and crawlies from the creeks. Greytown is rich in its landscape, history, and community spirit and is what I want generations to experience now and in the future.



Martin Bosley
Councillor

I'm a chef and a former restaurateur turned fishmonger that's lived in Greytown for about six years. I run my own business, Yellow Brick Road, from Main Street. What I love about Greytown is that the people here are friendly, with a strong sense of community and small-town charm with its Main Street filled with boutiques, antique stores and cafes. These are just a few of the many things that I enjoy about living here. A simple life in the country, surrounded by trees instead of buildings.



Aaron Woodcock
Councillor

I am a businessman, contractor, and family man born and bred in the South Wairarapa. I love the outdoors and you will often find me diving at the coast. When not engaged with outdoor pursuits, you will find me volunteering at the Greytown rugby club and assisting with kids sports or helping with community projects. What I love about Greytown is its community spirit and country feel.



Community Board Vision

We aim to keep an eye on our heritage but with a focus on the future that marries our history with our potential without detracting, diminishing or forgetting what has made Greytown great from its historic foundation.

Community Profile

Who are we and what makes us special:

Greytown is located 80kms northeast of Wellington on State Highway 2. It was the first inland town founded on 27 March 1854 as part of the Small Farms Association Settlement Scheme. Within the Greytown Ward lies Pāpāwai Marae that was established in the 1850s. The Marae's meeting house, Hikurangi dates from 1888. Pāpāwai was the focus of Kotahitanga, the Māori Parliament Movement and ultimately held the First Māori Parliament in the 1890s. Greytown also celebrated the first Arbor Day in New Zealand on 3 July 1890.

The Military History during World War I in the Wairarapa is well documented. The Greytown Ward was the location of two military camps from approximately 1915 to 1923 being the Tauherenikau and Pāpāwai Military Camps. Soldiers Memorial Park is a reminder of the long history of Greytown residents who have fought for this country. Memorials at the entrance and within the park were erected to recognize the ultimate sacrifice given by the men from this area in World War I and World War II.

Greytown's Main Street is known as the most complete representation of original Victorian Architecture in the country. Cobblestones Museum located on Main Street is a further reflection of the history of Greytown.

Greytown has a long and diverse sporting history with more than thirty sports clubs. Tauherenikau Racecourse opened in January 1874 and is home to the Wairarapa Racing Club that was established on 27 April 1864. The Greytown Cricket Club is the second oldest in the country being established in 1867. Greytown is also known to have had the first Women's Cricket Team. Greytown Rugby is the third oldest in the country and was established in 1876.

Greytown has often been referred to as the "Fruit Bowl of the Wairarapa" and is still recognized today for its orchards and rural farming.

Greytown is now proud to be a part of the South Wairarapa International Dark Sky Reserve.

Bringing Our Plan Together

Strategic Framework

In developing the Greytown Community Plan the Community Board has recognized and encompassed the four wellbeing's under The Local Government Act and in the strategic framework of the South Wairarapa District Council's Long-Term Plan.

Social Wellbeing

Residents are safe, active, healthy, resilient, optimistic and connected

- ◆ Strengthen social connections within the community
- ◆ Encourage community pride and participation
- ◆ Provide universally accessible, safe and diverse spaces to strengthen connection between people and place
- ◆ Advocated for better technology to improve social and business opportunities

Economic Wellbeing

A place of destination, new business and diverse employment that gives people independence and opportunity

- ◆ Plan for growth that protects rural land and character
- ◆ Support quality urban development
- ◆ Support growth that improves the environment
- ◆ Support the transition to a low carbon economy
- ◆ Encourage economic diversity and local vibrancy
- ◆ Leverage partnerships with central and regional agencies to enable economic development and employment opportunities

Environmental Wellbeing

Sustainable living, safe and secure water and soils, waste minimized, biodiversity enhanced

- ◆ Deliver sustainable, clean, clear, safe and secure drinking water
- ◆ Design and implement innovative, sustainable, efficient and affordable wastewater and stormwater systems
- ◆ Protect and replenish our natural environment and biodiversity
- ◆ Take active measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of environmental change
- ◆ Empower and enable our community to drive behavioural change for the benefit of the environment

Cultural Wellbeing

Strong relationships with whanau, hapu, iwi and marae, celebrating diverse cultural identity, arts and heritage.

- ◆ Work in partnership with mana whenua, tangata whenua, hapū, iwi and marae respecting tikanga (customs), kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and taha Māori (heritage)
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- ◆ Protect town and rural community character, retaining our unique look and feel
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Community Engagement

As a Community Board, we conducted a series of community forums, community clinics and community group visits to receive feedback and opinions to develop our priorities.

Four priority areas for action were identified:

1. Emergency Response and ongoing Community Resilience
2. Our Culture and Heritage
3. Tourism and Economic Opportunities
4. Our Community as a Whole

Within each of these action areas of focus, there are a set of actions that form the basis of the Greytown Community Plan for 2023-2027

Our Priorities



Emergency Response and ongoing Community Resilience

Strengthen our community resources and improve our knowledge to be more resilient in emergencies

Contributes to the Long-Term Plan outcomes through:

- ◆ Strengthening social connections within the community
- ◆ Providing universally accessible, safe and diverse spaces to strengthen connection between people and place
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- ◆ Take active measures to adapt and mitigate the impacts of environmental change
- ◆ Deliver sustainable, clean, clear, safe and secure drinking water

How are we going to do this?

- Hold a forum for the community that provides an opportunity to familiarize themselves with ways to prepare and be more resilient in cases of emergency
- Build and strengthen our relationship with the local marae, community groups and individuals who can assist in and with emergencies
- Purchase and supply materials for flooding
- Develop a neighbourhood support network in the community
- Familiarise the community with our local Community Hub
- Develop and foster a Greytown Community Patrol

How will we know if we've been successful?

- Community feedback implemented
- Funding provided for flooding materials and purchase completed
- Greytown Community Patrol created and maintained



Our Culture and Heritage

Embrace our culture and heritage and use it to drive our growth

Contributes to the Long-Term Plan outcomes through:

- ◆ Encourage community pride and participation
- ◆ Working in partnership with mana whenua, tangata whenua, hapū, iwi and marae respecting tikanga (customs), kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and taha Māori (heritage)
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- ◆ Plan the growth that protects rural land and character
- ◆ Improve urban design and integrate what we build with our historical features
- ◆ Take opportunities to advance and showcase arts, culture and heritage

How are we going to do this?

- By building a stronger relationship with mana whenua and Papawai Marae, including:
 - Collaboration for an annual Matariki Celebration
 - Support the change of name of Tauherenikau to Tauwharenikau
- Advocate to South Wairarapa District Council for the delegation of our local parks and reserves to the Community Board:
 - Stella Bull Park, Arbor Reserve, Soldiers Memorial Park, O'Conner's Bush, Kowhai Park and Collier Reserve
- Increase the awareness of Greytown Arbor Day nationally and ensure its celebration becomes more prominent in Greytown
- Advocate to the South Wairarapa District Council to include in the Long-Term Plan and District Plan pertaining to Greytown
 - To increase Green Space in Greytown
 - No fast-food chain stores within Greytown
 - To adopt the Style Guide of Greytown Heritage Trust

How will we know if we've been successful?

- Parks and reserves are delegated
- Long Term Plan and District Plan to include and maintain the culture and heritage of Greytown
- Greytown Matariki Celebration established
- An increase in recognition of Arbor Day and its celebration
- Continue to make submissions in opposition to anything that counters the maintaining of Greytown culture and heritage.



Tourism and Economic Opportunities

Support the economic growth and highlight the unique tourism draws of Greytown

Contributes to the Long-Term Plan outcomes through:

- ◆ Encouraging economic diversity and local vibrancy
- ◆ Encourage community pride and participation
- ◆ Working in partnership with mana whenua, tangata whenua, hapū, iwi and marae, respecting tikanga (customs), kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and taha Māori (heritage)
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How are we going to do this?

- Fostering collaboration between rural and town businesses to increase use of local products and therefore strengthen sustainability
 - Hospitality businesses utilize and highlight use of local meats, fish, fruit and vegetables
 - Local products sold within retail shops
- Support and assist in development of local events and attractions that draw visitors such as:
 - Festival of Christmas
 - Dark Sky
 - Matariki
 - Tweed Ride
 - Arbor Day
 - Five Town Rail Trail
 - Cobblestones Museum
 - Race days at Tauwharenikau Racecourse

How will we know if we've been successful?

- Economic growth
- Establishment and promotion of new local events and attractions
- Survival and increase of local and independent business within Greytown



Our Community as a Whole

Recognise Greytown's growing demographic and embrace its culture and diversity

Contributes to the Long-Term Plan outcomes through:

- ◆ Strengthen social connections within the community
- ◆ Encourage community pride and participation
- ◆ Provide universally accessible, safe and diverse spaces to strengthen connection between people and place
- ◆ Leverage partnerships with central and regional agencies to enable economic development and employment opportunities
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How are we going to do this?

- Advocate for the First Masonic Hall building in Stella Bull Park to return to being Greytown Library and include community services; therefore allowing for the Town Hall to return to being an event and activity space.
- Turn Greyspace into Green Space
- Support environment friendly transport within Greytown by:
 - Installing EV Charging Stations
 - Increasing bike lockups
- Remember to provide for and care for all members of the Community by seeking funds or support from the South Wairarapa District Council to allow for the following:
 - Create community Gardens
 - Re-establishing Community Pantries
 - Look to increase additional affordable pension housing
 - Create a foodbank for Greytown by growing the new partnership with Martinborough Foodbank
 - Seek to enter a relationship with Kainga Ora to ensure current residents of Greytown have priority with new development.
 - Support the Greytown Trails Trust in their work to finish the Five Town Trails , maintain their current trails and develop future trails
 - Increase of sitting space within Greytown
 - Increase Disabled Parking within Greytown proper and approach Waka Kotahi to consider putting disabled parking along Main Street also known as State Highway 2
- Support local projects focused on environmental sustainability through the community board budget being:
 - Tree planting during the Arbor Day Celebration
 - Assist with establishing community gardens

- Advocate for the Long-Term Plan to include local priorities focused on environmental sustainability being:
 - The purchase of or allocation of council land for the purpose of Green Space
 - Establish EV Stations in Greytown

How will we know if we've been successful?

- Submission made to South Wairarapa District Council for the Long-Term Plan to include funding or support for:
 - The purchase of or allocation of council land for the purpose of Green Space
 - Establish EV Station in Greytown
 - The re-establishment of the Greytown Library in the First Masonic Hall
 - Projects that can be are supported through the Community Board budget
 - Submissions or communications are made for our priorities to the appropriate government bodies or community groups
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**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
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From: [Suzanne Morton](#)
To: [submissions](#)
Subject: Annual Plan Consultation

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2023 2:20:49 PM

Hello. We support Option A3 (increase the budget to WWL's recommendation) and C1 (to keep casual librarians). We are Suzanne Morton and David Gordon, [REDACTED]. Preferred method of contact is email ([REDACTED]). Mobile is [REDACTED]. We won't be speaking in person to our submission

Sent from my iPhone

My Annual Plan submission.

Name – Daphne Geisler

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General Comment

I refer to page 6 of the consultation document.

Your proposed additional costs for 2023/24 total are shown as \$5,057,000

Your proposed reduction of \$1,683,000 for water budget and pause in loans, takes the total revised increase this year to \$3,374,000. This is the increase in rates you are proposing for 2023/24.

I have a little déjà vu – artificially decreasing spending, that is, postponing a cost that will have to be re-paid, rather than making actual savings will come back to bite.

If the 2024/25 costs of council do not increase one cent and you do not pay back the paused water repayment, ratepayers will still have to pay an additional \$1,683,000 in rates to keep at the same level of spending as this year. If, as you make good on the paused water loans it will cost ratepayers an additional \$1.8 million in rates next year. I think that means that in 2024/25 to keep spending level with 2023/24, not accounting for any increase in costs, paying the paused repayment on the water loan, ratepayers will be paying an additional \$3,483,000 in 2024/25? How do you justify that?

WATER BUDGET: Choose your preferred water budget (impacts urban and commercial ratepayers only)

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Increase the budget to \$4.9 million, improving the ability to meet current levels of service, with some gaps

Increase the budget to Wellington Water Limited's recommended level of \$7.496 million (including inflation)

Other (please specify)

(I am an urban ratepayer) It is impossible for me to choose from these “options”. It seems that I am being told that to want to reduce water risk to a reasonable level, I am requesting a total blow out of rates costs. As this is such an important area for community safety, I would expect to see significant savings made in other operational areas so that the overall cost of rates remains reasonable. The proposal shows no detail of any other savings in operational areas. Platitudes of

“concerted effort to review expenses and control costs wherever possible” do not ring true when NO savings other than water have been illustrated. The proposal shows almost \$1 million in additional “resourcing costs” with no level of detail at all. It shows over a \$1 million in “other costs” again with no justification or specificity. If budget cuts were actually made, dare I say, expected or demanded by Councillors, maybe the required funding for water could be found. After asking for detail, I have not been provided with any and thus I think that the rigour required to manage costs and spending has not been completed thoroughly. I ask that the Mayor and Councillors rethink accepting the level of spending in other areas of the proposal and take a responsible position to maintain our water infrastructure at a responsible safe level.

RURAL ROADING RESERVE: Choose your preferred Rural Road Reserve budget (impacts rural ratepayers only):

Keep the current budget of \$300,000 p.a. which will likely not meet the Council’s foreseeable requirements to fund emergency works (included in the proposed budget).

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Increase the budget to \$1 million p.a. which will enable more essential work to be completed and a reserve built up for future use.

Other (please specify)

(I am a rural rate payer) The current proposal suggests a level that the Mayor and Councillors do not expect will be high enough to fund emergency works. That seems a totally irresponsible proposal. I have asked, but received no information on where funding comes from when the reserve has been spent. It would appear that knowing the level proposed is insufficient, the Mayor and Councillors must be aware of how emergency road works can be funded without a reserve, but have given me no answer. Without a knowledge of the consequences of funding at a level that “will likely not meet foreseeable requirements” how can I determine my position on these alternatives.

POOL OF CASUAL LIBRARY STAFF: Choose your preferred budget for a casual library staff pool (without this casual library staff pool to cover leave there will be more days when our libraries will be closed due to insufficient staffing):

Keep the budget of \$165,000 for the cost of casual staff to keep libraries open when permanent staff are on leave (included in the proposed budget).

Remove the budget for the cost of casual library staff and risk continued library closures on some days of the week.

Other (please specify)

I find the structure of this proposal quite threatening; if you do not accept our proposal to increase the budget, we close the libraries! Many businesses are facing cost and staffing issues and looking at innovative creative and new ways of addressing them. I would ask that the Mayor and Councillors do NOT increase the budget for casual staff to cover leave AND they keep libraries open. I would ask that Council listen to the creativity of the staff, community boards and ratepayers to find ways to solve this problem. I have suggested some ideas and they have not yet been fully considered, other people will have much better ideas than I do. I ask the Mayor and Councillors to listen to ideas. I am concerned that the response to the library question is “throw money at it” and this may be mirrored in other areas which is why we have seen no significant savings across other operational areas.

COMMUNITY & YOUTH GRANTS: Choose your preferred budget to keep or remove community and youth grants:

Keep the current budget of \$170,000 (included in the proposed budget).

Do not provide any Community and Youth grants in 2023/2024.

Other (please specify)

Really? The overall rates are increasing by \$3,376,671, including “resourcing” of over \$900,000 and “other” of over \$1 million with very little supporting information or request for my comments. and yet I get half a page of emotive detail about \$170,000 of valuable community grant funding? Really?

.Do you wish to speak to your submission at the public hearings scheduled for 8 & 9 June?

Yes please

The Council is keen to work more collaboratively with our community to ensure what we are doing remains fit- for-purpose. If you’d like to be considered for future workshops and consultations, then please indicate below:

Yes, I'm keen to be contacted to participate in future feedback sessions

Thanks

Daphne Geisler



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While there is an acknowledged shortfall (actually there's always a claimed shortfall), this is not the time to expand rates. Rural rate payers cannot accommodate a rise of 29% on top of last years 21%. The most that rates should rise is the current CPI. We all must show restraint, accept what we have for now and look to build reserves when we can.

Tell us more – looking ahead to our next Long-term Plan

We would love to hear more from you so we can begin planning for our next Long-term Plan (2024-2034).

While the formal consultation process for the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan won't begin until next year (so you will have more chances to input and make a formal submission), the earlier we can begin understanding what matters to you for the district and what the Council should be focused on to achieve this, the better.

We have a number of outcomes and strategic drivers in the current Long-term Plan, we'd like to understand which ones are most important to you and if there are others that are missing.

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DIFFICULT TIMES - PLEASE LOOK AT INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC CAR CHARGERS IN TOWN, INCREDIBLE THAT A DESTINATION LIKE MARTINBOROUGH DOESN'T HAVE AND YES - FIX THE ROADS, YOU'LL NEED THE MONEY FOR THIS.



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youtube video: https://youtu.be/ZC8oyB5_4M4

South Wairarapa District Council

Submission to Council – Roading Maintenance

Ruakokoputuna Valley Resident

Prepared by:

Frank Aldridge – Waipuna Limited – Director



24 May 2023

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1. Introduction

Introduction

The basis of this submission is:

- that over time the type and volume of use for this road has substantially changed and the surface and maintenance programme have not kept pace with this change
- this has resulted in:
 - sub-standard surface conditions most of the time
 - a road that would fail to meet minimum safety requirements
 - a road surface that is unsuitable for residents, school bus, visitors and tourists that frequent the area (particularly to go to Patuna Chasm)
- that despite numerous and frequent calls to Council over recent years there has been no effective change for the users of this road. The road is in the worst condition that I have known it in the 44 years that I have lived in the Ruakokoputuna
- that I have submitted previous submissions in 2019 and 2020 and the Council committed to seal the first 3 km of the road over three years (letter from Jennie Mitchell to Nicki Thomas 16 July 2019 – This is included in the submission from Ali Holmes this year). The second km was sealed 2020/21. The Council reneged on its commitment last year
- I appreciate the sealing that the Council did do from the 1km mark to the 2km mark in 2020/21. That has been a huge improvement

This submission addresses:

- change of use
- safety matters
- gravel roads

This submission will be supported by personal representation to Council (possibly via Teams).

I also note the proposed 29% increase for rural rates. As such, we need to make sure the services provided are value for money. I personally don't mind paying if we get a good level of service. Unfortunately, that is not the case at the moment.

I appreciate that:

- the current Council has inherited these issues
- the Council has a lot of infrastructure issues to deal with

This is a chance for the Council to get things heading in the right direction. If we can see progress it would go a long way to improving the perception of Council.

Continued on next page

1. Introduction, Continued

Submission I am submitting that the road surface requires immediate short term and long-term investment by the Council in order to provide a safer road for residents, school buses, businesses and tourism.

I believe that this can be achieved by:

- The Council meets its' earlier commitment to tar seal the remainder of most problematic and unsafe sections of the road up to the 3 km mark in the short term. Then the remainder of unsealed road up to the Blue Rock Rd intersection (start of Haurangi Rd)
- The provision of regular and adequate road maintenance to ensure the gravel sections of the road are in a usable and safe condition at all times, including maintenance of drainage.
- The provision of signage throughout the road to warn drivers of:
 - bends
 - gravel surfaces
 - reducing speed
 - oncoming traffic
- Safety barriers installed on the corner above the cliff – just past the end of the 1 to 2 km section of seal

The road has degraded to a point where it's currently:

- stressful to use
- dangerous to the wellbeing of residents and tourists
- damaging to vehicles

The nature of the Ruakokoputuna area has changed significantly over the years from once being a solely farming community to now being populated with lifestyle blocks, businesses and importantly now a growing usage as the area becomes a popular tourism destination.

I see these recommendations provide a better and more cost effective long term solution for both the Council and the residents and users of this road. This will ultimately provide safer roads for residents and tourists which in turn will enhance the community wellbeing and provide a secure and accessible environment for tourism growth

2. Change of Use

Introduction

Key points in regard to this road and change of use include:

- the original gravel surface has remained unchanged since the area was settled. The only exceptions being a few small sections of seal added over the last 30 years and the second km of road sealed
- the area has grown residentially and commercially from approximately 6 homes to over 50 homes, sections and businesses
- most of these homes have at least 2 vehicles using the road on a daily basis
- there are also three businesses including Te Kairanga Vineyard and Pakohe Agriculture who have multiple vehicles (including heavy machinery) using the road daily
- along with increased residential and commercial use there has been a substantial increase in tourism contributing to the increased road usage. The Patuna Chasm has close to 9,000 visitors per year which equates to around 3000 cars per year – a lot of which are unfamiliar with country roads

The road surface is no longer suitable or safe for the changed type of use and frequency of users.

3. Safety

Introduction

There are a number of safety issues in regards to this road, its surface and maintenance:

- I believe it is only a matter of time before the condition of the road will lead to either a serious accident or fatality
 - the road is mostly gravel with tar sealing in parts at the 3km mark and again at approximately 4km mark. The graveled road surface combined with the increased vehicle usage has resulted in a significant degradation of the road including exposed bedrock and potholes, the road state is regularly in a dangerous condition
 - at most times the potholes and corrugations are of number and significance that drivers have to cross the middle of the road to avoid them. This is a major and fundamental safety issue
 - the most problematic points for vehicle incidents, potholes, corrugations and bedrock are the first unsealed sections up to the start of Haurangi Road. The road in these parts are winding, graveled bends which combined with corrugations, exposed bedrock and potholes have contributed to a number of incidents or near misses on the road with vehicles either skidding out of control on the gravel or taking the bends on the wrong side of the road to avoid potholes and bedrock
 - the gravel nature of the road surface is problematic for the tourists who have little to no experience on gravel, many either drive too fast for the conditions and don't move over when you drive towards them
 - the state of the road takes a toll on vehicles that use it on a daily basis and increases wear. I have just had to replace two front tyres prematurely due to the wheel alignment (which had been done quite recently) being knocked out of alignment and chopped out the inside of the tyres
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4. Gravel Road

Introduction A few years ago, when Fulton Hogan took over the contract, they reformed the first km of the road. This was properly formed, had adequate drainage and kept the water off the road. It was then capped with an adequate amount of gravel. This was a huge improvement.

Over the years this has not been maintained properly and resulted in:

- drainage not working
- drains filled with gravel
- water flowing down the road
- road surface going down to clay and slush
- numerous (hundreds) of large potholes on the sides and in the middle of the road, making it almost impossible to avoid them and certainly not possible to avoid them without crossing the centre of the road
- ruts going across the road where water has scoured the road

In short, this road is not fit for purpose. It is this Council's chance to rectify a long-standing issue that has been getting progressively worse.

I believe sealing these sections of road combined with the other recommendations would significantly increase:

- safety
- usability and journey enjoyment

and at the same time reducing ongoing (yet ineffective) maintenance costs.

Submission of Bill & Diane Armstrong on South Wairarapa District Council's Proposed 2023/24 Annual Plan and Rates Increase

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Council's proposals as set out in the recently released *Consultation Document*. We are rural ratepayers. Whilst the Council is to be congratulated on the intent behind the document (transparency and opportunity for public input) we have a number of concerns about the process that has been followed in generating the proposals for rates increases, the assumptions or premises which underlie the proposals, and the lack of detail concerning cost-saving measures and options.

1. Process Issues

It goes without saying perhaps that the process followed by any council in setting rates has the potential to significantly affect the outcome.

From our perspective, it appears that SWDC councillors (ie elected representatives) do not have adequate control over the setting of rates. Councillors should be giving guidance to staff as to the outcome(s) they wish to achieve. In the absence of a 'top down' approach, there is a real risk of the tail wagging the dog and, to extend the analogy, some might say creating a 'dog's breakfast' of staff aspirations only slightly tempered by councillor inputs at the end of a rushed process.

It is apparent from reports in the *Wairarapa Times Age* that the Annual Plan (including its rating proposals) was generated by staff with very little guidance from councillors (hence their concern at the content of the first draft of the Consultation Document) and that staff did not allow adequate lead time to allow full and proper consideration of the issues by elected representatives. The Mayor is quoted in the *Age* (28 April) as saying that the late presentation of the Consultation Document to elected members "put council under a lot of pressure" and that "the real issue is that our officers did not start the annual planning process in good time". What was the CEO doing?

Incidentally, it appears that "staff capture" of annual plans and budgetary matters is not peculiar to the SWDC. In the *Dominion Post* of 13 May 2023 an article entitled "Creep of Control" cites an ex-mayor of Wellington City as saying:

"A council gets elected thinking it can make decisions like budgetary decisions that will have an impact on rates – and they (senior officials) all have ways of putting a stop to itthe main one is that they'll say: here's 1% of this year's annual budget, you choose what happens here, but everything else is locked down unless you want to cut libraries or slash jobs"

In the same article, existing councillors expressed similar concerns, one saying:

"I've found the quality of information which councillors get to make their decisions is grossly inadequate.....it is a mixture of far too much information but also a lack of focus on what really matters".

It is perhaps not surprising that "Yes Minister" is alive and well in local government; to a degree it probably reflects human nature (self-interest) but it can also reflect an insidious form of wilful myopia. It is the job of the CEO to minimise this type of behaviour and to ensure that councillors are provided with timely and focused advice. In fact, we would suggest that the performance of any council rests to a large extent on the competence and integrity of the CEO (For that reason both the appointment decision and the terms of the employment contract between council and the CEO are critical). At the end of the day, the setting of rates (a form of taxation) is essentially a political

process.....hence it is vital that elected representatives set the agenda and remain in control. It is up to the CEO to make sure this happens and that, in this regard, he or she is accountable to councillors via the annual performance review process [One might expect *Local Government NZ* to provide guidance to its members on such matters].

Finally, we note that to compound the dual problems of insufficient councillor guidance and inadequate analysis and presentation of cost savings options, the adoption of a “tick box” approach to consultation (see back of Consultation Document), whilst expedient, runs the risk of the process degenerating into a “numbers game”.

2. The Need to Establish High Level Principles or Objectives to Guide the Setting of Rates

We think that at present it is too easy for both officials and councillors to get bogged down in detail when wrestling with rates reviews and hence lose sight of what really matters. We suggest the process would be greatly improved by SWDC establishing a set of principles or high level objectives governing the setting of rates. This would also assist with community participation.

We make some suggestions below with comment on the potential consequences for the current 2023/24 rates review:

Rates should be reasonable under the circumstances prevailing at the time that they are set

SWDC is proposing a 15.9% rates increase across the board and rural ratepayers are facing a 29% rates rise; this on top of a 6.1% increase across the board last year and 29% the year prior. These increases are compounding year upon year so they are even higher than they appear on face value.

Are the proposed rates hikes for the 2023/4 year reasonable under the circumstances (recent history of large compounding rises and the current unprecedented ‘cost of living’ crisis)? We believe that the answer to this question is a resounding “no”, particularly in light of the over-riding purpose of local government in the Local Government Act, viz to promote the wellbeing of its communities. Ratepayers are facing rising costs on many fronts and those on low or fixed incomes are struggling to cope. Unlike councils, they have no or very limited ability to absorb further costs.

In our submission, Council should not be *adding* to inflationary pressures nor inflicting further pain on the most vulnerable. We think that SWDC should be seriously considering a rates freeze under current circumstances. This would mean reduced expenditure in some areas but we suggest that if handled astutely, it need not be at the expense of safety or a cut in *essential* services.

With regard to the latter, we think it critical that council (hence ratepayers) have a clear idea of exactly what constitutes an “essential service”. At present there seems to be considerable confusion surrounding this issue, hence the options for cost-savings. On p2 of the Discussion Document, it says “Where we can, we are delaying *non-essential* spending” but it is not clear what is being referred to and elsewhere in the document there is reference to proceeding with expenditures that are clearly discretionary (eg “water treatment and pump station *upgrades*” p2, *improving* the resilience of our roading and water networks and keeping *all* our services operating properly”, p2).

Generally, there is no clear distinction between operating and capital expenditure in the Document. This is at the expense of transparency and evaluation of (temporary) savings options. The document says, on p2, that Council has only included *operating* costs but there are clearly items of *capital* expenditure which could potentially be deferred.

Rates Imposed on Individual Ratepayers Should Bear Some Relationship to Services Received

Such a principle, which most would consider axiomatic, appears to have been lost sight of, or (at least) at risk of being lost sight of. The most obvious example is the situation with so-called “lifestyle” properties which receive very few services (no drinking water or sewage) but which are nevertheless rated at a rate not far removed from urban properties, a situation compounded by the inability of many of the owners of lifestyle properties to absorb cost increases in comparison with the owners of other categories of rural properties (see below).

Rates should be fair and equitable

Again, most people would consider this a given. However, the proposal to increase the rating of rural properties by 28.9% as opposed to 10.3% for urban properties must come under scrutiny in this regard. The reason for the difference is not clearly stated in the Consultation Document. It is difficult to understand the logic behind the statement on p8 that “savings in water mostly benefit urban ratepayers so rural ratepayers will have a higher percentage increase than urban ratepayers”. It may be that this is just poorly expressed but modest savings in one area surely do not amount to a justification for a major rates hike in another. The obvious question is why can’t those savings simply translate into a reduction in urban rates?

If the proposed rural rates increase relates primarily to the maintenance of rural roads, then that should be clearly stated in the interests of transparency. It does seem strange that the cost of rural road maintenance is not spread to some degree across all ratepayers, after all urban dwellers use rural roads and benefit indirectly from them via economic activity.

The application of an across the board 28.9% rates rise across all categories of rural land creates additional inequities for the owners of lifestyle blocks because, unlike the owners of other categories of rural land they do not run their properties as “businesses” and therefore cannot right their rates off as business expenses for taxation purposes.

We have a “lifestyle” property on North Street with a bore and septic tank. Properties to the immediate south of us are on land zoned “urban”. We face a 28.9% rise in rates, nearly 3x that of our fully-serviced neighbours across the fence. Is that fair? We think the SWDC needs to undertake an immediate review of the situation with lifestyle properties.

Proposed rates increases need to be fully justified to ratepayers

Again, perhaps self-evident but worth stating given some of the aforementioned shortfalls of the Consultation Document under consideration.

The emphasis is on the word “fully”. Frankly, we are not impressed with some of the arguably fatuous, misleading and self-serving “justifications” that appear in the document such as:

- *“We recognise that it is necessary to increase rates in order to maintain the levels of service that our community expects and deserves”, p12 [It is clear that much of the proposed expenditure is not just about maintenance of services and in any event what does SWDC know about what the community “expects” let alone what it “deserves”?]*
- *“To foster the wellbeing of our community and economy”, p2*
- *“To grow sustainably as a district”, p2*

To use Council's terminology, ratepayers "deserve" a full and proper analysis of the available cost-savings options and their impact on rates. One obvious question not dealt with in the document is why SWDC so often resorts to the use of consultants and contractors when it has a large complement of well-paid staff? Why isn't more work done in-house?

3. The Way Forward

Having regard to the above, we would ask SWDC councillors to make changes to the current rating proposals (for the 2023 year) along the following lines:

- Adopt a set of principles or high level objectives to guide all rates determinations going forward
- Exercise a stronger leadership role in the setting of rates by confirming the outcome(s) sought in the current year, preferably a rates freeze or a small increase, certainly not one above the current level of inflation
- Identify, in discussion with the CEO, those services which are truly *essential* and which items of expenditure are discretionary, that is 'nice to have' rather than 'need to have'
- Examine all discretionary activities (eg capital works, engagement of contractors and consultants) which can be paused or minimised to achieve savings, issue instructions and hold the CEO to account for ensuring that these are implemented
- Eliminate all cost over-runs. In our view, the current situation with Wellington Water is untenable. This is illustrated by reference to a report on a SWDC meeting in the Times Age (08 May 2023)a blowout in the WW budget was under discussion and the Chair of the Finance Committee Mr Olds was reported as saying that he was concerned that "somebody" inside the organisation had authorized an unbudgeted expenditure of \$301,000 and "I'm wondering about the process and how we got to the stage where Wellington Water basically has an open cheque book and do what they want to do"[In our view this is a harbinger of what ratepayers can expect under the so-called "Affordable Waters" reforms but that is another story]. The underlying problem in our view is that SWDC has got rid of the Chief Engineer role and consequently has no in-house expertise or ability to adequately supervise profit motivated contractors.
- Water Budget: Confirm Option 1, keep the Long Term Plan budget of \$3.5 M in the interests of financial stringency
- Rural Road Reserve Fund: Confirm Option 2, budget \$500, 000 as a compromise, hence faster build-up of reserve (more resilience) than Option 3
- Library Staff: Confirm Option 1, keep a budget of \$165,000 as a 'small ticket' item

- Community and Youth Grants: Confirm Option 1, keep \$170,000 budget as also small ticket and benefits probably outweigh the cost

We are pleased to note the Mayor's assurance, at the front of the Discussion Document, that the consultation will be genuine and that the Council is open to changing its mind after listening to submissions.

Sincerely,

Bill & Diane Armstrong.

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FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN

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Board Introduction

From Tauwharenikau river, down to Whare Kauhau, Featherston /Paetūmokai ward is cherished by its residents. It reaches from the mountains to the sea, and includes some of the most significant environment in the region.

We love being nestled at the base of the mighty Remutaka's, under the dark and brilliant skies. Our rohe stretches to the coast, alongside our beautiful and moody Wairarapa Moana. The long-term health and wellbeing of this natural environment is integral to the work the Featherston Community Board sees as it's core responsibilities.

We love our community- we build strong relationships with each other and look out for one another. There is a deep and long-term commitment to the people, by the people, that gives the community a sense of purpose and strength, and a character all of it's own. There are people in our community who are "Feathy Famous"- working tirelessly for the community to make our lives here better. Our board aspires to celebrate and support these kaitiaki, guardians of our place, and to provide assistance for all who wish to help.

We want our community to grow and thrive, and to continue to be tight knit and supportive. We want a place for our mokopuna to be able to see themselves in. We hope this plan helps provide a supporting framework for the continued and energised commitment to this.

We also understand that Featherston has a range of challenges and needs to be met and resolved, as part of the district, region and country, for the ongoing health and strength of the community. We accept these challenges and are proud to advocate and work together for the benefit of all who live here.

As a united board, we commit to working together, and with all others, to inclusively and considerately support the current and future community.

As our community grows, we want it to remain true to its values , whilst becoming the Manawa of the Wairarapa- green and flourishing.



Meet the Featherston Community Board Members

Annelise Schroeder



Quite simply, I love Paetūmōkai Featherston. I have lived here for eight years and really value this town's sense of security and belonging. It feels like a good place to be. I welcome our town's diversity and efforts at inclusion. There is a genuine concern for everyone's

wellbeing. We all get the chance to contribute when we are able and to be supported when we need it. We also care for our natural taonga: our mountains, rivers, lake and bush. I am privileged to be part of a Community Board that looks to develop a safe and sustainable future for our town. Ngā mihi maioha.

John Dennison



What impresses me most about Featherston is that there are so many people who are givers in our community. That makes it a place where everyone, including a relative newcomer like

me, can feel they belong. It's a strange truth that we can only keep what we have by giving.

Already after a relatively short length of time I've been privileged to have worked with some amazing people (both within and outside of the Board) who are dedicated to our town. I encourage you to consider how I and the rest of the Board can continue to work with you to make our town the very best it can be.

Tui Rutherford



We chose to move here because we appreciated the sense of community that Featherston/Paetūmōkai has. Since being elected to the board, I have learned that this was just the beginning. The pride, strength and community spirit here is second to

none. As both a city commuter and very much a committed local, I'm dedicated to preserving the unique character of Featherston while supporting sympathetic growth into the future. I am committed to making sure that all parts of our community get to share in the community, and that we acknowledge the mana whenua and our obligations to them. Our community board are a broad-thinking, open, respectful and committed group, driven to support this community, and help give a voice in Council. I'm proud to be part of it!

Rebecca Gray



I love living in Featherston. I feel a very strong sense of connection to this place, even though I have only been here a few years. The community inspires me, and the natural environment takes my breath away. I feel very privileged to serve on the Featherston Community Board as well as to sit on the South Wairarapa District Council. In both of these roles, I have the ability to advocate for Featherston in the planning and governance space, and to help shape policies that will have long

lasting positive impacts for our community and our environment. I hope to use my time well to work

alongside my committee whanau in achieving our vision - a thriving town with lots of green space and an arty and creative vibe, a place for our families and our future.

Warren Maxwell



My seventeen years living here in Featherston / Paetūmokai are packed with constant affirmations that it was without-a-doubt the best decision to relocate here from Wellington. There is a

genuine, social connectivity here that I hadn't felt in other places. As an elected member of this board, I am acutely aware of the many responsibilities and considerations in front of us. But the diverse yet respectful synergy of our Community Board is highly contagious (in a good way) and I am super excited to share and implement our combined love for the Featherston ward into this plan to see Paetūmokai thrive and flourish. *Nei rā tāku mihi aroha.*

Melissa Sadler-Futter



The Wairarapa has been my happy place for as long as I can remember and now to be able to call Featherston home feels pretty darn good. I think it's fairly obvious that I love this funky, eclectic, quirky little village. Featherston is

unpretentious, it's completely comfortable. A real come as you are kind of place and I appreciate it for that. Why is that? Quite simply it's the people. We are incredibly lucky to have an amazing community here.

While initially standing for Council, the added opportunity of being appointed to the Featherston Community Board has been a rewarding bonus. I am surrounded by passionate individuals committed to shaping a better Featherston for our present residents and future generations.

Community Board Vision

‘Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata. Ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tīna.’

A thriving future – For community, for our grandchildren, for the environment.

Principles

These are the core principles we work to.

- 1. Kia Puāwai: We will work to maintain, enhance and build on the unique characteristics and values of Featherston/Paetūmōkai*
- 2. Kia Tū Ake Tātou: We will work to make sure this community is here for generations to come*
- 3. Manaaki Taiao: We will work to enhance and rebuild our natural environment, to restore balance and mitigate the challenges of climate change.*

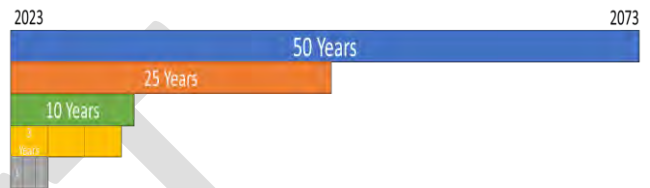
Framework and Goals

Rautaki: Strategic Framework

This plan is intended to set out a framework of guiding principles by which the current Featherston Community Board can plan and deliver present-day initiatives, but also create transformative principles for future boards to build on.

While there are many immediate, short term tasks and issues to address, the electoral terms of a community board is relatively brief. So this document hopes to set out a framework for Paetūmōkai’s foreseeable future while building long-term aspirations for our community and environment.

Not all included in this plan needs to meet all of these objectives. However our hopes are that any future initiatives undertaken align with our three main mātāpono or principles.



While there are many challenges to planning this far in advance, we know that future successes of Paetūmōkai will depend on a healthy and restored environment, mindful actions and sympathetic community development for the long term.

The approach for this plan was to identify the characteristics and concepts that will support this.

Goals and priorities – The three Pou of the Featherston Community Board Plan

Kia Puawai: For community



Our community plan is intended to maintain and improve the strengths, opportunities and

values of the community, so that Paetūmōkai:

- Acknowledges the mana whenua
- Residents are safe, resilient, engaged
- Is unique
- Is in control of it’s own destiny
- Is relevant and connected to the Wairarapa and the rest of the motu
- Has a Manawa space or heart in the town, for people to gather and feel safe and secure

- Has sympathetic town planning and development of the community in ways that maintain the character and strengths of the town
- Allows revival of the stories and narrative of the community
- Helps the community move toward a more circular economy, to support reusing rather than generating waste
- Can develop and support affordable and social housing that enhances the community.
- Is accessibility for all of the community to all of the opportunities available.
- Remains a vibrant community that celebrates and recognizes all aspects and elements
- Has a bright future for many generations to come
- Helps the creation and development of business and jobs that build up the community, in ways that enhance and support the values and strengths that make Paetūmōkai strong.
- Has transport options and hub to improve access to jobs and community services
- Moves toward a low carbon economy
- Builds and strengthens relationships across the region with the key government and private partners and stakeholders that can help grow the Featherston economy



Manaaki Taiao: For the Environment



A critical aspects and long term viability of Paetūmōkai is the health and wellbeing of the environment we

are situated in, both locally, and globally. This will be achieved through:

- Planning programmes of planting and reforestation to allow and encourage a “Forest takeover”.

- A goal for Paetūmōkai to be the greenest town in Aotearoa.
- A number of reimagined urban green spaces that are shaded, cool in summer and multi-functional.
- A tree corridor between the mountains and the moana
- A circular economy for the town, including circular resource usage
- “Sponge city” flood mitigation through resilient and absorptive built environments and extensive re-greening of the town.



Kia Tū Ake Tātou: For our grandchildren

The FCB community plan is built on the foundation principle that it should help Paetūmōkai retain and enhance the characteristics and values that the inhabitants value, for future generations, through:

- Sympathetic growth. Housing, business, social areas, built environment, transport solutions and infrastructure that maintain and enhance
- A strong sense of belonging via inclusivity. All voices heard, acknowledged and meaningfully acted upon.
- Bright prospects for future generations, including jobs, lifestyle and safe living



Community Resilience Planning

A key goal of this plan is community resilience. Resilience comes in many forms.

It is the health and vibrancy of our community culture and people. When all of the community is heard, seen, recognised and celebrated equally, the community will be resilient.

It is when the physical environment is resistant to storms and disasters, and can manage these events in a way that protects itself and the people.

As part of this, the Featherston Community Board will be working to deliver or participate in:

- Wider community social, development plans
- Environmental regeneration, recovery and strengthening plans
- Disaster recovery and emergency response plans
- Economic and tourism plans
- Wider regional plans

Work away from

Part of planning for future benefit is knowing what we don't want to deliver:

- Paetūmokai to be a dormitory suburb, or just part of Wellington.
- The town turned into an extensive concrete industrial area
- A transient portal to 'other' places. To be directed by others
- To be directed by commercial imperatives
- Residents separated from themselves and the town disconnected from other communities
- The same as everyone else
- Overdeveloped or unsympathetically developed
- Gone
- The same problems that are here now
- WTF debates (Welcome to Featherston signs)
- Motorways through the middle of town
- Partisan politics at the cost of the community

How will we know if we've been successful?

Success would be determined by a positive community response.

If we achieve the goals set out here, we believe we will have successfully framed and delivered outcomes aligning with mana whenua aspirations, our community will grow and strengthen, and our tamariki will be nurtured.

In the community, we will see innovative circular economies implemented so that Paetūmokai is self-sustaining and supporting within the changing global climate, both environmental and economic.

If at the end of this term, the community sees and acknowledges growth toward the goals this plan sets out, this board will have achieved a significant goal.

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**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

Tēnā koe

I would like to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Scott Summerfield

Rural road reserve

I am opposed to the rural road reserve being funded exclusively by rural ratepayers. This approach is not fair, transparent or accountable.

Roads are a public asset, available to all members of the public without the ability to restrict access or use to one group. Rural roads are not available only to rural ratepayers. Rural roads are available equally to all, and so should be funded equally by all.

SWDC's definition of rural roads is very simple, but lacks any nuance. All roads in the rural areas of the district plan are considered rural roads for the purpose of this reserve. This ignores the purpose that different rural roads serve (from high volume connector roads through to no-exit roads that serve a very small number of properties with little use by the wider community), as well as the wide range of quality of these roads across the district. With that simplicity in mind, it cannot reasonably be concluded that each rural road resident derives a quantifiable greater benefit from the road and so should be expected to carry the burden of the rural road reserve exclusively.

As an example, I live on Longbush Road. The vast majority of traffic on this connector road will be vehicles travelling north out of the district, or onwards through Martinborough to the south. The small number of residents on the road do not make up a significant proportion of the users and the community benefit of the road being well maintained and available is far higher than any limited benefit to rural residents living on the road. Yet the rural road reserve shifts the burden of repair works away from those who actually get the practical benefit (the wider community) and onto a much smaller resident base. Rural ratepayers end up subsidising the use of rural roads by the wider community, including users outside the district.

The economic benefit of rural roads largely accrues to urban residents and businesses. For example, there was a festival at Hinakura in February of this year, which in previous years would have been accessed via the Hinakura Road, with patrons travelling via Martinborough and spending at stores in the town. There is little to no revenue to the residents of the road. This year, with the Hinakura Road closed, patrons took an alternative route through unsealed tracks on legal road parcels through multiple districts, but again with the expenditure occurring in Masterton, Carterton or Greytown, and not on the rural roads. Yet rural ratepayers are paying the entire road reserve for the rural roads, with the appreciable economic benefit of maintaining rural roads going to urban businesses from a functioning road network.

Cape Palliser Road is another example worth exploring. Much of the use of this road is from in-district and out-of-district tourism — surfers, fishers, hikers, campers, hunters, sightseeing tourists to the lighthouse. The majority of traffic on this road will be from users not resident on it, encouraged into the district often as an economic development initiative. Much of the economic benefit and use of this road is to urban residents and businesses, yet again the high cost of restoring the road needs to be met by rural ratepayers.

The pattern here is the same: rural ratepayers are being asked to fund an asset that is equally available to those who do not fund it, with much of the economic benefit and high levels of use on

some of these roads taken up by those not funding the service. This is a profoundly unfair approach. Rural ratepayers equally do not have a lever on the usage or decision making of the use of these roads (and shouldn't given these are community assets) but this funding approach then lacks a line of accountability between those who fund the asset and the decisions made for it.

SWDC has made no information available as part of the annual plan consultation to support why the funding arrangement is the way it is. This lacks transparency for ratepayers to understand what they are paying for, and why they are carrying the funding burden for this on behalf of other users. I believe the set up of the rural road reserve has been poorly considered and I believe council's decision making under both the Local Government Act and Local Government (Rating) Act is not defensible in this case.

My proposal is that the rural road reserve becomes district funded by all ratepayers through this Annual Plan in order to meet principles of fairness, accountability and transparency. The council should then consult again on suitable levels of funding. The least acceptable solution is to increase the burden on rural ratepayers of this fund by increasing the reserve amount without correcting the funding source.

I do not believe this needs to wait until the Long Term Plan to be corrected and encourage SWDC to sign off this shift in the current process rather than perpetuating the unfairness.

Other funding and delivery matters

I was very surprised to see a 30% rates increase (approximately \$500 per year) as a rural ratepayer, with the only real explanation as inflation, increased interest rates and the increased cost of undertaking basic functions of council. I fully appreciate the difficulties of a small council to deliver under the full range of legislated responsibilities, services and processes required of SWDC. This seems like the necessary time to consider how SWDC can most efficiently deliver its services in the face of continually increasing cost pressures.

I encourage SWDC to consider what other functions, services and staffing can be shared across the Wairarapa councils. There is a critical mass of staffing and expertise necessary for local government that seemingly cannot be affordably met by SWDC (and likely by the other Wairarapa councils). Acknowledging the benefits of shared approaches to bylaws and the district plan, it would be timely to see what functions could be shared across the Wairarapa to best achieve efficient delivery of local government services in the area.

Beyond this, I would encourage the three councils to come together to again explore the prospect of amalgamation, perhaps facilitated up front by the Local Government Commission within the available options. Many of the services offered by the three councils are basic ones, at a basic enough level. As a ratepayer, the idea of "local decision making" needs to be balanced with efficiency and quality, and not pursued to their detriment. My drivers are to have local government services available, well maintained, equitably provided and at a level of funding from the community that is affordable and sustainable.

A 30% increase just to keep the lights on is massive. Multiple years in a row would be unreasonable but it's hard to see a situation where SWDC can affordably deliver what it needs to under the current set up. It's time to explore new, cost-effective ways of doing business for residents and ratepayers.

I'm glad that SWDC is undertaking a rating review given the somewhat perverse logic underpinning the rating allocation made available as part of the FAQ for this consultation. For example, I can't

fathom why the Council would ever adopt a 100% funding burden for rural ratepayers of the animal control and bylaws activity given the clear benefit and use of this service in urban areas.

SWDC needs to take a more generous interpretation of who benefits from its services in completing this rating review. This involves considering not only the obvious benefits but also the secondary and tertiary ones that flow through to all residents, and visitors, as a result of undertaking certain services.

I support minimizing the use of the UAGC and consider this regressive taxation. While there are weaknesses to the use of general rates and property valuations to identify an ability to pay, this is the best tool we have in relying on property values to ensure the rating burden lands most affordably. To this end I support moving to a capital value rating assessment.

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James and Kiri Elworthy



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Nga mihi nui
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Petition from Gordon Tyer Tora

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Gordon (Bert) Tyer

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Preferred method for contact Email me

I would like to speak to my submission at the public hearings 8/9 June

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Signed



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1 SUBMISSION ON GW LONG TERM PLAN 2023 : RATES 27 4 23

I write on behalf of my neighbours as well as Te Awaiti Station. This submission is generally directed to both the Regional and District Council to reduce unnecessary expenditure and constrain rates. My previous submissions remain relevant. S101 LGA 2002 is mandatory. Very recently the Court of Appeal decision in *CP Group* the Auckland Bed Tax case has become settled law and requires that s101 as statute law be followed. At law individual Councillors and Officers are liable for corporate failure to comply with Parliament's directions by Statute. It is "irresponsible" for GW to ignore this contingent liability and not obtain independent legal advice. Audit Office ?

Mr Nigel Corry the CEO has informed me that there will be no provision for Submitters to peak to their Submissions, but instead material will be passed to Councillors.

2 PERSONAL BACKGROUND

I and my wife Diana live and farm at [REDACTED] 6552 ha steep hill country an hours drive on the Coast to the east of Martinrough. GW Soil mapping has calculated that over 80% of the property is greywacke soil type, equivalent in nature to the Rimutaka Road summit, so that only 1200+ ha can be effectively farmed. (See "A" GW Aerial Farm Plan. GW Dr Hicks Soil Map and Report stated for greywacke max 2500kg DM per ha).

Unproductive greywacke land should not be factored by QV in a desk top exercise of farm revaluation into the Government Valuation. In terms of s101 Local Government Act, unproductive greywacke land cannot generate economic activity and so require the raising of rates to fund the consequent spending of "benefits."

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1	In 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	I was charged	
	SWDC \$32888-54	GW \$12550-68	TOTAL 45439-22

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	SWDC \$33329-36	GW \$20898-64	TOTAL \$54228

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	SWDC \$29596-42	GW \$19184-40	TOTAL 48780-82

4 1922 PARTIAL RATES REFORM.....a job half done

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5 CONCLUSION

An OI request from GW has confirmed that for the past 10 years Te Awaiti has received no benefits from GW. It follows under s101 LGA 2002 that GW has no legal right to charge **\$12550-68** in rates I am concerned also that GW has not accurately disclosed its potential liability to ratepayers in its Annual Accounts.

6 UNANSWERED OI REQUESTS Could you please respond

6-1 Mr Nigel Corry, The CEO, GW : 26 4 23

I wish with the support of my neighbours to submit on the Council's GW Longterm plan and understand that submissions are scheduled to close tonight 26 April

1 Could you please confirm that I may have a 24 hour extension until 27 April evening in which to submit (My main reason is to wait for an urgent response to my Question 2 below as to the percentage increase in rates for the coming year).

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the proposed percentage increase in all rates between the present financial year ending 30 June 2023 and the coming financial year ending 30 June 2024 for "A" Business ratepayers "B" Residential ratepayers and "C" Rural ratepayers. If there are rates other than general rates could you please itemise them and state the percentage increase for each category. **3**

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(3-6) State their strategies to prevent rates on remote farms increasing by reason of carbon sequestration lifting the market price of land. A first step would be to direct Quotable Value to value (1) Full market including carbon influences and (2) Livestock Market value without carbon or forestry influences.

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Yours Sincerely DTS Riddiford

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2 HOWEVER THE LAW AS EXPRESSED AT S101 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 REMAINS UNCHANGED

I am disappointed that GW has not obtained an independent legal opinion on the law or shared its legal advice with any of the Farmer Ratepayers. For example GW has buried the legal advice from Mr Johnathan Salter of Simpson Grierson , a recognized expert in rating law. Instead the Greater Wellington appear to have relied on unsubstantiated assertions, such as from Ms Samantha Gains their in house Counsel to me, that [s101] benefits analysis did not apply to general rates.

I have undertaken some recent legal research including receiving (on 4 April) a Citation Search undertaken by Chapman Tripp. Among the materials was the latest entry from WestLaw stating :

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3 WE WERE PROMISED A FIRST PRINCIPLES RATING REVIEW

However GW have :

- 1 Prevented my neighbours and I from meeting the Chair...our democratic right
- 2 Instructed Mr Kyn Drake not to hold a meeting with South Wairarapa Farmers in Tukurumuri and elsewhere to analyse on a Farmer by Farmer basis actual benefits received
- 3 Have ignored the absence of benefit to remote rural farmers from the Public Transport Levy
- 4 Have failed to investigate UAGC's
- 5 Have perpetuated the myth that general rates are exempt from benefits analysis, being a mere tax
- 6 Ignored Official Information Requests essential to this submission

4 "RATEABLE EQUALITY" IS PART OF FIDUCIARY DUTY **3**

The Court of Appeal (5 Judges) *Mackenzie District Council v Electricorp* [1992] 3 NZLR 41 held following English decisions that Councils owed a fiduciary decision to their ratepayers. The fiduciary duty originates in the law of equity and creates responsibilities similar to those of a Trustee towards their Beneficiaries. One of the principles is that beneficiaries should be treated rateably equal. The word "rateably" means according to their circumstances. Thus Remote Hill Country Farmers may be treated "equally" even if differently from town residents. *They do for themselves*

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**3-3 State the % of total GW rates now occupied by Water Functions now 6
Three Waters and
3-4 in future in years 2023/2024/2025/2026/2027**

**3-5 Confirm that since Remote Farmers construct and maintain their own
Water Supplies and Water Effluent systems that should not have to contribute to
the work of GW in these areas**

**3-6 State their strategies to prevent rates on remote farms increasing by reason
of carbon sequestration lifting the market price of land. A first step would be to
direct Quotable Value to value (1) Full market including carbon influences and (2)
Livestock Market value without carbon or forestry influences.**

**3-7 State whether they will support programs by Remote Farmers to control
their own pests by supplying pest control materials (a) free of charge or (b) at best
wholesale cost. See "B" Carston retail cost of materials \$825 GST exc (\$450+\$375)**

**3-8 State whether flood rates will be reduced whenever land is degraded by the
artificial creation of floodways**

DTS Riddiford 22 4 22

**PREVIOUS SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT GW
LONGTERM PLAN 2021-2031 REVENUE AND FINANCE
POLICY RMA CHARGES 26 4 21 4**

THE WORLD DEFLATIONARY DEPRESSION....everyone must adjust
Deflationary depressions are cyclical in nature, since human nature alternates between optimistic expansion and anxious contraction. Governmental expenditure has unfairly shifted the burden of the World Deflation against remote farmers as exporters and price takers having to meet the market.

In April 2010 I submitted to the SWDC. Under the LG Official Information Act I had discovered that while Te Awaiti Station in 2019/2020 paid total rates of \$36,653-39 (SWDC rates \$21179-95 and GW rates \$15473-44) making us the fourth highest ratepayer in the SWDC, the highest commercial ratepayer in Martinborough appeared to be the Pukemanu Pub at 10-12 Memorial Square Martinborough paying total rates of

\$20,859-21. Assessed in terms of benefits received this was absurd. Since then the gap has increased, but neither the SWDC or GW have acted to fix the injustice. 7

I also ventured some opinions on the World Deflation. I urged that one obvious feature was “go frugal, go rural” so that there would be an increased demand for houses in the South Wairarapa. However I under estimated the extent of the Government spend up. The can has merely been kicked along the road. COVID 19 was merely the name for the trigger event, for which present World leaders lacked the personal capacity to govern. The perception and probable reality of climate change is likely to extend the deflationary period. Times of deflation are times of disruption and enforced social and technological change. Change can be good.

The present Government has misled the Country by talking of COVID 19 rather than the World Deflation and the inevitable change. Huge public borrowing has been largely wasted to preserve old structures such as expensive housing and unreformed bureaucracies which must change. The spend up has artificially hardened the \$NZ and trimmed 20% from the gross returns of beef and sheep prevailing two years ago. All of this at the same time that unsustainable expectations of wage increases are driving up 5 input costs from manufacturing to transport and now rates.

Hill Country Farmers are now in a price cost vice. This is masked however by the short term policy of sequestered carbon artificially increasing the price of land for 5 Farmers wishing to sell up.

3 TOTAL GW AND SWDC RATES

2021 Total rates paid this year \$47,780-82 inc

2022 Next year with 23% increase \$58770-40 inc

2025 Three years at 23% compound \$117540-80 inc

SWDC RATES DETAILS 2020

\$28,596 GST inc (

GW RATES DETAILS 2020

\$19184-44 GST inc (includes \$1552-64 for public transport.....?)

Includes \$7512.95 pest rates.....but last year the Station killed 2000+ opossums

Includes \$2327-70 Awhea Opouaweno on farm benefits ever)

SWDC RATES PROPOSAL

19-4% rates increase (Wairarapa Times Age p1) 17-2% (Mr Harry Wilson SWDC)

GW RATES PROPOSAL

\$11,151-29 general rates by the Calculator
23% rates increase and the Wairarapa shall pay more (GW Councillor)

4 THE REVENUE PROBLEM BY REFERENCE TO BEEF AND LAMB 8 FIGURES PREPARED BY MR ROB DAVISION HEAD ECONOMIC SERVICES

The attached graphs (2 and 3) shows that if we assume 8000su in sheep and cattle are farmed on 1000+ effective hectares at Te Awaiti at the same level of profitability as lower quintile hard hill country farmers on the Beef and Lamb tables, total GW and SWDC rates at 2020 levels now takes 6-4% of gross revenue. Next year's rates increases will take that figure to 7-6% of gross income. However if the rates burden increases at 23% annually compounding it will double in three years and require 15% of gross income.....likely all net income.....not available for reinvestment in the land. Drawings are a dream. These figures are standardized for a debt free farm.

For the past five years we have received no benefits from GW Regional Council. There has been no opossum control work and pest numbers are increasing. There is no acknowledgement that Station Staff and Contractors remove over 2000 opossums per year at private expense. There has been no assistance with Soil Plans or Conservation Work. Absurdly we contribute \$1552-67 towards public transport headed towards Wellington, which we cannot possibly use.

The Rates and Charges Increases will cause an economic multiplier in reverse as 6 livestock Farmers pursue policies of managed retreat as we did in the 1980's. or more probably wholesale conversion of land to carbon radiata.

5 THE SOLUTION : BENEFITS ANALYSIS : THE LAW

John Locke Philosopher to Bill of Rights Act 1689 "Who benefits and who pays"

Mackenzie District Council v. Electricorp [1992] 3. NZLR 41 Court of Appeal held that : (1) following English caselaw Councils owe a fiduciary duty (like trustee and beneficiary) to ratepayers (2) which requires inter alia a duty to treat all ratepayers rateably equal (rateably means according to circumstances) (3) which cannot be achieved unless a Council groups all ratepayers into categories according to receipt of benefits. That resulted following privatization of SOE's in category *Electricorp*, a sole legal entity in the Mackenzie District paying rates for the first time achieving a huge reduction in proposed rates since it did not read books or enjoy parks, but built its own roads.

These principles are reflected in s101 Local Government Act 2002 (underlining added)

S 101 Financial management

(1) A local authority must manage its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community.

(2) A local authority must make adequate and effective provision in its long-term plan and in its annual plan (where applicable) to meet the expenditure needs of the local authority identified in that long-term plan and annual plan.

(3) The funding needs of the local authority must be met from those sources that the local authority determines to be appropriate, following consideration of,—

(a) in relation to each activity to be funded,—

- (i) the community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes; and
- (ii) the distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals; and
- (iii) the period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
- (iv) the extent to which the actions or inaction of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
- (v) the costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and
- (b) the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

Relevant also is the legal proposition that a tax cannot be charged on a tax and that GST cannot be charged where a Farmer ratepayer is not under the GST Act receiving goods and services. Thus a Council arguing that general rates for vague public purposes and without benefit analysis would have to accept that GST could not be added.

The figures above show that Te Awaiti Station is already paying a legally absurd and 7 unreasonable amount in general rates eg more than six times any commercial ratepayer in Martinborough. If there is not an immediate change rates increases at 23% would result in a doubling of rates so that all net income from sheep and cattle would be required to pay rates. That would result in a “substantial deprivation of our property right” the threshold set by the Supreme Court in *Waitakere District Council v Estate Homes* SC 73/2005 [2006] NZSC 112 at which either compensation should be paid or a law is unenforceable

6 THE SOLUTION

The ASB Bank advises that \$10,000 in annual rates would be a normal figure to pay for a store hill country farm carrying 10,000 su

80% of Te Awaiti is greywacke country, which the Hicks report states could never theoretically produce more than 3000kg DM per ha. Such land is not potentially capable of delivering any cash “benefits”. However QV with superficial methods of desk top valuation have assumed it to be productive land.

7 REFORM

It is unjust for the Rating Review to be deferred to the distant future. I submit that the Rating Review could be started immediately for conclusion within three months ie by 31 August 2021 with reform backdated to at least 1 April 2021 Alternatively immediate rates relief for Farmers could be achieved by introducing the Remote Rural Differential now to terminate within two years or earlier if the Rating Review had been sooner concluded and its changes implemented.

A Remote Rural Differential (possibly combined with greater use of UAGC’s) is the only way for Remote Farmers to be treated “rateably equitably” (ie equally according to circumstances *Mackenzie District Council v Electricorp*) with commercial ratepayers in Martinborough or Wellington.

I request with immediate effect :

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1 A Remote Rural Differential to reflect the fact that remote rural residential farmers and residents do not benefit from GW activities on the Wairarapa Plain. I submit that the edge of the remote rural differential should commence more than 20 minutes drive from Martinborough from where the residents will not casually drive to Martinborough every day to recreate or shop and so receive the full range of town benefits. By comparison a rural ratepayer living at the edge of Martinborough say in Shooting Butts Road can readily drive to Martinborough for a casual latte or to shop. The natural boundary should be the top of the Whakapuni boundary at the Windmills.

2 All GW Council services should be financed with specific levies and rates . 8
Where there are no benefits received specific levies should cease eg GW Public Transport \$1662-57 eg \$7512-95 Pest Rates eg \$2327-70 Awhea Opouawe

3 UAGC's Uniform Annual Charges targeted toward households can recognize that people living in households disproportionately demand Council services/benefits

I have asked that reform for Farmers living remotely start immediately due to the extreme injustice and perverse incentive that excessive rates will force land into radiata trees for carbon. The Remote Rural Zone would take effect immediately but be subject to any future Rating Review.

I generally support the Submission of Federated Farmers prepared by Ms Elizabeth M'Gruddy and ask that there be no further increases for Resource Management Act or other specific charges.

I ask that the Federation Submission as well as submissions from myself and our neighbours be heard live in either Martinborough or Masterton

All future payments for rates, levies in terms of Rating Legislation or other charges should be treated as paid "under protest" and without prejudice to all future actions and be retained by GW specifically in trust as I (or fellow ratepayers) may direct.

DTS Riddiford

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INSIDE: Carterton's rates are on the ri

Wairarapa Times Age

Weekend

Rural rates revolt

A prominent South Wairarapa farmer, who is one of the district's biggest ratepayers, has condemned the current rating structure and described at least one council as "very irresponsible". **SUE TEODORO** reports.

Dan Riddiford – the fifth-generation owner of Te Waiti station in South Wairarapa – said although he is liable for tens of thousands of dollars in rates every year, he and other rural ratepayers get almost nothing in return.

In the year to the end of June 2021, Riddiford's rates liability was \$48,780, in 2022, it was \$54,228, and this

year he is up for \$45,439.

After the hike in 2022, Riddiford and other farmers made a joint submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council [GWRC], citing council obligations under section 101 of the Local Government Act [the LGA]. Following this, the GWRC

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Cost concerns cut into Anzac parac

Rates

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portion of Riddiford's rates was reduced.

He describes the news GWRC will substantially hike rates next year as "very irresponsible".

"I read with dismay that GWRC were to increase their rates by 18 per cent, and I am nervous SWDC might increase rates by even more," he said.

Riddiford believes SWDC and other councils are in breach of their legislative obligations to ratepayers, and the system needs to change.

His station on the south coast lacks access to facilities in town, but as a farmer with a big property, Riddiford is landed with a hefty bill.

"Councils need to be cutting costs," Riddiford said.

"We live in times of diminishing purchasing power – do councils think the good times are going to go on forever?"

Riddiford thinks rural ratepayers are charged unfairly, and what's required is an urgent overhaul using a benefits analysis in terms of the LGA.

"There should be regular rates reviews on a first principles basis," he said.

"This means councils would be forced to dive into the legislation, look at the basis on which rates are charged and come up with a fair solution.

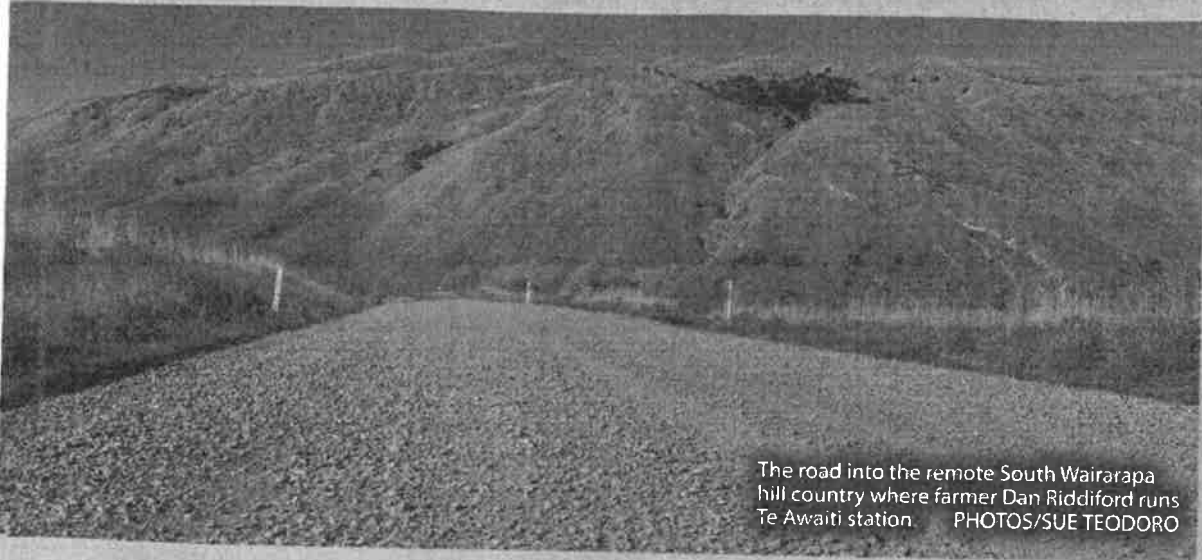
"The only benefit we get from SWDC is a pro-rata share of the roading network. The road is mostly gravel and poorly maintained.

"We do not get running water, sewerage, or stormwater management systems. We must do all of those ourselves.

"We have to specifically pay for rubbish collection if we want it, on top of the rates."

Riddiford conceded he

hike 'irresponsible'



The road into the remote South Wairarapa hill country where farmer Dan Riddiford runs Te Awaiti station. PHOTOS/SUE TEODORO

Councils need to be cutting costs. We live in times of diminishing purchasing power – do councils think the good times are going to go on forever?

- Rural ratepayer Dan Riddiford

occasionally uses the library.

"We are one of the highest ratepayers in the district, but we get very little benefit for it," he said.

"In a fair world, rural rates should be about 60 per cent less than town rates."

SWDC mayor Martin Connelly said rural rates in South Wairarapa are based on land values.

"No ratepayer is charged according to the size of their land. They are charged according to the value of the land they own," he said.

"To take a hypothetical case – if a person owned a rural property with a land value of \$1,000,000 and an urban property with a land value of \$1,000,000, they would pay

\$1,946.01 in land value rates for their urban property and \$1,844.32 in land value rates for their rural property."

Additional rates are added depending on whether the property is urban or rural.

Connelly said typical rural rates are based on land value, a uniform general charge [rural], and a rural reserves and amenities component. Urban property rates are based on land values, a uniform charge [urban], an urban amenities charge, and additional amounts for sewerage, water, and refuse.

"Rural residents do not use rubbish collection services, wastewater disposal services, and urban water supplies, and they do not get charged for them either," Connelly said.

"Council uses rates just as central government uses taxes. Councils have few other ways of raising the money we need to supply the services residents expect.

"Just as the Inland Revenue tax system taxes people on a higher income at a higher rate to those who earn less, councils use the value of a property as a guide to people's ability to pay.

"It is a rough and ready measure of the ability to pay, but no one has come up with a fairer system."

Connelly said SWDC wants to have fair rates and has started a review to test whether the current system is as fair as possible.

"In May or June, we hope to start discussing rating options with a range of our residents. And those discussions will include rural and urban ratepayers as well as the full range of our ratepayers," he said.

"For every ratepayer who is urging us to reduce their rates, there is another seeking greater council expenditure. This council aims to balance those competing interests."

The annual plan should be transparent so ratepayers can easily see what they are paying for, but unfortunately the consultation document does the opposite. The consultation document and the frequently asked questions (FAQ) is extremely poorly written and does not answer the questions. Answer about rural general rate mixed up with urban targeted water rate. In my opinion its a disaster

The main question to answer is why is urbans general rate increase only 10% while rural is 29%?

There is no justification for the difference between urban and rural for the general rate of that amount.

The general rate is based on land value and the land value split is 30% urban 70% rural as stated in the FAQ, so if there is no differential on the general rate urban pay 30% and rural 70%. So when rural pay more for a function than 70% urban will pay less then their 30% but when rural pay less than 70% of a function then urban will pay more then their 30%.

The only function funded by the general rate are

Road and footpaths	funded	30% urban	70% rural
Resource management		30% urban	70% rural
48% of governance		40% urban	60% rural
Urban storm water		100% urban	
Animal control		100% rural	

Animal control is minute that is not mentioned in "for every \$100 of total rates income council is proposing to spend" as rural have more under 70% and urban over 30% so going by that rural should have a lesser increase in the general rate than urban.

The Councils main objective in this annual plan appears to be keeping their voting base, urban rates lower at the expense of rural. To achieve this they use creative accounting and double standards.

Council now say that urban fund their footpaths from their 30% and now that Council is now pausing new footpaths urban will have their contribution to the roading network reduced by the amount that would have been spent on footpaths \$205000.00 So urban will now pay less than their 30% of the roading budget but the money comes out of the same pot of money when footpaths were funded from the roading budget 30% urban 70% rural all that has happened is council has introduced some creative accounting and slight of hand move and change of language to lower the rate for urban. Council at present collect a pot of money to fund land transport and spend the money on different things and in different amounts with in the land transport function and at present urban footpaths are in land transports may or may not have money spent on them. So Council can not take the so called footpath money out of the roading budged so to benefit urban. Whereas if urban footpath were separate function funded by urban council could then decide to

pause new footpath so therefore not collect the money for footpaths.

Footpaths are only a nice to have not a must have.

The \$205000.00 reduction for urban must stay in the roading budget as the road are a network. At present rural pay 70% of urban roads. A bit one sided urban want their cake and eat it too.

When Council stopped seal extensions of rural roads the \$400000.00 was never taken off rural rates, thus showing Council has a double standard.

Then Council do the opposite for the rural road reserve this is funded from rural ratepayers on top of their 70% they pay of the roading budget. The roads are a network so the rural road reserve should be scrapped and only kept if it is a road reserve paid into by both urban and rural roads are a must have. This shows the double standard of Council.

Both of these changes of the funding of footpaths and rural road reserves were made to the funding policy without consultation or notification to the public/ratepayers and have been kept secret until now. So they can both be changed by the same process to right the wrong.

It is good to see UAC being used with a differential of 70% urban 30% rural for reserves and civic amenities. However the differential should be 25% rural 75% urban as the population split is about 34% rural and 66% urban and these are function that rural **don't use as much as urban they provide there own in the rural.**

Those functions that are funded by UAGC showing an increase of 45% show the Council spending is total out of control.

Most of the increases on page 6 of the annual plan 2023/24 Consultation are because of inflation to add them on top of inflation is double dipping to inflate the figures.

I oppose the inclusion of \$165000.00 for the pool of casual library staff. We have 3 libraries as long as one is open each day people can go to their library the day that its open or travel to the other that is open just the same as rural have to travel to the library.

Grants need to be suspended.

Water should be a gold standard paid for by those that are connected to it.

Summary

The annual plan must be transparent so ratepayers know what they are paying for.

When explaining the rates, rural general rate should not be mixed up with urban water rate.

No justification for rural general rate increase of 29% and only 10% urban

Council must not use creative accounting or double standard or change of language to benefit urban at the expense of rural

Urban footpaths funded from urban's 30% of roading budget should create a footpath function paid by urban.
Rural road reserve paid by rural on top of their 70% of road budget should be a road reserve paid by both urban and rural.
Urban pausing new footpaths having their rates reduced by \$205000.00 should not be used to reduce urban rates.

Pause in rural seal extensions of \$400000.00+ still collected for the roading budget.

If it's good enough for urban then it good enough for rural, so it should come out of rural's 70%.

The so called money for urban footpaths reduction must stay in the roading budget.

I wish to speak

Jim Hedley
[REDACTED]

Pauline Hedley

26 May 2023

The Annual Plan should be transparent to all ratepayers.

Having the general rate increase for urban 10% and rural 29% is unacceptable, using the urban footpath money to reduce their general rate. When you look at the way footpaths are funded, rural should also get a decrease in their rates too. In the past footpaths have been funded out of the roading budget, but through some creative accounting or change of language they are now saying that urban pay for their footpaths out of their 30% they pay for the roading budget. Thereby by pausing the new footpaths has created the impression that urban are entitled to the money that would have been spent on footpaths \$205000.00 can be used to reduce urban general rates.

It appears that we are not all equal in this Council, what can be done for one ratepayer the same can not be done for another.

Over the years, we have had increases both urban and rural, last year urban had a substantial increase in rates, now, it looks like council are trying to balance it out by increasing rural rates. It is not sustainable to pass the cost onto rural ratepayers.

I would be interested to know how many ratepayers have defaulted on their rates?
What is the amount owing to the Council for these defaulted rates?
What cost is it to Council to retrieve these rates?

I wish to speak to my submission.

Pauline Hedley
26/5/23

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A. Water Budget

Please tick
one option

Feedback

1. Keep Long-term Plan budget of \$3.5 million, not maintaining current levels of service. Included in the proposed budget.

Minimise rate increase

2. Increase budget to \$4.9 million, improving the ability to meet current levels of service, with some gaps.

3. Increase budget to Wellington Water Limited's recommended level of \$7.496 million (including inflation).

B. Rural Road Reserve

Please tick
one option

Feedback

1. Keep current budget of \$300,000 p.a. which will likely not meet the Council's foreseeable requirements to fund emergency works.

Minimise rate increase

2. Increase budget to \$500,000 p.a. which will provide a greater level of reserves for Council to draw on to fund emergency

C. Pool of Casual Library Staff

Please tick one option Feedback

1. Keep a budget of \$165,000 for the cost of casual staff to keep libraries open when permanent staff are on leave.
2. Remove the budget for the cost of casual library staff and risk continued library closures on some days of the week.

Minimise rate increase

D. Community & Youth Grants

Please tick one option Feedback

1. Keep current level of grants of \$170,000 included in the budget.
2. Do not provide any grants in 2023/2024

Minimise rate increase

What else is important to you? Is there anything else you'd like to say?

The proposed 29% increase of rates for us is unsustainable. Please treat the budget for the council as a business model where cuts have to be made to make it feasible. I acknowledge the roading reserves have been all used but please make the rate increase an acceptable 10% or lower.

Tell us more – looking ahead to our next Long-term Plan

We would love to hear more from you so we can begin planning for our next Long-term Plan (2024-2034)

While the formal consultation process for the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan won't begin until next year (so you will have more chances to input and make a formal submission), the earlier we can begin understanding what matters to you for the district and what the Council should be focused on to achieve this, the better.

We have a number of outcomes and strategic drivers in the current Long-term Plan, we'd like to understand which ones are most important to you and if there are others that are missing.

Please choose your top ten priorities by ticking those ten points that are most important for you.

- Residents are active, healthy, safe, resilient, optimistic and connected
- A place of destination, new business and diverse employment that gives people independence and opportunity
- Sustainable living, safe and secure water and soils, waste minimised, biodiversity enhanced
- Strong relationships with whānau, hapū and marae, celebrating diverse cultural identity, arts and heritage
- Enhancing three waters delivery and environmental quality
- Nurturing and creating the district's special character, qualities and culture
- Creating better connections and social wellbeing
- Supporting sustainable growth, employment, economic wellbeing and development
- Strengthen social connections within the community
- Encourage civic pride and participation
- Provide universally accessible, safe and diverse spaces to strengthen connection between people and place
- Advocate for better transport and technology to improve social and business opportunities
- Plan for growth that protects rural land and character
- Contain rural residential expansion
- Support quality urban development
- Limit growth in coastal and other areas subject to climate change impacts
- Support the transition to a low carbon economy
- Encourage economic diversity and local vibrancy
- Leverage partnerships with central and regional agencies to enable economic development and employment opportunities
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Do you wish to speak to your submission at the public hearings scheduled for 8 & 9 June?

- Yes
- No

The Council is keen to work more collaboratively with our community to ensure what we are doing remains fit-for-purpose. If you'd like to be considered for future workshops and consultations, then please indicate below:

- Yes
- No

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Concentrate on need to have facilities rather than nice to have e.g. cycle ways
Rural roads are a mess through lack of proper maintenance over the years. E.g. Hinakura + White Rock roads - with no council concerns apparent

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one option

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Assistance with rates

We know that the welfare of your families is very important. We are here to help should you need assistance paying your rates. Please contact us as soon as possible so we can work with you on a payment plan.

Are you struggling to pay your rates? We have a number of ways that might help.

The first step is to contact the Council as soon as possible so we can work with you. We do have several "tools" we can use to assist you. By contacting us before it's too late, it can avoid a situation where the Council is forced to recover arrears at the end of the rating year.

Ring and ask for the rating officer at 06 306 9611 or contact our rates team at rates@swdc.govt.nz

What are the options?

Direct debit

Council encourages the payment of rates via direct debit. This ensures the correct amount is paid, it spreads the load and avoids penalties for late payment.

We offer weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or quarterly direct debit payment options. By withdrawing funds directly from your bank account, you can avoid a large bill and keep the funds in your account until the last minute.

Forms are available from the Featherston and Greytown libraries, as well as the Council office and on our website www.swdc.govt.nz/forms. Complete the form and drop it off at the library, at our offices, post it to SWDC, PO Box 6, Martinborough 5741, or scan and email it to rates@swdc.govt.nz.

Rates Rebate Scheme

You may qualify for a rates rebate from the Department of Internal Affairs during the rating year (July to June). The maximum rebate for 2022/23 rating year is \$700.00 (This will be revised by DIA effective 1 July 2023)

Eligibility Criteria includes:

- Are you listed on the Rating Information Database (RID) as the ratepayer of the property;
- Were you living at the property on 1 July - the start of the rating year;
- Do you meet the income threshold based on the previous tax year?

If this is you, you may qualify for a rates rebate.

To check your eligibility, please contact our rates team or check out the DIA Rates Rebate Calculator online www.govt.nz/ratesrebate-calculator

Received a rates rebate last year?

If you received a rates rebate last year, we will send you an application for the new rating year. You need to apply each year as applications do not roll over from one year to the next.

If you did not receive a rebate last year and think you are eligible this year, applications close on 30 June 2023. Please go to our website www.swdc.govt.nz/rates for an application form. These are also available from the Council office in Martinborough; or at the Featherston or Greytown libraries.

If you have any questions regarding the rates rebate scheme or your eligibility, please email the rates team at rates@swdc.govt.nz or call 06 306 9611 extension 858, and we will be happy to help.

Rates due date extension and penalty remission

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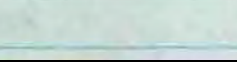
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yes we want a resilient eating community
yes we have to face climate change with
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- Other - please specify:

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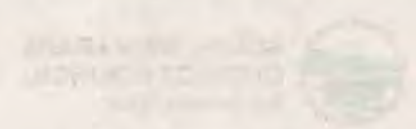
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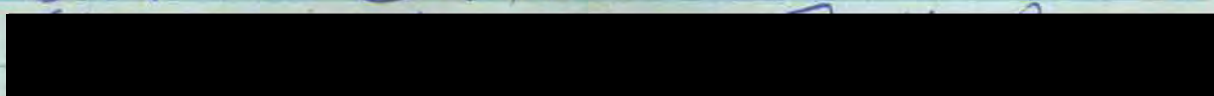
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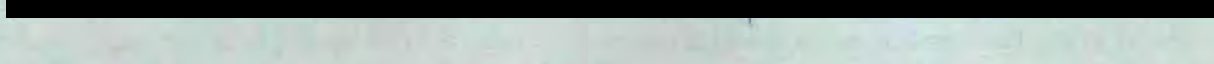
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Is that it? Fair tide boxes?
Is that the level of consultation?
Comment: reduce planning and regulatory costs - esd etc - not justified
reduce the IT spend.
- at the electric vehicle fleet nonsense
at back "walkway + climate change with catkins"

at back: silly emails from commis staff
re: water control cost info.