

South Wairarapa District Council

For the Six months ending 31 December 2016

Financial Report

1. SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a commentary on:

- Year to date budget vs actual.
- Commentary on material variances.
- Full year risks (if any) for each significant activity.

1.2 Highlights

- Year to date operating deficit \$506K vs. budget deficit \$377K.
- Total surplus amounts to \$706K vs. budget surplus \$325K.
- Sound cash position, Working capital \$7,083K.
- Interest cost 5.09% of rates revenue, SWDC maximum 12%.
- Current Net debt \$13,355K, SWDC maximum (at 4.51% average borrowing rate) \$33,677K.
- Have phased budgets on last years actual spend, Some variances are due to actual spend patterns being different between years.
- Sale of stock holding paddock has been made awaiting final costs of sale before processing and recording sale in accounting system.

2. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

2.1 Operating Income

2.1.1. Rates

On budget.

2.1.2. Rates Penalty

11.49% Below Plan, payments being made on time.

2.1.1. Interest

33.82% Ahead of plan, Interest received earlier than last year, so due to budget phasing.

2.1.2. Fees & Licences

39.55% Ahead of plan, Liquor licencing up, Building consents up number of consents applied for has remained high, Resource consents income also up.

2.1.3. User Levies

24.01% Ahead of plan, LIMS applications up due to increased activity and a conservative budget, Martinborough landfill fees up due to reported higher volumes over holiday period, Water meter income under budget due to credits for meter readings reviewed after 30 June.

2.1.4. Commissions

11.21% Ahead of plan.

2.1.5. NZTA Subsidy

On Plan, Operating Income and Capital Income both down on budget, full year program will be met so actual should align with budget at year end.

2.1.6. Petrol Tax

13.38% Below plan, actual revenue not in our control.

2.1.7. Rental / Hire

4.78% Below plan, due to lease properties income lower than budget.

2.1.8. Miscellaneous Income

2.94% Below plan.

2.2 Operating Expenditure

2.2.1. Corporate Services

9.87% Below plan, No budgetary concerns.

2.2.2. In-house Professional Services

5.04% Below plan, Revaluation budget needs to be moved to June.

2.2.3. Governance

34.23% Ahead of plan, Election expenses over budget this is due to election expenses being spread and budgeted for every year, training also over due to new Councillors.

2.2.4. Public Protection

4.65% Ahead of plan, there are some variances in the outputs below that offset each other.

Public Protection & Health

19.43% Behind plan, due to staff vacancies positions now filled.

Building and Construction

13.37% Ahead of plan, Salaries and wages over budget this is due to budget phasing as positions were vacant last year, Contractors over budget due to increase in demand for building consents, Increased revenue has covered this increase.

Emergency Management

24.92% Ahead of plan, due to budget phasing will be on track for year end.

2.2.5. Resource Management

4.08% Below plan, salaries and wages, consultants and Valuation expenses all under budget, Legal Expenses over budget mostly due to a judicial review, this will remain over budget for full year.

2.2.6. Economic Cultural & Community Development

10.21% below plan due to budget phasing, No budgetary concerns.

2.2.7. Amenities

Note: there are some "overs and unders" in the overall amenities expenditure as is usual with these outputs year on year as it is difficult to budget for one off maintenance e.g. more work required on pools early in the season, offset by less work in elsewhere.

2.26% Ahead of plan.

Parks & Reserves

12.06% Ahead of plan, Tree maintenance over budget due to spending being unpredictable, and urgent maintenance done for safety reasons, will be on track for year end.

Libraries

16.84% Ahead of plan, Kotui sub ahead of budget for and Salaries and wages over budget. We are reviewing the full year impact.

Community Buildings

10.19% Below plan, Interest and Deprecation under budget due to Waihinga centre work not yet started.

2.2.8. Land Transport

20.74% Ahead of plan due to timing will be on track at year end.

2.2.9. Solid Waste Management

8.29% Ahead of plan, Waste minimisation Levy, Refuse Collection, Landfill Maintenance, Recycling and Resource consents all over budget, due to budget phasing as expenditure ahead of last year.

2.2.10. Sewerage

17.01% Below plan, Interest payable under budget due to loans not yet drawn down, Routine Maintenance and Monitoring & Testing under budget it is anticipated budgets will be met at year end.

2.2.11. Stormwater Drainage

8.62% Below plan, WRC drainage schemes under budget due to budget phasing, Routine maintenance over budget .

2.2.12. Capital Expenditure Income

NZ Transport Agency

Based on NZTA capital works program. Full year program will be met so actual should align with budget at year end. Capital works program on track.

Contributions

339.21% Ahead of plan, a few big subdivisions have gone through.

Grants and Subsidies

4.45% Ahead of plan, budget water subsidy now received.

3. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

3.1 Working Capital

Working capital (current assets less current liabilities) stands at \$7,083K (30 June 2016 \$7,138K).

3.2 Prepayments and Receivables

Prepayments and receivables sit at \$1,305K. Key components are Rates receivables \$94K, Rates in advance \$691K, Water debtors \$206K, Prepayments \$13K, GST Refund \$165K, General debtors \$589K.

3.3 Payables and Accruals

Payables and accruals sit at \$2,371K. Key items are Rates in advance (SWDC & GWRC) \$623K, Audit fee accrual \$38K, Income in advance (Papawai grazing) \$162K, Footpath and other bonds \$834K and Contract retentions \$80K, City care \$274K, Earth care \$59K, Fulton Hogan \$211K, The balance is normal monthly creditors.

3.4 Public Debt Current Portion

The comparative column shows a variance between the 30 June amount and that now reported. For the annual report we are required to split out the current and term portions of the public debt. For management reporting we report all public debt as one amount.

3.5 Gross Public Debt

Total public debt stands at \$13,355K.

30 June 2016 total public debt stood at \$13,402K.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

2015		YTD			2017	
LYTD Actual		Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget	% of Budget
OPERATING INCOME						
6,131,671	Rates	6,342,716	6,350,033	(7,317)	12,656,876	50%
110,585	Rates Penalty	83,732	94,598	(10,866)	143,000	59%
128,173	Interest	92,155	68,876	23,279	245,866	37%
19,009	Internal Interest Loans	10,526	10,524	2	20,880	50%
487,814	Fees & Licences	713,133	511,029	202,104	878,000	81%
214,671	User Levies	344,378	277,691	66,687	659,851	52%
27,751	Commissions	30,324	27,267	3,057	66,604	46%
709,231	NZ Transport Agency Subsidy	517,266	518,111	(845)	1,224,192	42%
39,147	Petrol Tax	39,410	45,495	(6,085)	80,000	49%
9,256	Grants, Donations & Subsidies	11,937	13,830	(1,893)	14,526	82%
268,177	Rental / Hire	262,927	276,131	(13,204)	502,332	52%
1,922	Profit on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	0%
158,546	Miscellaneous Income	166,689	171,730	(5,041)	331,811	50%
8,305,953	Total Operating Income	8,615,192	8,365,315	249,877	16,823,937	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
836,868	Corporate Services	892,139	989,858	97,719	1,766,817	50%
438,907	In-House Professional Services	424,237	446,772	22,535	771,023	55%
203,084	Governance, Leadership & Advocacy	294,500	219,391	(75,109)	432,036	68%
659,841	Public Protection	665,521	635,961	(29,560)	1,339,608	50%
163,530	Resource Management	209,133	218,019	8,886	419,788	50%
190,207	Economic, Cultural & Community Development	216,939	241,616	24,677	322,955	67%
1,085,615	Amenities	1,192,239	1,165,894	(26,345)	2,285,086	52%
2,633,870	Land Transport	2,652,097	2,196,501	(455,596)	4,831,146	55%
942,256	Water Supply	1,111,157	1,119,466	8,309	2,179,455	51%
570,765	Solid Waste Management	603,553	557,365	(46,188)	1,273,590	47%
748,214	Sewerage	713,169	859,351	146,182	1,774,833	40%
78,445	Stormwater Drainage	84,313	92,265	7,952	162,207	52%
8,798	Rate Debtors Written Off	9,498	-	(9,498)	40,000	24%
-	Bad Debts	-	-	-	-	0%
-	Loss on Sale of Assets	52,216	-	(52,216)	-	0%
8,560,399	Total Operating Expenditure	9,120,710	8,742,459	(378,251)	17,598,546	
(254,445)	Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(505,517)	(377,144)	(128,373)	(774,609)	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE INCOME						
719,826	NZ Transport Agency Subsidy	137,004	137,162	(158)	902,189	0%
-	Grants, Donations & Subsidies	438,700	420,000	18,700	420,000	0%
210,471	Contributions	635,866	144,774	491,092	332,311	191%
930,296	Total Capital Expenditure Income	1,211,570	701,936	509,634	1,654,500	
OTHER INCOME						
-	Assets Vesting in Council	-	-	-	-	0%
-	Gain on Asset Revaluations	-	-	-	38,421	0%
-	Total Other Income	-	-	-	38,421	
\$ 675,852	TOTAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ 706,053	\$ 324,792	\$ 381,261	\$ 918,312	

Included in the operating expenditure is:

1,998,578 Depreciation

423,012 Interest

2,177,976	2,080,722	97,254	4,189,213	52%
322,678	463,050	(140,372)	862,092	37%

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	31 DECEMBER 2016	30 JUNE 2016	MOVEMENT
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash and Bank	443,820	424,998	18,822
Short Term Deposits	8,031,461	5,228,061	2,803,400
Investments	-	1,610,317	(1,610,317)
Prepayments & Receivables	1,305,472	1,930,974	(625,502)
Inventories	21,378	12,202	9,176
Properties Intended For Sale	-	2,874,000	(2,874,000)
Total Current Assets	9,802,131	12,080,552	(2,278,420)
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>			
Investments	212,914	212,914	-
Investment Properties	7,162,975	6,998,000	164,975
Intangible Assets	181,598	175,070	6,528
Property, Plant & Equipment	383,570,627	381,993,468	1,577,158
Total Non-Current Assets	391,128,114	389,379,452	1,748,662
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 400,930,245	\$ 401,460,003	(529,759)
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Cash and Bank	-	-	-
Payables and Accruals	2,371,017	3,591,091	(1,220,074)
Employee Entitlements	348,604	317,317	31,287
Public Debt - Current Portion	-	1,000,427	(1,000,427)
Finance Leases - Current Portion	-	-	-
Provisions - Current Portion	-	33,486	(33,486)
Total Current Liabilities	2,719,621	4,942,321	(2,222,700)
<u>Non-Current Liabilities</u>			
Public Debt - Non-Current Portion	13,355,289	12,401,887	953,402
Finance Leases - Non-Current Portion	-	-	-
Provisions - Non-Current Portion	440,033	406,546	33,486
Total Non-Current Liabilities	13,795,321	12,808,433	986,888
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Public Equity	147,241,360	146,736,957	504,403
Special Separate & Trust Funds	17,902,497	17,652,497	250,000
Asset Revaluation Reserve	219,268,555	219,316,904	(48,350)
Sinking Fund Reserves	-	-	-
Other Reserves	2,891	2,891	-
Total Equity	384,415,301	383,709,249	706,052
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 400,930,245	\$ 401,460,003	(529,759)

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	31 December 2016	31 DECEMBER 2015	30 JUNE 2016
<u>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>			
<u>Cash was provided from:</u>			
Rates	6,714,417	6,546,304	15,655,638
Government Grants & Subsidies	1,713,067	1,024,322	2,606,098
Petrol Tax	20,504	39,173	81,976
Other Income	2,040,446	373,040	3,243,153
Interest on Investments	100,959	505,979	236,659
Total Operating Cash Inflow	10,589,393	8,488,819	21,823,524
<u>Cash was applied to:</u>			
Payments to Suppliers & Employees	7,908,343	6,269,643	15,470,229
Interest Paid	317,266	423,012	795,282
Total Operating Cash Outflow	8,225,609	6,692,655	16,265,511
Net Cashflow from Operating Activities	2,363,784	1,796,164	5,558,014
<u>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>			
<u>Cash was provided from:</u>			
Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment	-	-	(2,837)
Term Investments, Shares & Advances	1,610,317	457,904	1,591,845
Investments in Loan Redemption & Sinking Funds	-	-	-
Total Investing Cash Inflow	1,610,317	457,904	1,589,008
<u>Cash was applied to:</u>			
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment	1,104,853	1,805,863	4,942,441
Term Investments, Shares & Advances	-	-	2,864,264
Investments in Loan Redemption & Sinking Funds	-	-	-
Total Investing Cash Outflow	1,104,853	1,805,863	7,806,705
Net Cashflow from Investing Activities	505,464	(1,347,960)	(6,217,697)
<u>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
<u>Cash was provided from:</u>			
Public Debt	-	-	7,500,000
Total Financing Cash Inflow	-	-	7,500,000
<u>Cash was applied to:</u>			
Repayment of Public Debt	47,025	123,962	8,815,519
Total Financing Cash Outflow	47,025	123,962	8,815,519
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	(47,025)	(123,962)	(1,315,519)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH	2,822,223	324,242	(1,975,201)
OPENING CASH BALANCE	1 JULY 2016	5,653,059	7,628,255
CLOSING CASH BALANCE	31 December 2016	\$ 8,475,282	\$ 7,952,498
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
Cash and Cash equivalents	443,821	75,048	424,998
Short Term Deposits	8,031,461	7,877,450	5,228,061
Investments	-	-	-
	\$ 8,475,282	\$ 7,952,497	\$ 5,653,059

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

<u>ORGANISATION</u>		<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>DATE INVESTED</u>	<u>DATE MATURES</u>	<u>TOTAL INVESTED</u>	<u>INVESTED FUNDS %</u>	<u>AUTHORISED FUNDS %</u>
SHORT TERM DEPOSITS							
Registered Banks							
ANZ Call Account	99182813	3.00%	31-Dec-16	On Call	\$921,241.60		
					\$921,241.60	11%	30%
BNZ Autocall Account	99182812	3.00%	31-Dec-16	On Call	\$201,943.50		
BNZ Reserves Fund	99182812	2.75%	29-Nov-16	27-Feb-17	\$821,673.12		
BNZ Reserves Fund	99182812	2.75%	29-Nov-16	27-Feb-17	\$1,143,569.28		
					\$2,167,185.90	26%	30%
KiwiBank Term deposit	99182819	1.90%	29-Nov-16	20-Jan-17	\$1,000,000.00		
KiwiBank Term deposit	99182819	2.86%	29-Nov-16	27-Feb-17	\$1,107,410.41		
					\$2,107,410.41	26%	30%
Other							
WBS (21220)	99182816	3.35%	30-Nov-16	29-May-17	172,210.90		
WBS (21220)	99182816	3.65%	11-Sep-16	10-Mar-17	\$136,505.88		
WBS (21220)	99182816	3.50%	29-Aug-16	25-Feb-17	\$176,182.68		
WBS (21220)	99182816		31-Dec-16	On Call	\$370.96		
					\$485,270.42	6%	10%
Westpac Online Call Account		0.35%	31-Dec-16	On Call	\$500,080.30		
Westpac Reserves Fund		2.24%	21-Nov-16	21-Mar-17	\$1,149,248.29		
Westpac Reserves Fund		2.24%	21-Nov-16	21-Mar-17	\$701,031.01		
					\$2,350,359.60	29%	30%
TOTAL					8,031,467.93	100%	100%
INVESTMENTS							
NZLGFDG472C5					\$28,800.00		
NZLGFDG472C3					\$91,200.00		
TOTAL					\$120,000.00		
SHARES							
NZ Local Govt Insurance Co Limited	99283823				\$78,737.80		
Airtel Limited	99283824				\$7,791.00		
Farmlands Trading Society Limited	99283825				\$1,159.00		
TOTAL					\$87,687.80		
FORESTRY							
Plantation - Hurupi Stock	99283827				\$5,226.00		
TOTAL					\$5,226.00		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS					\$8,244,381.73		
REPRESENTED BY:							
Short Term Deposits					8,031,468		
Investments - Current Assets					-		
Investments - Non-Current Assets					212,914		
					\$8,244,381.73		

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

DESCRIPTION	Year to Date		Annual Budget	Brought Forward from Prev Years	Total Budget Available	Full Year Forecast	Carry Forward to 2017-18
	Actual	Budget					
Baseline CAPEX:							
Amenities	352,777	427,706	864,109	-	864,109	650,179	480,402
Water Supply	297,797	689,916	1,379,840	551,430	1,931,270	551,430	2,482,700
Solid Waste Management	6,209	8,502	17,000	-	17,000	-	17,000
Stormwater Reticulation	-	26,148	52,300	-	52,300	-	52,300
Sewerage	258,752	746,064	1,492,123	575,053	2,067,176	575,053	2,642,229
Land Transport	420,085	889,140	1,821,852	-	1,821,852	1,821,852	-
Information Technology	20,289	47,328	94,648	-	94,648	94,648	-
Council Property	5,450	63,318	126,632	-	126,632	126,632	-
Martinborough Town Hall	268,410	1,897,500	3,795,000	780,172	4,575,172	3,500,000	1,075,172
	\$ 1,629,771	\$ 4,795,622	\$ 9,643,504	\$ 1,906,655	\$ 11,550,159	\$ 7,319,794	\$ 6,749,803

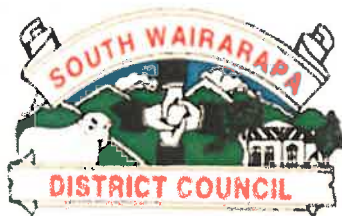


WAIRARAPA ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

Road Safety Managers Report

Meeting held 1pm on 23 February 2017

REAP House Masterton



Overview:

Nationally: 2016 saw the highest no. of road deaths since 2010. 328 lives were lost. This was also part of an upwards trend from 2013 which is very disturbing. (The latest holiday toll was 19 deaths, again an increase from 12 deaths the previous year). Equally disturbing was that the number of people who died not wearing seatbelts increased to over 90, and the upwards trending m/c & pillion deaths. This is of significant focus for NZTA/ACC & Police.

Locally: Also not a good 12 months across Wairarapa where the region ended 2016 with 7 fatalities. A breakdown is as follows:

CRASH FATALITIES

Masterton=5

Sth Wairarapa=1

TOTAL=7

- Jan 2: M/c vs car Lake Palliser Rd M/c killed
(speed/LOC)
- Jan 31: Car vs pole Queen St Masterton -2
x passengers killed (speed)
- May 2: 1 Car vs bridge Paierau Rd Driver killed
(speed)
- June 5: Car vs car S.H.2 Mt Bruce 2 x drivers
killed (medical)
- December 25: M/cycle vs car Rimutaka Hill M/cycle killed
(speed)

As can be seen, apart from the medical event, the crashes all involved speed (whether m/cycles, young drivers/fleeing driver).

Speed, motorcycle safety and restraints will be of major focus in 2017

ROAD FACILITIES in New Zealand as at Tuesday, 14 February 1917

	Year from 1 Jan		to 31 Dec 1916	
	1916	1917	1916	1917
Capacity Types:				
Drivers	21	19	143	141
Passengers	4	4	15	17
Motor Cycle Riders	2	2	19	44
Motor Cycle Pilots	-	-	1	2
Pedestrians	1	1	21	31
Pedal Cyclists	2	2	8	5
Other	1	-	1	4
Capacity Areas:				
0-10 yrs	2	2	7	14
11-15 yrs	3	3	27	38
16-24 yrs	4	4	46	61
25-34 yrs	6	10	78	70
35-44 yrs	12	11	81	90
45 & over	3	6	53	64
Total: Killed During:				
January	34	31		
February	8	7		
March	-	-		
April	-	-		
May	-	-		
June	-	-		
July	-	-		
August	-	-		
September	-	-		
October	-	-		
November	-	-		
December	-	-		
TOTAL Killed For Each Year	42	38	325	394

Total Road Crashes in New Zealand as at Tuesday, 14 Feb 1917

Total Crashes During:				
January	31	28		
February	6	6		
March	-	-		
April	-	-		
May	-	-		
June	-	-		
July	-	-		
August	-	-		
September	-	-		
October	-	-		
November	-	-		
December	-	-		
TOTAL Crashes For Each Year	37	34	291	281

Ministry of Transport

ACTIVITIES:

Fatigue/Distraction

We refreshed our fatigue/distraction radio ads that played on rotate (with distraction & alcohol ads) over all local stations during the Xmas/New Year & over Easter. Billboards will be changed to this theme end of March. Holly will not be facilitating for the hazards/distraction sessions at RYDA this year (27-29 March). We have arranged an alternative facilitator.

Prior to Xmas break I issued the JNL H & S Officer who convenes the Wairarapa Employers H & S Forum, new NZTA created fatigue posters/flyers. This campaign targeted shift workers in particular, making them aware of the dangers of fatigue & encouraging them to nap prior to undertaking the journey home if tired after finishing their shift.



The NZTA 'Hello' distraction ad recently won a 'Lion' ad award at Cannes, for their Lionel Richie song inspired ad around cellphone distraction, where the passenger prevents the driver from accessing their cellphone to read a text. Conveyed in a topical and humorous way, this ad has wide appeal & let's hope has some positive outcomes.



I hope to find time as previously signalled, to write a submission on the increase of demerit points for cellphone use, to bring NZ into line with other countries such as

Australia, and recognize the emergence of cellphone use as it relates to risk & demerit points.

We are crating a DL sized 2 sided flyer around fatigue distraction issues, to then be distributed to all our service stations who will display these on their front counters.

Speed

Continue to deploy our speed trailer and use billboards to increase public awareness and influence reductions in speeds.

Holly and I have engaged with Principals of Sth Wairarapa schools, together with a SWDC roading engineer, to assess speed issues past their school gates, and will be brainstorming to alleviate these issues and provide awareness to drivers of the school in order to get speed compliance.

Road Safety Week 2017 will run 8 -12 May. The global theme is speed. We will develop a campaign for the week again this year, focusing on speed. Radio(ads & interviews)/print/social media/websites will be a focus. A competition mainly around speed related questions and related topics will be run as well.

Young Drivers

Our Community Driver Mentor programme (CDMP) slowed up over the break however a number of students were still being regularly mentored. One student mounted a raised traffic island but fortunately there was very limited damage. We now have 3 x 'graduates' who have attained their restricted licences with many more set to sit in the 1st term.

Frazer Mailman is to make a start on authoring a funding application for the CDMP in the next month.

I presented to around 12 'at risk' students (mainly young drivers) at Te Ore Ore marae in December. Using local data & real crash scenarios, 'impairment goggles', giveaways, fliers and '4 Carmen video, this was a successful day at the marae.

Alcohol/Drugged driving

Billboard schedule will see alcohol 'local legends' erected in due course.

NZTA resources (posters/table talkers and beer barmats were distributed to licensed premises in January. All publicans are very supportive of the new collateral, seeing it as part of their host responsibility roles.

Our drink/drive ads ran over the Xmas break and I have had positive feedback around these.

Each year around 150 *young* adult drivers still crash while affected by alcohol, with fatal or serious injuries resulting. A new campaign will look to target these young males and is likely to launch early in 2017.

An article (below) appeared in the Wairarapa news recently quoting the increase of alcohol related crashes after the lower levels were introduced in 2014. It will take time (5 years) for a trend to be established and then to be assessed. I feel it will be a further user behavior change where the public will approach socializing at licensed premises in a different manner.

Lower drinking limit, higher road toll

JACK BARLOW

When they were introduced, New Zealand's lower road alcohol limits were promised to make the roads safer.

Yet two years after the breath alcohol limit was cut from 400mcg to 250 mcg, the road toll is the highest it's been in years.

The road toll for 2016 provisionally stands at 328, nine higher than the toll for 2015, the first full year in which the new limit was in place.

A total of 293 and 253 people died on our roads in 2014 and 2013 respectively.

There were also 25 per cent more fatal crashes involving alcohol in 2015 than there were in 2014.

There have also been plenty of people caught out under the rules. According to police, 8386 people were caught between the old limit and the new in 2015.

The figures don't look good. However, some advocates and opponents of the limit say statistics don't necessarily tell the full story.

Associate Transport Minister Craig Foss said drivers were responding positively to the change.



Gladstone Inn co-owners Ray Wolff and Lisa Burch

Labour transport spokeswoman Sue Moroney said the drop might be working, but because of other factors it was hard to say to what extent.

"All the research and evidence said [the lower limits] would have brought down the number of fatalities relating to alcohol use, but that hasn't occurred."

While the road toll impact may be up in the air, what's more certain is the impact the limits have had on New Zealand's drinking culture.

Many pubs and bars have complained about a drop in business since the laws kicked in. Country pubs, with their lack of public transport, have

been especially hard hit.

The Gladstone Inn, just outside the Wairarapa town of Carterton, is one pub that's seen customers frightened off by the new laws.

"It's had a huge impact on the locals," co-owner Ray Wolff said.

"The locals' attendance has dropped off by 75 per cent. They're just not coming on locals' night any more."

Like many other pubs that reeled at first, the Gladstone Inn has found other, alcohol-free, ways to attract customers.

"We've seen food sales rise, and there's a lot more low-alcohol beer getting sold," Wolff said.

Safe motorcycling

As earlier stated, the region suffered 2 x m/c rider fatalities with speed & loss of control factors in both crashes.

I attended a seminar (and invited our local roading Managers) on the 5 pillars of motorcycle safety in Wellington on January 30.

ACC, the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council and NZ Transport Agency invited road safety practitioners to attend a seminar focusing on the five pillars of motorcycle safety: Rider Skills, Human Factors, Vehicle Technology, Personal Protective Equipment, and Roads and Roadsides. Featuring international and local experts in the region for the 'Shiny Side Up Bike Fest', and was ideally suited to anyone working to promote the safety of motorcyclists.

I took with me, 3 x officials from Ulysses Wairarapa & Aaron Slight (owner of Mitre10 mega Masterton and ex world superbike legend) to the seminar where they expressed very insightful questions & opinions.

I met with Aaron last week to further progress his views on m/c safety.

I will attend the Wairarapa Ulysses m/c club meeting at the end of the month and report to them what I gleaned from the seminar, and then to report back to ACC/NZTA.

Our m/cycle billboards will be erected for the optimum 'riding' season.

WRSC paid for a further 2 x local riders to attend gold 'ride forever' courses in Wellington.

Restraints

The lack of restraints use accounted for 90 occupants dying in crashes last year who were unrestrained.

I believe road user behavior change takes time but this lack of ownership of personal safety on our roads is extremely disappointing and frustrating.

Change does take time, but this unsafe practice eclipses drink driving in so far as a complete 'change of attitude and culture'.

They will be a focus for WRSC again this year in all of our advertising.

We will also be rotating a safety belt message image on our busback in due course, and continuing our billboard messaging to effect awareness and change.

WRSC teamed up with Plunket, Motorworks & The Warehouse, who have been very supportive locally, for our annual Child restraint clinic 24 November 2016.

We had 35 enquiries on the day, 15 were anchor bolt enquiries. Due to extended enquiries (checking second cars and people that could not make the event), we had another 12 enquiries the following plunket day that related to the checking clinic. This means we have 47 enquiries.

Of this number, a total of 5 car seat referrals were received and all of those referrals were granted restraints, meaning more local tamariki are safer on our roads.

This was a major event which Holly project managed.

Cycling/Walking

We continue to provide advice, support & information to schools wishing to set up 'bikes in schools'

'Pedalready' cycle skills training is in full swing at our local primary schools. (See Hollys' report).

I have secured new storage facilities (no cost at this stage) at Solway Showgrounds for our cycle trailer & speed trailer as the old storage shed is being demolished.

Barrier/road marking safety improvements at SH2 Waingawa-remedial safety work including moving the barriers and remarking should alleviate the main safety concerns of local cyclists giving them more space.

Other concerns included heavy motor vehicles exiting Higgins yard after utilizing the weigh bridge and then travelling the length of the flush median to then turn right into Norfolk Road, meaning sometimes there could be 3 trucks/trailers abreast across the usable lanes width.

There has also been a call from cyclists to reduce the speed limit along this stretch of S.H. to 70km/h.

I have created and had made, 'watch for cyclists & pedestrians' signs. They will be erected at exits from supermarkets & other retailers where issues/crashes have been identified.

WRSC are members of the Carterton District Council walking & cycling strategy group and attended the inaugural meeting 8 February. Meetings are scheduled for 4 times per year and aims at building on the newly produced CDC walking/cycling strategy document completed November 2016 by Roger Boulter. (I guess it will be on CDC website).

WRSC teamed up with Mitre 10 Mega (who wish to become more involved with community partners) and we were present outside their store on Ngaumutawa Rd for stage 5 of NZ Cycle classic Wednesday 26 January, where we engaged with the public around safe cycling, cycle training, and had giveaways with hi-viz vests, bells, chain lube and cycle stuff for the kids.

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IT'S IN OUR DNA**

**STAGE FIVE
THURSDAY
26 JANUARY
2017**

Start Time - 10.00am at Mitre 10 MEGA Masterton
Finish Time - 12.45pm (approx) at Mitre 10 MEGA Masterton
Tiered seating will be provided out the front of
Mitre 10 MEGA to see the start and finish of this race.

WAIRARAPA ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

Wairarapa Road Safety Council will be
onsite and will have goodies & cycle maps
to give away, and don't forget to ask them
about FREE workplace cycle training.
A Sausage Sizzle will be available for a
gold coin donation - all proceeds will go
to Wairarapa Road Safety Council.

Mitre 10 MEGA Masterton
133/141 Ngaumutawa Road
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Mitre 10 Management see this sponsorship being broadened for other road safety initiatives!

Mitre 10 staff ran a gold coin sausage sizzle & WRSC cycling budget is \$222 to the better. This has gone towards the annual maintenance & repair costs of our cycles.



We also attended Martinborough Square on the Tuesday for Stage 3 where there was a huge crowd and we engaged with large no's of families & recreational riders, also with the above giveaways.



Senior Drivers

2 x Carfit clinics in Greytown & Masterton are scheduled for end Feb/early March.

Infrastructure

I identified Memorial Drive/Dixon St as a real safety issue for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pedestrians. MDC were quick to alert the contractors of this safety issue. The same issue has come around again for Kuripuni crossings & MDC have been alerted.

The secretary of 'BRONZ' (Bikers rights of New Zealand) Wellington chapter contacted me re the 'bleeding' bitumen on just completed resealing in the Longbush area near Martinborough which is a very popular recreational m/c ride for local & visiting riders. I have forwarded these concerns to the SWDC roading Manager.

Excess foliage obstructing views of pedestrians at Kuripuni were once again identified and passed onto MDC for remedial work.

Health & Safety

Nil issues identified

COUNCILLOR REPORT
for
South Wairarapa District Council Meeting
Wednesday 23 February 2017

Councillor's Name	MARGARET CRAIG
Meeting – Date & Venue	WELLINGTON REGION WASTE FORUM 17 FEBRUARY, 2017 AT CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Jacqui Forbes – Waste Education Programme for Maraes.</u> Currently in 7 regions across NZ So far 150 Marae on board. WasteMin Funding. New advisor starting for Wellington Region. • <u>Reclaimed Timber Traders.</u> – diverting timber from landfill and reusing in small building projects. Teaching skills & creating and employment pathway http://www.reclaimedtimbertraders.co.nz/main/ • <u>Free For All.</u> A voluntary social enterprise set up by Dee Glentworth in Wellington. Re-diverts excess products from charity shops and has started free garage sales and other garage 'shops' which people may attend by appointment. www.freeforall.co.nz • <u>Longopac:</u> Continuous waste bag solution. A new way of bagging waste in hospitals, workplaces etc. Minimises waste bulk for collection and avoids contamination. www.longopac.co.nz
Specific item/s for Council consideration	For Council's Information when considering environmental, social and economic impact in promotion of waste minimisation
General	The Wellington Region Waste Forum meets quarterly to discuss and promote ideas for waste minimisation

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