

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

24 OCTOBER 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. *Receive the Mayor's Report.*
2. *Recommend that SWDC accept the offer for Featherston to Charter with 5/7 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.*

1. Charter between Featherston and 5/7 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

The attached letter (appendix 1) was sent to me by the Lieutenant Colonel Jull, Commanding Officer, 5th/7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment asking if SWDC would be happy to formally establish a Charter with Featherston, through the right to the Freedom of the District of South Wairarapa but in particular Featherston.

Their proposal is to hold a Charter Parade on 1 December at 1pm. During the Charter Parade framed Charters would be exchanged along with gifts from each party. The Parade would leave the ANZAC Hall and march to Clifford Square where the Charters would be exchanged. After the formalities the Parade would march back to the ANZAC Hall for afternoon tea.

Featherston would become one of the 5th/7th Battalion's Charter towns, this means that the Battalion will continue to support ANZAC Day, Armistice Day commemorations and also would hold Charter Parades in the town at regular intervals.

As you can see by the letter from Lieutenant Jull the 5th/7th Battalion have had a very close relationship with Featherston over many years. This proposal is a huge honour for the town of Featherston and I would encourage Council to take up this offer.

2. Governance Review

The Workshop which was planned to take place on 10 October was postponed to a date yet to be confirmed due to my illness and the unavailability of some councillors.

3. Featherston Sculpture

The Unveiling of the new Featherston Sculpture will take place at 4pm on Saturday 10 November. A commemorative March will leave the site of the Featherston Camp and arrive for the unveiling. Members of the 5th/7th Battalion, Mounted Guards and family members of soldiers who were trained at the camp will take part.

The full programme for the weekend which includes the Armistice Day Commemoration on 11th November at 11am at the Featherston Cenotaph will be available soon.

4. Wairarapa Business Awards

The Chamber of Commerce hosted the inaugural Wairarapa Business Awards in Masterton on the 4th October. There were four categories and four finalists in each category. Deputy Mayor Brian Jephson stood in for me and presented the Vibrant Award.

The following South Wairarapa Businesses were finalists in the following categories;

Vibrant – Country Village Heaven, Green Jersey Cycles, Martinborough Wine Tours and Palliser Ridge

Emerging – The Cartel Food Company, Marty Skinfood and Reid and Reid

Country Village Haven and Reid and Reid were announced the winners of their categories.

This is an outstanding result for all the South Wairarapa Businesses who were finalists and winners.

5. Meetings

I have not attended many meetings due to being ill. Deputy Mayor Jephson and other councillors have stood in for me at various events and many meetings booked during my absence have been rescheduled.

Meetings attended have included Treaty Training, Maori Standing Committee, CE Review meetings, visit from Karen Adair and Leah MacDonell from Provincial Growth Fund to familiarise themselves with the Wairarapa, Logo presentations, Fab Feathy, CentrePort Wellington and other individuals and organisations.

6. Events

I have attended the Launch of the Governments Wairarapa Rail programme at Carterton Railway Station, The Wairarapa Vintage Car Club 50th anniversary, the Featherston Wahine Singers Concert, Relay for Life Launch.

Cr Colenso represented council at the Tora Fire Brigade Gold Star Awards.

7. Correspondence

| DATE | INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE | SUBJECT |
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| 25 September 18 | Lt Col Jull, Commanding Officer, 5/7 RNZIR | Request to formally establish a Charter with Featherston. |
| 1 October 18 | Wellington Free Ambulance | Thanks to Council for annual donation. |
| 1 October 18 | Featherston Heritage Complex Society Inc. | Thanks to all at council for assistance with the recent visit of Chor Farmer. |
| 10 October 18 | Maori Sports Awards Committee | Thanks for trophy sponsorship. |
| DATE | OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE | SUBJECT |
| 3 October 18 | Lt Col Jull, Commanding Officer, 5/7 RNZIR | Accepting the offer to have a Charter Parade on 1 December in Featherston and to establish a Charter with Featherston. |
| 11 October 18 | Peter and Mary Biggs | Congratulations on your achievements and work for Featherston Booktown and your role as Chair of WREDA. |

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Correspondence from the NZ Army

Appendix 2 – Correspondence from Sport Wellington

Appendix 3 – Positive Ageing Strategy

Prepared By: Her Worship the Mayor, Viv Napier

Appendix 1 – Correspondence from the NZ Army



NEW ZEALAND ARMY

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25 September 2018

Viv Napier
Mayor
South Wairarapa District Council

(via email: the.mayor@swdc.govt.nz)

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CHARTER

Your Worship the Mayor,

As you may be aware, the 5th/7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (5/7 RNZIR) is an Army Reserve Infantry Battalion that covers the area Taranaki to Poverty Bay, down to and including Wellington. The initial formation of our Militia and Volunteer units date back to 1845, with the official gazetting on our forebear units dating from 1859.

5/7 RNZIR has seven Charters with various cities and districts within our catchment area. These include Wellington City since 1979, and Napier City since 1957.

Our predecessor unit, 7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (Wellington (City of Wellington's Own) and Hawkes Bay) previously had an Army Office in Masterton, however was closed due to downsizing and amalgamations. You will be aware of the obvious historical military linkages with Featherston, serving as a training camp and departure point for thousands of soldiers during World War One.

In December 2012, the 5th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (Wellington, West Coast and Taranaki) and the 7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (Wellington (City of Wellington's Own) and Hawkes Bay) units amalgamated.

As previously tentatively agreed, 5/7 RNZIR is planning to hold a parade in Featherston on Saturday, 1st December 2018. This will be the first parade that 5/7 RNZIR has held in Featherston.

Through Wellington Company, we have had a relationship with Featherston over recent years with Anzac Day, and recently assisting the celebrations of the anniversary of the Featherston Military Camp and Prisoner of War Camp.

It is with this in mind, that I seek your approval for the 5/7 RNZIR to formally establish a Charter with Featherston, through the right to the Freedom of the District of South Wairarapa, by conducting a Charter Parade on the above date.

Appendix 2 – Correspondence from Sport Wellington



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Mayor Viv Napier
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Dear Viv

Thank you for your letter of 23 August asking about progress towards the completion of the Regional Spaces and Places Plan.

The Regional Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (Living Well) was completed in June 2017 with the Spaces and Places Plan development identified as one of the priority projects for the region. This project was started in August 2017 with the formation of a Project Steering Group and a Council working group comprised of a representative from each of the eight councils across the region. Helen McNaught is the South Wairarapa District Council representative sitting on this group.

The average time for completion of similar projects across the country is around 12-18 months. While we are behind our original time frame (as a result of the facility data collation from each district taking longer than anticipated) we have a timetable in place to complete the project by the end of this calendar year.

I have included a timetable of key dates with this letter.

I hope this allays the concerns of your council.

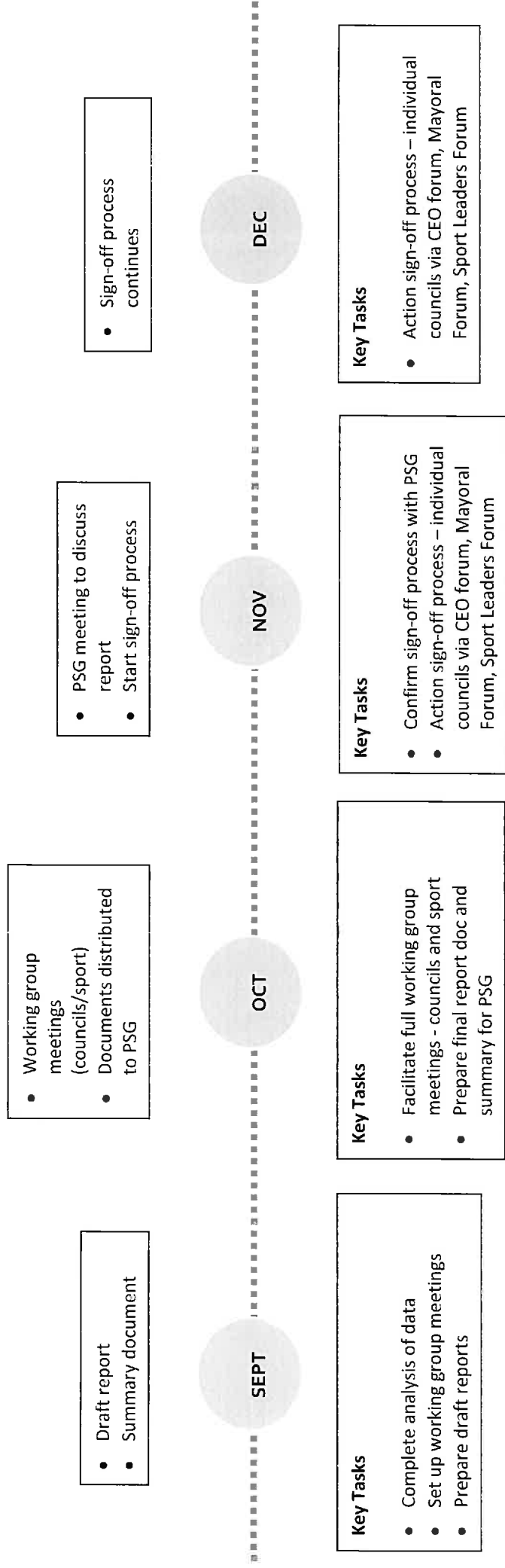
Kind regards



Phil Gibbons
Chief Executive

SPACES AND PLACES TIMELINE

(as at 10 September 2018)



REGIONAL SPORT & ACTIVE RECREATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

OBJECTIVE

Ensure everyone has access to a range of formal and informal participation opportunities and is encouraged to participate

OUTCOME

More people participating in sport and/or active recreation and meeting the Ministry of Health's physical activity guidelines

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

- Low participation groups
- Young people
- Provision of a broad range of quality sport and active recreation participation opportunities
- Removing/minimising barriers to participation to make it easier to access sport and active recreation opportunities i.e. cost, accessibility

SUCCESS INDICATORS

- Growth in regular participation in current low participant groups and overall
- More people meeting Ministry of Health physical activity guidelines

REGIONAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Engagement with low participation groups
- Women and girls 13 years and older
 - Older people
 - People from low socio-economic areas of our region
 - Different ethnic communities, in particular Chinese and Indian people
 - People with disabilities
 - People with health-related problems

REGIONAL SPORTING SUCCESS

OBJECTIVE

Develop, support and recognise sporting excellence across the region

OUTCOME

More athletes on the talent pathway and more regional sporting success (teams and individuals) nationally and internationally.

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

- Athlete development (including access to talent development pathways and athlete services)
- Developing strategic partnerships - tertiary, HPSNZ, franchise sports, funders
- Celebrating regional sporting success

SUCCESS INDICATORS

- Performance of regional teams and individuals
- Performance hubs established and operational
- Joint performance development projects initiated
- Annual sports awards held

REGIONAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Talent Plan - including performance hub establishment and athlete services provision

SPACES AND PLACES

OBJECTIVE

Develop a coordinated approach to providing an accessible, fit-for-purpose network of regional, spaces and places that support and encourage sport and active recreation

OUTCOME

Integrated network of local and regional places and spaces that provide more people in the region with better places to participate and support event hosting.

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

- Identifying and developing a regional facilities network to enable community participation
- Facility partnerships
- Sportville and sports hub development
- Regional and community events planning

SUCCESS INDICATORS

- Regional facilities plan developed and operational
- Facility partnerships increase
- Increase in the number and range of events hosted across the region

REGIONAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Regional Facilities Plan to identify priority projects and funding process
- Schools/Councils Partnerships as a means of maximising existing facilities for both school and community use.
- Regional Events Plan

WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE

OBJECTIVE

Support the development of a strong and enterprising sector through building people capability (paid and volunteer workforce)

OUTCOME

A high-performing workforce delivering quality sport and active recreation opportunities to the region

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

- Workforce development
 - paid staff
 - volunteer planning and development
 - leadership development
- Knowledge building through research and insights

SUCCESS INDICATORS

- Integrated training and development opportunities
- Engagement and retention of the workforce including growth in volunteering - (numbers of volunteers and hours contributed)
- Positive customer experiences, retention and growth in participation
- Improved planning and decision-making in relation to sport and active recreation

REGIONAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Regional Workforce Development Plan
- Regional Volunteer Planning

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

OBJECTIVE

Align investment with regional and local priorities for sport and active recreation and grow the funding pool

OUTCOME

Sufficient, sustainable and targeted investment supporting increased physical activity through sport and active recreation

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

- Establishing a coordinated approach to funding sport and active recreation across the region and aligning with regional projects and local priorities
- Growing the funding pool

SUCCESS INDICATORS

- Increased investment in regional sport and active recreation activity

REGIONAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Investors' Network

Appendix 3 – Positive Ageing Strategy

Positive Ageing Strategy Update 10 October 2018 for Councillors

All work on this project is:

- Aligned with Office for Seniors best practice
- Based on World Health Organisation Age-Friendly cities guidelines
- Designed for cross-Council involvement and participation

Over the last month, the Positive Ageing Strategy work has included:

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| Project management | Developing a community consultation strategy and setting timelines |
| Developing Collateral | Developed Positive Ageing consultation collateral that is being distributed in the community physically and digitally |
| Expo presence <i>Special thanks to the Councillors, Community Board members and Mayors who came for community conversations – they were the hit of the day</i> | A stall at the Age Concern Expo where we <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed 400 postcards to stall holders and expo visitors • Conducted individual conversations with 150 expo visitors included dozens (haven't counted them yet) of recorded feedback insights and ideas • Conducted or set up interviews with numerous organisations |
| Interviews | Conducted interviews with over 40 people from over 30 community, health, housing, government and business sectors. Most of these interviews with older adults themselves as well as leaders in their organisations and communities |
| Survey | Launched two surveys (one for Council, one for community) that have received over 150 responses so far. |

What are people telling us?

A **common theme** is that residents love the lifestyle and friendliness of the Wairarapa.

Early analysis indicates the following as **key issues** for *all* parties:

- Transport
- Accessibility (footpaths, parking, building access etc)
- Accessible services
- Community connection
- Lack of cohesive planning for older adults

Next steps till end of November include:

- Focused consultation with Māori

- Outreach and face-to-face consultation with residents we still need to hear from especially men, people outside of Masterton and newcomers to the area
- Theme analysis of the information we have gathered
- Cross-reference this with best practice Age-Friendly development
- Community workshops to share findings and identify opportunities moving forward