

**COUNCILLOR REPORT**  
**For South Wairarapa District Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19 September 2018**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>MARGARET CRAIG</b>
<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	WELLINGTON REGION WASTE FORUM 17 August at Hutt City Council
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Barriers to the circular economy succeeding in NZ include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the inability to be able to recycle all products in NZ; the cost to produce and sell at a competitive price product from NZ-sourced material;</li> <li>• low local demand due to small population base is not sufficient to have multiple processing facilities spread across NZ</li> <li>• NZ Market is too small to have machines run to full capacity</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Speakers</b>	<u>Circular Economy Panel Discussion:</u> 1. Derek Lander – Flight Plastics 2. Fred Mecoy – Second Life Plastics 3. Carl Longstaff – Metal Art/REPLAS (soft plastics) 4. David Howie – Waste management from a collector's point of view
<b>Specific item/s for Council consideration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A change in procurement policy to include products manufactured from recycled materials that will extend the durability &amp; life of the product - e.g. rubber and plastic chip in bitumen, park furniture and boardwalk manufactured from material incorporating soft plastic, underground cables and cable warning covers manufactured using 100% recycled soft plastic.</li> </ul>
<b>General</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCC is going to do a food waste trial in the 2019/20 year</li> <li>• Since China stopped accepting plastic recyclables there are lots of conversations around the plastic problem</li> <li>• New Zealanders urgently need to be educated to distinguish between recycling/diversion/waste minimisation</li> <li>• Recycling doesn't really happen until recycled product is bought and reused.</li> </ul>

Following the meeting Cr Colenso and I enjoyed a factory tour of Flight Plastics. They buy back used NZ-made clear PET (bottles, packaging) to mix with new product and re-manufacture into clear food packaging, which can be recycled over and over again. Currently the clear meat trays used by NZ supermarkets are manufactured using imported resin which cannot be re-mixed with the NZ manufactured PET for recycling as it is a different grade of RPET. If the NZ supermarket chains are made aware of this and request the manufacturers of their clear meat trays to use NZ manufactured PET the clear meat trays will then be recyclable for re-use and re-manufacturing.

Visit Flight Plastics' website where you can find a link to a video showing the process, and one promoting the circular economy.

[www.flight.co.nz](http://www.flight.co.nz)  
[Flight Plastics Tour](#)

# Report to Council

## Local Government New Zealand Conference

Christchurch 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors and her Worship Mayor Napier for supporting my wish to attend Conference this year.

Along with Councillor Jepson we planned to arrive in Christchurch around 10am on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> with the intention of travelling to Tekapo to gain a little more knowledge, from this district, on creating a Dark Sky Reserve. This followed an invitation from Mayor Graham Smith of the MacKenzie district council to visit and look at what his district had achieved.

Regretfully we were unable to travel to Tekapo as our flights were delayed arriving in Christchurch later that evening, too late to travel the 4 hour journey to Tekapo.

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> was a free day for me but gave me the opportunity to walk the CBD of Christchurch to see what had been achieved post earthquake in the city. I had fond memories of what Christchurch used to look like so was impressed to see a modern, vibrant city that had preserved it's heritage by repairing or rebuilding following the similar lines of the City's forefathers.

Conference commenced, on the Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>) with the welcome and AGM. This was an opportunity to catch up with Mayors and Councillors that I had met on a number of occasions at various meetings etc over the past few years.

During the afternoon there were a number of addresses from Central Government Ministers and Local Government officials topped off by a sponsored reception at the new Christchurch art gallery.

Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>, an early start at 6:45am for a sponsored breakfast and a motivational speaker. Great way to start the day with plenty to focus on during this full scheduled day.

For me, I was keen to listen to the presenters, who are the experts in their field, to understand the complexities of local Government and how this

information can be applied to our own environment.

Topics covered included:

Creating resilient, sustainable and livable places.

Building a Strong Community – a tale of a new region.

Building strong local prosperity.

Inspiring Maori connections to grow thriving, prosperous communities.

Leading our response to climate change: adapting to a changing environment.

Working together to tackle three waters infrastructure challenges facing New Zealand.

These sessions were followed by an interactive workshop on Climate change. The discussion was useful and increased my understanding of some of the challenges we all face.

As you can see the day had a fairly heavy schedule and this was capped off by The Fulton Hogan conference dinner at the Wigram air force base that evening.

Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> (last day) commenced with an address by our Local Government Minister Hon Nanaia Mahuta.

I enjoy listening to this minister speak, she embraces her portfolio with knowledge, wisdom and commitment, in my view, a credit to her Government.

Harnessing Localism and empowering communities to succeed.

This session held at 11am on the final day, in my view deserved a better time slot.

I am picking that this subject will promote more discussion in the not to distant future.

The highlight for me was networking among those who share a common interest in making our Communities safer, vibrant and prosperous for generations to come.

Councillor Colin Olds.

# Report to Council

## Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee

Report compiled by Councillor Colin Olds

As you may be aware the Ruamahanga Whaitua committee presented it's final Implementation programme to Greater Wellington Regional Council meeting on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August.

The document was received by GWRC for the next stage in it's journey, to be endorsed by Te Upoko Taiao before, and after a plan change, becoming a chapter in the Natural resources Plan.

This project commenced back in November 2013 when I was appointed by Mayor Adrienne Staples to represent our district on this committee.

The time frame was estimated to take around two years to complete.

After 4.5 years and countless hours of reading, workshops, community and committee meetings, I can safely say that we have completed our task.

Over this period I have attempted to keep Council informed, more about where we are in the process rather than the technical aspects of our work.

This has been a complex exercise having wide ranging effects on our district in the coming years.

I have attempted to represent all stakeholders, both urban and rural during deliberations recognising the challenges we all face in a changing world.

The document has set objectives for fresh water management for the coming years with implementation being assisted by catchment communities.

It has been a journey of immense intensity for me personally and to some extent removed me from some of the things that I had hoped to achieve as a Councillor in our Community. For this I apologise.

I have been humbled to be part of a process that provides future guidance in the way that we manage land and water across our catchment.

Nga mihi,  
Colin.



# Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project

## Governance Group

### Agenda

for meeting to be held at the Choice Meeting Room

34 Chapel Street, Masterton

**Friday, 7 September 2018 at 1 pm**

### Membership

Cr Barbara Donaldson (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr Colin Olds	South Wairarapa District Council
Russell Kawana	Rangitane o Wairarapa
Reg Kemper	Department of Conservation
Nelson Rangi	Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
Cr Adrienne Staples	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Vacant	Hapu representative
Wayne O'Donnell	Greater Wellington Regional Council

# Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project

## Governance Group

### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held 17 April 2018 Page 3-5
3. Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project update Page 6-12
4. Ruamahanga Whaitua update (verbal report)
5. Kakahi Monitoring project: 2018 summary report Page 13
6. Communications and Engagement Strategy Page 14-26
7. Roles and responsibilities in developing a briefing document for the incoming Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board Page 27-36
8. Onoke Saltmarsh Restoration Plan Page 37  
and Annual Work Plan (Attachment 4 – Page 1-17)
9. General business



## Minutes

Subject **Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project Governance Group**

When Friday, 17 April 2018, 10.00 am

Where Greater Wellington Regional Council, Masterton

### 1. Present

#### In attendance

Cr Barbara Donaldson (Chair), Nelson Rangī, Russell Kawana, Cr Adrienne Staples, Cr Colin Olds, Reg Kemper

#### Officers present

Tim Porteous, Kathy Houkamau, Ali Caddy, Toni de Lautour

#### Apologies

Wayne O'Donnell

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting of the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project Governance Group held 1 September 2017

*Moved*

*(Adrienne Staples / Nelson Rangī)*

*That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 September 2017 be confirmed.*

### 3. RAMSAR application update

Fionna Cumming from the Department of Conservation provided a verbal update on the RAMSAR application covering Wairarapa Moana.

### 4. Whaitua update

Alastair Smaill, Whaitua Project Coordinator, GWRC provided a verbal update on the Ruamahanga and Porirua Whaitua processes. The Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee is expected to finalise its Implementation Plan towards the middle of the year.

## **5. Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project – Work stream Update Report**

Tim Porteous highlighted items from each of the three work streams from the report covering the period 1 September 2017 to 31 March 2018. He noted all three work streams had delivered their outputs within budget.

It was noted that the Wetlands Project had been successful in securing part-funding from the Ministry for the Environment’s Freshwater Improvement Fund for a project to restore the Onoke saltmarsh. A detailed work programme is being prepared and will be presented to the next meeting.

*Moved* (Nelson Rangī/ Russell Kawana)

- (1) *That the report be received*
- (2) *That the content of the report be noted*
- (3) *That the report be approved.*

## **6. Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project – Kakahi Monitoring Report 2017**

Members noted the success of this “citizen science” project in engaging members of the public.

*Moved* (Nelson Rangī/ Adrienne Staples)

- (1) *That the report be received*

## **7. Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project – 3 year Work Programme 2018/21**

Tim Porteous introduced the 3 year work programme prepared by the Wairarapa Moana Management Team. It was noted that the period covered by the programme potentially included the transition to the post-treaty settlement governance arrangements.

*Moved* (Nelson Rangī/ Reg Kemper)

- (1) *That the report be received*
- (2) *That the content of the report be noted*
- (3) *That the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands project 3-year Work programme 2018 – 2021 be approved.*



## **8. Draft Wairarapa Moana Communications and Marketing Strategy**

Tim Porteous spoke to his report.

He noted that the draft Wairarapa Moana Communications and Marketing Strategy had been prepared by the GWRC Customer Engagement Team and responds to one of the actions arising from the November 2017 Management Team/Governance Group workshop.

Tim Porteous explained that the Management Team had made resource available to engage a part-time consultant to assist in finalising the Strategy and subsequently to implement aspects of it. The Governance Group was asked to approve finalisation of the Strategy including taking into account feedback received.

*Moved* (Adrienne Staples/Reg Kemper)

- (1) That the report be received*
- (2) That the content of the report be noted*
- (3) That the draft Wairarapa Moana Communication and Marketing Strategy be approved*

## **9. Project brief for preparation of briefing document**

Tim Porteous spoke to his report outlining a proposed process for preparing a “briefing document” about the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands project for the post-treaty settlement Statutory Board.

*Moved* (Barbara Donaldson/Adrienne Staples)

- (1) That the report be received*
- (2) That the content of the report be noted.*
- (3) That the project brief and action plan for the preparation of a briefing document for the incoming Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board*
- (4) That the Kathy Houkamau and Tim Porteous from the Management team lead the project*

## **10. Other Business**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.50am.

Other reports as itemised in the agenda are provided as attachments to councillors, and are available online at:

<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/council-agenda-and-minutes-2018>