

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

04 FEBRUARY 2015

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## AGENDA ITEM D1

### TEMPORARY EXCEPTION TO DOG CONTROL BY-LAW FOR VANS AND VINES EVENT

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To inform Councillors of the request from the organisers of Vans and Vines for a temporary exception to clause 9.1 of the Dog Control Bylaw 2013.

#### **Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receives the information;*
2. *Approves a temporary exclusion to the Control of Dogs Bylaw 2013 clause 9.1 for the "Vans and Vines" event in Martinborough in February 2015, under the conditions specified in this paper.*

#### **1. Background**

The South Wairarapa District Council Control of Dogs Bylaw 2013 prohibits dogs from public places under the control or management of the Council (clause 9.1). Clause 9.4(iii) provides an exception for dogs taking part in an organised event with Council approval.

Martinborough Rugby Club has been given Council permission to allow the west end of Coronation Park off New York Street to be used as a park-over property (POP) by members of the NZ Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA). Normal conditions of use are pack in/pack out, so when NZMCA uses the site, members are required to remove all their rubbish before leaving. The other requirement for POPs is that the vehicles must be self-contained. This area of the park is not normally used for sport.

The event "Vans and Vines" is being planned for early February to coincide with Waitangi weekend and the February Martinborough Fair. Around 100 vehicles are expected, and the whole of Coronation Park will be used for the event. The organisers request permission for small dogs travelling in these vehicles to be permitted on that part of Coronation Park normally used as the POP for the duration of the event.

## **2. Discussion**

### **2.1 Conditions to be imposed**

The conditions recommended in approving the request are:

- Placement of a temporary fence to separate that part of Coronation Park normally used as a Park-Over Property, to be used exclusively by participants travelling with dogs;
- all dogs are required to be on leads at all times and to remain within the fenced area;
- all dogs are to be exercised away from the park, either on the surrounding streets or at the Martinborough Dog Park;
- the organisers will ensure all excrement and other rubbish is removed from the park at the end of the event.

## **3. Conclusion**

I recommend that Council approves a temporary exclusion to the Control of Dogs Bylaw 2013 clause 9.1 for the "Vans and Vines" event in Martinborough in February 2015, under the conditions in 2.1 above.

## **4. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Request from Vans and Vines organisers

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# **Appendix 1 – Request from Vans and Vines Organisers**

## Helen McNaught - Amenities Manager

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**From:** R Dallimore RnR Publishing Ltd <robyn@rnrpublishing.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 January 2015 12:37 p.m.  
**To:** Helen McNaught - Amenities Manager  
**Subject:** RV Lifestyle Vans & Vines weekend Feb 5-9 Dogs  
**Attachments:** Vans & Vines Rugby grounds plan.pdf

**Importance:** High

Hi Helen

As per our discussion this morning, and our notification back in November that we wanted a 'dispensation' as such to have dogs allowed on a specific area of the Rugby Grounds, over our weekend.

In Brief

We bring around 100 plus self-contained motorhomes and RV's into Martinborough each year over the first Martinborough Fair weekend.

We hold our event at the Rugby Grounds, Corner Regent and New York Streets.

Many motorhomes travel with their cats and dogs with them, well behaved travel savvy pets that are socially integrated and used to following the rules.

Previous years these people have not been able to attend our event because of the NO Dogs rule.

We came to the Council in November last year to request that we use the area on the New York Street Western border, where the trees are and there is a separate entrance, for people with dogs. They will be on a lead at all times, will be exercised off site, will be kept in conditions suitable for animals considering the heat. All waste will be picked up and disposed of in bins. These animals are well travelled, not barkers or yappers, very well behaved.

We have around 15 motorhomers that want to attend the event, if they can bring pets. We have advised them we have sought permission from the Council and they are coming in the hope we will be able to look after them.

We all appreciate the rules, but hope you will give us this consideration for our members this year, and in years to come. Motorhomes are valued contributors to economies in all small towns, and our people all contribute generously to our fundraising efforts over our events.

This year we are support Food Banks, but also funds from raffles and other things will go to the Child Cancer Foundation and two other child cancer related organisations.

Kind regards

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