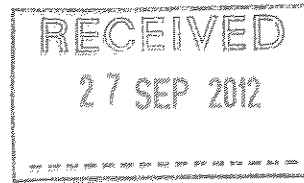


25 September 2012

Dr Jack Dowds  
Chief Executive  
South Wairarapa District Council  
PO Box 6  
Martinborough 5741



Dear Dr Dowds

**Seeking an annual grant towards operating costs of providing emergency ambulance services**

I write to seek your Council's consideration of an annual grant towards providing 'free to the patient' emergency ambulance services.

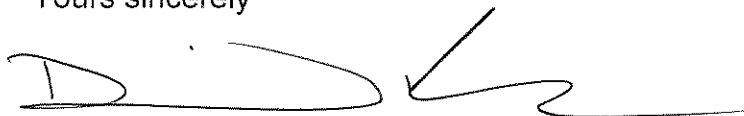
It is only through individuals, community groups and Councils helping financially that we are able to make up each year's shortfall in central government funding and keep 'the free' in Wellington Free Ambulance.

By way of context the Wellington City Council has agreed a three year grant of \$65,000 per year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. All Councils in Greater Wellington contribute, as do some Community Boards.

Upper Hutt City Council have funded around \$12,000 in previous years. Hutt City Council and Porirua City Council each gave \$9,000 + GST The Kapiti District Council has granted \$6,594 + GST for the coming year and a recent Waikanae Community Board capital grant of \$10,000 was on top of this.

I would be grateful for your Council's consideration of an annual grant.

Yours sincerely



David Baker  
Executive Manager – Fundraising, Marketing and PR  
Direct dial 04 498 9679

## **Press Release 12 April 2012**

Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA) is proud to announce that they were successful in their bid to become the new ambulance service provider for the Wairarapa. WFA are well known in Wellington for delivering free-to-the-patient high quality community focussed care and now they will be raising awareness of their capabilities in the Wairarapa.

Acting CE Andy Long is enthusiastic about the decision "This success not only owes itself to the huge effort of all involved in the tender process but demonstrates a vote of confidence in WFA from the Crown and that our innovative, high quality and free to the patient approach is successful. The selection of WFA as the successful provider further cements our future as New Zealand's leading ambulance service."

Now that the tender and due-diligence phases are complete, WFA are focussing on a smooth transition process, and educating the community about the change. "Essentially for the community, the biggest and most obvious change is that their ambulance service is now free to the people of the Wairarapa. That has got to be good news. The rest remains the same, they still call 111 in an emergency and they still receive excellent care" says Mr Long.

Not only an ambulance service, WFA also offer free community CPR training to schools and community groups. To help save a life book your school or community group in for a free CPR training course by sending an email to [Andrew.dunning@wfa.org.nz](mailto:Andrew.dunning@wfa.org.nz) or go to [www.operationheartbeat.org.nz](http://www.operationheartbeat.org.nz).

### **About Wellington Free Ambulance**

Since 1927, Wellington Free Ambulance, New Zealand's only free metropolitan ambulance service, has been the sole emergency ambulance provider for the people of greater Wellington.

As an essential service provider for the community, Wellington Free Ambulance is committed to providing the highest quality clinical care in emergency situations, pre-hospital care, rescue and transport services.

Each year Wellington Free Ambulance assists more than 50,000 people in the greater Wellington region - an average of about 140 people per day. That's about one in every 10 people living in this area that need our help on an annual basis.

Wellington Free Ambulance is the only free-to-the-patient ambulance service in New Zealand. We serve a population of 450,000 New Zealanders.

Wellington Free Ambulance responds to a call for help on average every eight minutes, of every day.

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16 October 2012

Jack Dowds  
Chief Executive  
South Wairarapa District Council  
PO Box 6  
Martinborough

Dear Jack

I am writing to you to let you know about the NZ Transport Agency's decision to grant Fonterra Co-operative Group Ltd a temporary exemption, issued under Section 166(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998, from the requirements of the Land Transport Rule - Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002. The three month exemption will allow Fonterra to exceed the 44 tonne mass limit by one tonne without an overweight permit. This remains within the legal weighing tolerance of 45.5 tonnes.

This decision follows an application by Fonterra in September. As a result of the current exceptionally good grass growing conditions Fonterra is forecasting very high levels of milk production this season. While higher levels of production were expected, current levels of production are much higher than could have been anticipated a year ago when Fonterra would have needed to order the estimated 60-70 additional tanker trucks required to transport these unusually high volumes

In approving this exemption the Agency took into account the following factors:

- the urgency of the request
- it is a temporary measure to deal with an exceptional situation that was reasonably beyond the control of the operator
- fresh milk is a perishable product and needs to be transported to the factory as soon as possible; farmers must continue to milk their cows and the on-farm vats must be emptied regularly
- there would be economic and environmental consequences disposing of surplus milk on farms, in the event that additional trucks are not available to take the higher volumes
- there is currently a limited availability of High Productivity Motor Vehicle (HPMV) routes at this time in most dairying areas and there is not enough time to assess and issue HPMV permits now that the peak of the season has begun
- Fonterra's milk tankers would mostly carry the additional tonne of milk during the last part of the journey, being the last farm to the factory, which should reduce the impact on the road network.

The Agency has agreed to issue the exemption for the period 1 October - 31 December 2012 with the following conditions:

- calibrated equipment is available to ensure drivers can provide a high level of confidence that the amount of milk being carried is consistent with the exemption
- any posted bridge, road and speed restrictions are adhered to
- safety limits of the truck and trailer are not exceeded
- Fonterra keep records of the distance travelled by its tankers while in excess of 44 tonnes
- Fonterra provides this information to the NZTA as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar month

The advice we have received from Fonterra is that the exemption has not yet been used, either this year or last year. We will let you know if Fonterra exceeds 44 tonnes on any of your roads.

As you will appreciate, this is the second season that this exemption has been issued and the NZTA does not intend the granting of this exemption in this manner to become regular practice. As such we will be working with Fonterra to determine how future milk production growth and exceptional seasons can be managed using the ordinary mechanisms available to us. This might include the use of High Productivity Motor Vehicles, and we would request your council's involvement in this work where local road access in your district may be required.

We appreciate your council's continuing contribution to improving the safe and efficient movement of freight. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this latest decision.

Yours sincerely

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Jenny Chetwynd  
**Regional Director**

26 September 2012

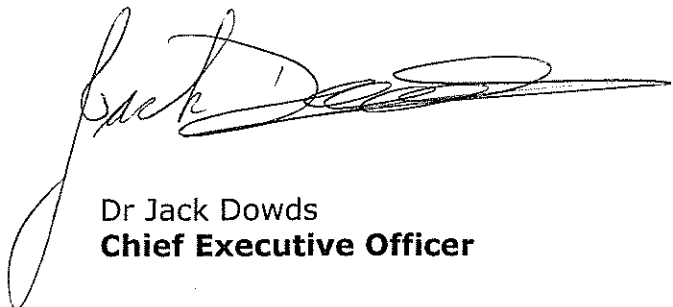
David Baker  
Executive Manager – Fundraising, Marketing and PR  
Wellington Free Ambulance  
PO Box 601  
Wellington

Dear Mr Baker,

Thank you for your letter of 25 September in which you request Council to provide an annual grant towards the operating costs of providing 'free to the patient' emergency ambulance services.

The usual process for dealing with requests for grants is to submit them to Council through the Annual Plan process. I will however, in this case, have your request included in the papers for the Council meeting to be held on 31 October. The outcome of the Council's consideration of your request will be communicated to you following the Council meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Dowds', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Jack Dowds  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**From:** Dr Jack Dowds - Chief Executive Officer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 September 2012 1:39 p.m.  
**To:** Adrienne Staples - Her Worship the Mayor; Councillors  
**Subject:** additional information on library management system and the library relocation

Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors,

During the September Council meeting Council requested more information on the financial and legal implications of the recommendations put to Council in agenda items C4 and G2. Agenda item C4 referred to the Wairarapa Library Service – Library Management System and Agenda item G2 referred to Martinborough Library Relocation.

I provide the requested information as follows:

**1. Agenda item C4 - Wairarapa Library Service – Library Management System**

**Financial implications**

**Kotui:**

- Kotui is unbudgeted in 2012/13 so we will have to "borrow" from general funds.
- It is recommended that the expenditure is funded 100% during the 2012/13 year, as this will be cleaner if amalgamation happens around that time. If on amalgamation another library system is adopted at least the funding will be settled and we won't be collecting rates in future years for a system that is no longer used.
- The cost of the system is \$50,569. If this was purchased on 1 February we would add interest at 3.83% pa \$807.
- This will be completely rate funded as it is a new asset and there are no depreciation reserves to cover this.
- If it is decided to fund over more than 1 year the interest cost will have to be recalculated - but it won't be very significant.

Kotui	Cost	Cash Outflow		Rates impact	
		2012/13	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15
Initial Purchase	50,569.00	50,569.00		50,569.00	
Ongoing licence fee	12,866.00		12,866.00	12,866.00	12,866.00
Interest				807.00	
				= 0.64%	= 0.13%

**Legal implications:** There are no particular legal implications.

**2. Agenda item G2 – Martinborough Library Relocation**

**Financial implications**

- SWDC paid for the fitout of the library, the book value as at 30 June was \$130,834. This will have to be written off as none of the fitout is likely to be able to be transferred to new premises. There is no rates impact of this, but it will hit the P & L as a loss probably in 2011/12 as it will be backdated.
- In terms of the lease, we have not budgeted for the increased cost of a new lease. The cost increase will not be known until the new lease is finalised, however the unbudgeted portion is likely to be in the order of (\$33,000 less \$18,000) \$15,000
- My recommendation for fitout and relocation costs is to spread them over the term of the lease. The difference between this and the Kotui software is that it is more difficult to get out of the lease than replace a piece of software.
- Relocation should be able to be achieved for around \$15K, including computer and phone costs
- Fitout costs are completely unknown - the current building fitout costs were \$199K.
- Any fitout costs should be recovered over the life of the lease. If the new fitout cost, say, \$50,000 we could internally fund this but would have to recover from rates at about \$25K per year plus interest.

	Cash Outflow			Rates impact	
	Cost	2012/13	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15
New Lease increase	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00
Relocation	15,000.00	15,000.00		7,500.00	7,500.00
Fitout	50,000.00	50,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00
Interest	2,470.00	1,266.67	633.33	1,470.00	1,000.00
				=0.64%	=0.49%

### Legal implications

There are no particular legal implications. I have spoken with Dianne Phelps and she is accepting of Council exiting the lease when a suitable alternative is found.

If Council are happy with the information provided and inform me of this I will initiate the Kotui project with Carterton and commence negotiations with the owner of the Reload building.

Regards,

Jack

Dr Jack Dowds  
Chief Executive Officer

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