

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

12 DECEMBER 2018

## AGENDA ITEM E1

### REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

#### **Purpose of Report**

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

#### **Recommendations**

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the Report from Her Worship the Mayor.*
2. *Appoint Cr Pam Colenso as a member of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee and Wellington Region Waste Forum, to replace Cr Margaret Craig.*
3. *Appoint Cr Colin Olds as the SWDC representative to the Wairarapa Road Safety Council, to replace Cr Margaret Craig.*
4. *Request officers to present a paper to the February 2019 Council meeting outlining the benefits or otherwise of a MOU with Aratoi.*

#### **1. Featherston Stand He Toni Mamao, 100<sup>th</sup> Armistice Commemorations**

The weekend of 10 and 11 November saw the unveiling and gifting of the Featherston Camp Memorial Sculpture Trust, Paul Dibble Sculpture, "Featherston Stand" "He Toni Mamao" on Saturday and the service to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended WWI on Sunday.

The weekend was a huge success, the weather was perfect and there was tremendous support for both events from local people. The weekend was organised by the Featherston Commemorates group which is made up of a number of organisations and individuals who had a part to play during the weekend or in events earlier in the year.

The programme for the weekend encompassed exhibitions, the march, panel discussions, and the unveiling and commemoration ceremony.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in that group for taking the time to attend meetings, work together and contribute to the wonderful weekend celebrations.

The group is planning to continue into the New Year and will continue to look for opportunities for Featherston to showcase itself to the district, region and country.

## **2. Charter Parade**

The Charter Parade was held on 1 December. The RNZIR 5/7 Battalion now has the "Freedom of the Town of Featherston" and will support Featherston events with a military presence. The Charter also means that the RNZIR 5/7 Battalion will accompany the Mayor of SWDC on any occasion that he/she may need an escort or military presence.

Once again Featherston turned on a great day. It was wonderful seeing the troops march through the town with "drums beating, bands playing, bayonets fixed, colours flying and swords drawn". This charter cements an already long and strong relationship with the RNZIR 5/7 Battalion and Featherston.

## **3. Appointments to Outside Organisations**

Cr Craig has indicated that she would like to stand down as the SWDC representative on Wellington Region Waste Committee, the Wellington Region Waste Management Forum and the Wairarapa Road Safety Council.

Cr Pam Colenso has offered to replace Cr Craig as the SWDC representative on the Waste Minimisation Forum and Waste Forum and Cr Olds has offered to replace Cr as the SWDC representative on the Wairarapa Road Safety Council.

## **4. Featherston Land**

A workshop was held on 5 December with Councillors and Featherston Community Board members.

## **5. Rural and Provincial- 20/21 November**

Topics covered included; Update from LGNZ, Drinking Water Quality, Housing NZ Strategy, Minister Phil Twyford speaking about his Portfolio Priorities, Connecting Rural NZ with Rural Broadband and Mobile Black Spot funding, Waste and Recycling, Provincial Growth Fund, Local Government Commission, Tourism and Responsible Camping including the Camper Mate app, Climate Change and Insurance and Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta regarding the Three Waters Review.

## **6. Governance Review**

The Governance Review Workshop was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Mike Reid from LGNZ facilitated the morning session. A small working group has been set up to suggest changes to the Council structure.

All recommendations in the Governance Review Report were discussed.

## 7. Aratoi

I met with the Chair and a Board member of the Aratoi Board, they would like council to consider a MOU with Aratoi and SWDC. I have since received a letter from the Board of Aratoi (Appendix 1) asking if Council would consider a MOU with Aratoi. I am recommending that officers develop a paper for the next council meeting on the merits of this proposal.

## 8. Meetings

I have attended a variety of meetings including Combined Council, Construction Team meetings, Regional Transport Committee, Audit and Risk Working Party, Community Boards, Maori Standing Committee, Waihinga Centre Opening group, Infrastructure and Planning Working Party, Community Safety and Resilience Working Party, Remutaka Pass Committee, Wellington Orchestra, LOGO Working Party, Baker Ag briefing, Alistair Scott MP, Dinner with Minister Ron Mark, Minister Phil Twyford and Minister Shane Jones and MP Keiran McAnaulty, Aratoi Chair and Board member, Mayor Grant Smith Palmerston North City Council, 5/7 Battalion, Featherston Commemorates group, Future Water Needs Water Users Group, Community Board Chairs, Greytown Trust Lands Trust, Wellington Water, Featherston Land Councillors and Community Board Workshop, Wairarapa DHB Strategy Workshop, Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy Action Plan, Rural and Provincial. I have had meetings with various individuals and groups.

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Regional Transport Committee 27 <sup>th</sup> November 10am 15 Walter St Wellington
<b>Present</b>	Wellington Regional Transport Committee members
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Variations to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2018-21 – Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Plan NZTA Project Updates

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Rural and Provincial 20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> November Wellington
<b>Present</b>	Rural and Provincial Council members
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Topics included;  Update from LGNZ, Drinking Water Quality, Housing NZ Strategy, Minister Phil Twyford speaking about his Portfolio Priorities, Connecting Rural NZ with Rural Broadband and Mobile Black Spot funding, Waste and Recycling, Provincial Growth Fund, Local Government Commission, Tourism and Responsible Camping including the Camper Mate app, Climate Change and Insurance and Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta regarding the Three Waters Review.

## 9. Events

Foot Golf, Martinborough School Pet Day, Greytown School Pet Day, South Featherston School Pet Day, Kuranui College Senior Prize Giving's Cultural, Sports and Academic, Greytown Parkrun Launch, Judging photo competition for SWDC staff, Featherston Sculpture unveiling, Armistice Day Commemoration, weekend events, , Featherston Lions and Lioness's Christmas Dinner for Over 70's; Chamber of Commerce AGM, CDC/SWDC Councillors social event, Maori Sports Awards, Charter Parade, 5/7 Battalion 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Police Pya Parade/Awards, Featherston Christmas Parade, Martinborough Christmas Parade, Pukaha to Palliser, Waihinga Opening, and launch of the Japanese Festival and Greytown Lions launch of Cycling without Age.

## 10. Correspondence

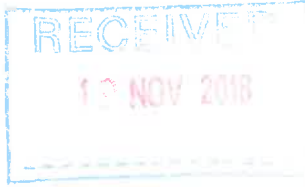
<b>Date</b>	<b>Inwards Correspondence</b>	<b>Subject</b>
30 October 2018	Dayle Clarkson, Sport Wairarapa Wellington	Thanks for continued support of the Wairarapa Secondary School Sports Awards.
<b>Date</b>	<b>Outwards Correspondence</b>	<b>Subject</b>
30 October 2018	Country Village Haven, Greytown	Congratulations on winning the Tranzit Vibrant Award at the recent Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.
30 October	Reid and Reid, Martinborough	Congratulation on winning ANZ Emerging Category Award at the recent Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.
30 October	Lt Col Jull, Commanding Officer, 5/7 RNZIR	Advising Council approval to establish a Charter with Featherston.
1 November	Wharekaka	Letter of support for funding requests
5 November	South Coast Moana	Letter of support of application to the Provincial Growth Fund.
13 November	Organisers of Featherston Christmas Parade	Confirmation of Council support for event.
14 November	Organisers of Round the Vines	Confirmation of Council support for event.
19 November	Organisers of Greytown Christmas Parade	Confirmation of Council support for event.
22 November	David Bassett, Chair, Wellington Water Ltd.	Confirmation of Council resolution to continue discussions with Wellington Water with a view to possibly becoming a shareholding member.
29 November	Organisers of Martinborough Christmas Parade	Confirmation of Council support for event.

## 11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Correspondence from Aratoi

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# **Appendix 1 – Correspondence from Aratoi**



15 November 2018

Her Worship the Mayor  
Viv Napier  
South Wairarapa District Council  
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Dear Viv,

Barb Roydhouse, Chair of Aratoi Regional Trust, has told me that she and Trust member Lydia Wevers had a very useful meeting with you on 7 November and I am writing to follow up formally from those discussions.

As you know the South Wairarapa District Council, along with the Masterton and Carterton District Councils, have been the major funders of Aratoi since it began. Aratoi could not function without this funding which is mainly used for operational costs - staffing, utilities, professional requirements. In return Aratoi, which is the only professional museum in the region, looks after a nationally significant collection of paintings, sculpture, taonga and historical artefacts. We hold a large and important collection of pre-European artefacts - the Palliser and Broughton collections - excavated from South Wairarapa sites. These irreplaceable and precious objects require professional storage and curatorial care. We also look after a significant number of portraits of South Wairarapa rangatira by Gottfried Lindauer and have a long history of exhibiting these and other significant aspects of South Wairarapa history, such as in the Ngāti Kahungunu, Wairarapa Moana and Featherston Camp exhibitions. Since 2002 there have been 32 single artist exhibitions by South Wairarapa artists, the most recent being Stephen Allwood at the end of last year. I attach a list.

As you are aware Aratoi's finances have become very tight. We are understaffed and meeting operational costs such as temperature control and museum quality lighting, is increasingly difficult. In real terms the revenue generously provided by the joint councils has significantly fallen as a percentage of our costs. The MCDC has recently restored us to a three-year Memorandum of Understanding, which makes it much easier to plan. We are also taking initiatives ourselves such as setting up a Patrons Trust for endowments, but as you will be aware, operational costs which are the lifeblood of any institution, are not typically what patrons like to fund.

We would like to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Wairarapa District Council which would allow for funding to be put in place for a three-year cycle. I understand that the SWDC has recently renewed its Long Term Plan, but we would like to be transferred to your long term plan in due course, so that we can develop a structure for future planning which would suit us both. We understand that you also fund the three smaller local museums of the South Wairarapa and think there could be a helpful working synergy with these organisations, some of which is already in place.

I would like to invite you and your Council to hold a council meeting on our premises early in the New Year. This would enable us to show your Council members some of the South Wairarapa treasures we look after and have an informal discussion about how to progress our relationship with you.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely



Susanna Shadbolt  
Director

### **Aratoi exhibitions featuring South Wairarapa artists & subject matter**

Since Aratoi opened in 2002 there have been 32 single artist exhibitions by South Wairarapa artists, and many more have been represented in the biennial Wairarapa Review, and Little Jewels, and other group exhibitions such as Main Artery and Wairarapa Schools Art.

**Seven history exhibitions** that concentrated largely on South Wairarapa history:

**Kahungunu Ka Moe ...Ka Puta** (tīpuna photographs from the Turnbull Library collection)

**Sea Change** – History of coastal settlement

**Kupe Sites**

**Wairarapa Whakaputa Mohio/Settling the land: the 800 year history of the Wairarapa**

**Wairarapa Moana** – the story of Lake Wairarapa

**Te Marae o Rongotaketake** – Kahungunu history

**Featherston Military Camp: the record of a remarkable achievement** (most of this exhibition moved to Featherston Heritage Museum)

**History exhibitions are hugely expensive to research and present**

Outreach exhibitions at South Wairarapa venues:

**Kahungunu** exhibition at Martinborough Town Hall in 2004

**Aratoi, Rutherford Trust and Prior Collections:** selected works at Martinborough Town Hall (for Martinborough Arts Festival) (this exhibition cost a small fortune – truck hire, extra staff, purchase of special hanging system because of concrete walls)

**Papawai Marae Kotahitanga Hui** weekend 2012 – taonga exhibited, including Lindauer paintings, plus exhibition furniture and staff

**Farewell Zealandia – the music of WWI** – at Anzac Hall in Featherston (expensive – walls built especially, which have since been lent long term to Featherston Heritage Museum), staff time, travel etc)

**Robin White *Summer Grass*** shown in Velocity Café in Featherston for the weekend of the Japanese POW camp anniversary

Hosting performances and exhibitions for the Kokomai Arts Festival

Approximately a quarter of the Aratoi collection has South Wairarapa provenance.

There are three other museums in the South Wairarapa: Cobblestones, Martinborough Museum and the Featherston Heritage Museum, but Aratoi the only professional museum in the region, open 7 days a week.