

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

3 APRIL 2019

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 Mayor's Report.*
2. *Note a recruitment process is underway to appoint a new CEO, applicant interviews have been undertaken.*

1. Christchurch Attacks

New Zealand has been shocked and angered by the unprecedented attacks on innocent people praying in the mosques in Christchurch.

SWDC has conveyed our sincere condolences and support to the victims, their families, the Muslim community and the people of Christchurch.

South Wairarapa joined with many other districts around New Zealand and organised vigils to honour and mourn those who died and were injured in the Christchurch Attacks. A vigil was held in Masterton with a number of South Wairarapa people attending.

I would like to thank Ann Randle, Dudley-Anne Hill and Robyn Ramsden and Jen Bhati for organising the vigils in the respective towns. Our communities appreciated the opportunity to come together and support those who died or were injured and support each other at this very sad time. It was also a chance to recognise and thank the emergency services who played such a huge role in helping the victims and acknowledge the Muslim community in Christchurch and the Wairarapa. The message at all of the services was of peace, love and the end to racial hatred.

2. SWDC Civic Awards

The SWDC Civic Awards were held on 1 April. There was a large number of nominations from across the district and the dedication and commitment shown by the individuals or groups was inspiring and overwhelming. South Wairarapa

has a wonderful caring culture, people are prepared to give their time to help others and improve our communities in many ways. We are fortunate to have so many people who are willing to help and support our communities.

I want to thank all the nominees and those who took the time to nominate the individuals and groups. It is wonderful to be able to acknowledge the work you do in a small way.

Congratulations to the overall winner and category winners.

3. CEO resignation

Mr Paul Crimp finished as CEO on 29th March. Ms Jennie Mitchell has been appointed as Acting CEO until the new CEO is appointed.

4. Councillor Mike Gray

Councillor Mike Gray was sworn in at an extraordinary meeting on 18th March. Council welcomes Mike back as a Greytown Ward representative. Mike is a very experienced local government representative. He has been a councillor, Deputy Mayor and Greytown Community Board member over a number of years.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mike and I look forward to working with him.

5. Featherston Land

The Project group made recommendations to the Featherston community Board who in turn made recommendations to council which is covered in a separate agenda item.

6. Governance Review and Council Structure

The new structure has now been implemented with the new committees holding their first meetings.

6.1 Community Board Working Party

A meeting has been held to discuss delegations and a further meeting will be held to discuss updating the terms of reference for community boards.

7. Tuia Programme

Puhi Te Whaiti has begun the Mayors Task Force for Jobs Tuia Rangitahi mentoring programme. Puhi has attended her first wananga in Te Kuiti and is finalising her community project.

8. Meetings

I have attended a variety of meetings including, SWDC Committee meetings, Construction Team meetings, Community Boards, Maori Standing Committee, Community Board Working Party, Senior Housing Working Party, Wellington

Water, Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy Action Plan Governance Group, Spatial Plan workshop, Annual Plan Working Party, Interviews for CE applicants, CE appointment sub group, UCOL, Rural and Provincial, Featherston Community Centre, Water Strategy, Hearings for proposal to join Wellington Water, Wairarapa Combined Council, GWRC,

All Councillors across the three Wairarapa councils will receive updates from the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy as they come to hand.

I have had meetings with various individuals and groups.

8.1 Rural and Provincial

Meeting – Date & Venue	Rural and Provincial 7 th and 8 th March Harbourside Wellington
Present	Rural and Provincial Councils, Minister Damien O’Conner, Minister Chris Hipkins, Associate Minister Julie Anne Genter, Minister Iain Lees Galloway
Key issues from meeting	Government 3 Waters reform was discussed by LGNZ, Ministry of Health, Chair of the Regional council Sector, Governments Priorities Reform of vocational education Localism- Climate change Local Government Funding and Financing Inquiry Census update

9. Events

Featherston Lioness “Lost Babies” Pergola project Ribbon cutting, Wings over Wairarapa, Opening Cobblestones Exhibition , Featherston Incident 76th commemoration, Localism Symposium, Positive Aging Strategy Workshop, LGNZ Stakeholders function, Vigils in Greytown, Masterton, Martinborough and Featherston acknowledging the Christchurch Attacks, Adri Isbister Farewell, Paul Crimp and Sally Eru Farewells, South Wairarapa Civic Awards, Citizenship Ceremony

10. Correspondence

Date	Inwards Correspondence	Subject
14 February	Archbishop of Wellington	Enclosing a message from Pope to all political leaders.

Date	Outwards Correspondence	Subject
13 February	Hon Phil Twyford	Joint letter from Wairarapa Mayors regarding rail investment and the needs of the Wairarapa going forward.
15 March	Carterton Food Bank	Thanks for work undertaken and advice on funding assistance.
22 March	Greytown Community Board Chair Leigh Hay	Thanks for the work undertaken to develop new SWDC logo.

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