

# **SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**8 AUGUST 2012**

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## **AGENDA ITEM D4**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES GROUP REPORT**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To update Councillors on the Infrastructure and Services Group activities

#### **Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

## **1. Consents**

### **1.1 New Consent and Requirements**

The Regional Council's focus remains that Council must continue to achieve compliance where non-compliance has existed previously; and that in regard to the new consent applications where required Council must demonstrate a commitment to improved environmental outcomes.

This level of commitment toward these outcomes is consistent with Council's long term draft wastewater is being indicated in our current three waters consent applications renewals.

#### **1.1.1. Wastewater**

The consent application lodgement for the Greytown WWTP and the latest timeline indicates lodgement by end of October 2012.

The new AEE and consent application lodged for the Martinborough WWTP consent renewal is under development and is expected to be re-lodged by mid-August 2012.

The Featherston WWTP consent renewal application was submitted but Council was required to supply further information as earlier reported. The response to this request was submitted on July 24 2012.

#### **1.1.2. Water Takes**

The water take consents for Greytown and Martinborough community water supplies were lodged before the end of March 2012. Council has since provided further information for both consents in relation to usage (domestic, non-domestic and irrigation) within the communities and processing of the application continues with the draft request for further information lodged by

June 29 2012. Final responses will be submitted once we achieve agreement on current usage and future requirements.

## **1.2 Other consents**

The Martinborough landfill consent has been submitted and further information has been requested. The Regional Council have requested that consent applications be lodged to legitimise the current green-waste shredding and cover operations at the Martinborough Site and the Council needs to proceed to acquire the additional consent.

## **2. Utilities**

### **2.1 Wastewater**

#### **2.1.1. Operations**

Greytown and Featherston Wastewater treatment plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period with no non-compliance issues reported.

At the Martinborough wastewater treatment plant site, Council staff and contractors are working on resealing a concrete transfer chamber which has the potential to cause seepage of effluent. This came to Council's attention through the monitoring programme and GWRC have been kept informed of the situation as Council work to remedy the problem.

Six pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

#### **2.1.2. Water Supply Capital**

No capital works programmed or implemented during the period.

### **2.2 Water Supply**

#### **2.2.1. Operations**

Leak detection work has been completed in Martinborough water supply network with no major leaks found but a number of smaller leaks around services pipes and the smaller diameter pipelines. Repair work for these items has been scheduled and is underway.

This completes the in reticulation leak detection work for the three serviced areas which ought to be conducted on at least a three year cycle.

The Ultra filtration plant at Greytown continues to supply both Greytown and Featherston with the supplementary bore in Greytown not in use since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The plant itself now is the subject of investigation for efficiency improvement resulting in further capacity gains and the identification of water loss due to possible leakage within and around the raw and treated water ponds and reservoirs.

Community water usage records and trending is attached for Council's information.

#### **2.2.2. Capital**

Bore water availability investigation continues at Woodside and Underhill Roads with indications of good potential at Woodside Road close to the Ultra-filtration Plant. This will be the subject of separate reporting in due course

The question of what further work ought to be done in the context of the subsidy funding remaining will be addressed within the reporting, suffice to say that there is good justification to establish a production bore(s) to finalise the ultimate capacity and quality of this source as a supplement/ alternative to the river take.

## **2.3 Water Races**

Water races operated normally during the period.

The review of water races generally is underway with specialist assistance having being sought, with a proposal that staff are currently evaluating.

## **2.4 Waste Management**

### **2.4.1. Operations**

Operations continued without incident throughout the period. Waste export and recycling tonnage data for the period is attached.

## **3. Roding**

### **3.1 Oldfield Asphalts**

Roding maintenance is satisfactory. Eighty per cent of unsealed roads were metalled during May and June. These roads have now been graded and the finished result is very satisfactory.

The wet summer and recent wet weather continues to cause slumping on the Hinakura, Whakapuni, and Ushers Hills. There are no easy fixes and we continue to fill the slumps.

Oldfields have also been busy on the Cape Palliser Road at Te Kopi where heavy swells at the end of June further damaged the gabion walls that support the road. Fortunately we had most of our intended rock stockpile on site for the construction of boulder beaches at Te Kopi and the rock was placed in temporary position to lessen wave damage.

When the rest of the rock is delivered the permanent boulder beaches will be constructed.

## **4. Parks and Reserves**

### **4.1 Transfield Services**

Maintenance is satisfactory and Council has received compliments on the condition of Memorial park in Greytown.

Transfield's response to requests for additional service continues to be prompt.

On the down side, the management of burials by Transfield is only satisfactory when their regular sexton is available. When he is away there is no trained person to take his place.

## **5. Property and Facilities**

### **5.1 Properties**

Martinborough Library – Following consideration of the seismic assessment report for the library building and in view of the library's vulnerable user groups, the library was closed on Monday, 16 July. A portacom has been obtained and situated behind the current building in the car park as a temporary solution. The portacom arrived Tuesday, connected and fitted out, and opened to the public on Thursday afternoon. Identification and assessment of a longer term solution for the library continues.

ANZAC Hall, Featherston – A comprehensive building assessment is underway.

Greytown Town Centre – Mould has been identified on the panels on the back library wall in the atrium ceiling area. The architect and main contractor involved with the Town Centre upgrade have been contacted to review the issue.

### **5.2 Pensioner Housing**

Currently vacancies include:

- Cecily Martin Flats, Martinborough – 3 flats as at 31 July (maintenance required)
- Burling Flats, Featherston – 1 small bedsit
- Matthews Flats, Greytown – 1 flat (maintenance required)

Maintenance requirements for the empty flats are currently being assessed and considered against overarching housing maintenance issues and budget.

### **5.3 Cemeteries**

A new ashes wall is currently being built in Featherston Cemetery.

A project to create a cemetery database and enable SWDC cemetery information to be online to the public continues. The first phase, to complete layout plans for each of the three cemeteries, was completed in July. The next phase is to investigate and confirm the software that will be used for the database.

### **5.4 Swimming Pools**

An independent report is currently underway by Opus to not only review the condition of SWDC's three pools, but to include infrastructure, current usage and future goals for each of the pools. This report is due at the end of August.

### **5.5 Leases and Licenses**

Stella Bull Park Building – No responses were received in response to the advertised Expression of Interest. One party has since made contact but has yet to formally submit a proposal. A commercial rent assessment has been undertaken in the interim. The current lease (Wairarapa Wine Centre) is due to expire 31 July 2012.

Other leases currently under review include:

- Kouka Cottage, Greytown (land lease renewal) – Greytown Community Heritage Trust
- Considine Park, Martinborough (lease to occupy) – South Wairarapa Pony Club

- Town Centre, Greytown (lease) – Rightway Limited. The current lease expires 31 July 2012 and at Rightway's request, a month by month rental has been approved until 31 October 2012 to allow them to confirm their ongoing location and space requirements.

## 6. Libraries

### 6.1 Martinborough Library

The Martinborough Library was closed to the public from Monday 16th July due to an unsatisfactory structural survey report. A Portakabin was found and fitted out enabling us to open on Thursday 19th July at 1.30.

The Library Kabin is small but perfectly formed. The main collection is still housed within the library building with the Library Kabin holding approximately 2,400 items of new/recent stock. We are snuggled between Mitre 10 and P&K in the car park.



We are offering almost all the services we did prior to the move including fax and photocopier. However, two changes are notable - the internet facilities inside are not available but the Wifi connection still functions from the front of the building.

Also, Tuesday's Book Babies session is now being held in the Martinborough School Library at 10 (thanks very much Martinborough School). The Wairarapa Community Law Centre will still be visiting to offer free legal advice once a month. The Kabin is open 10-5 weekdays and 10-12 Saturdays.

### 6.2 Statistics all Libraries

Refer appendix 1 for statistics:

- Issues
- Transactions
- Door Count

## **7. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Statistics all Libraries

Appendix 2 – Monthly Water usage

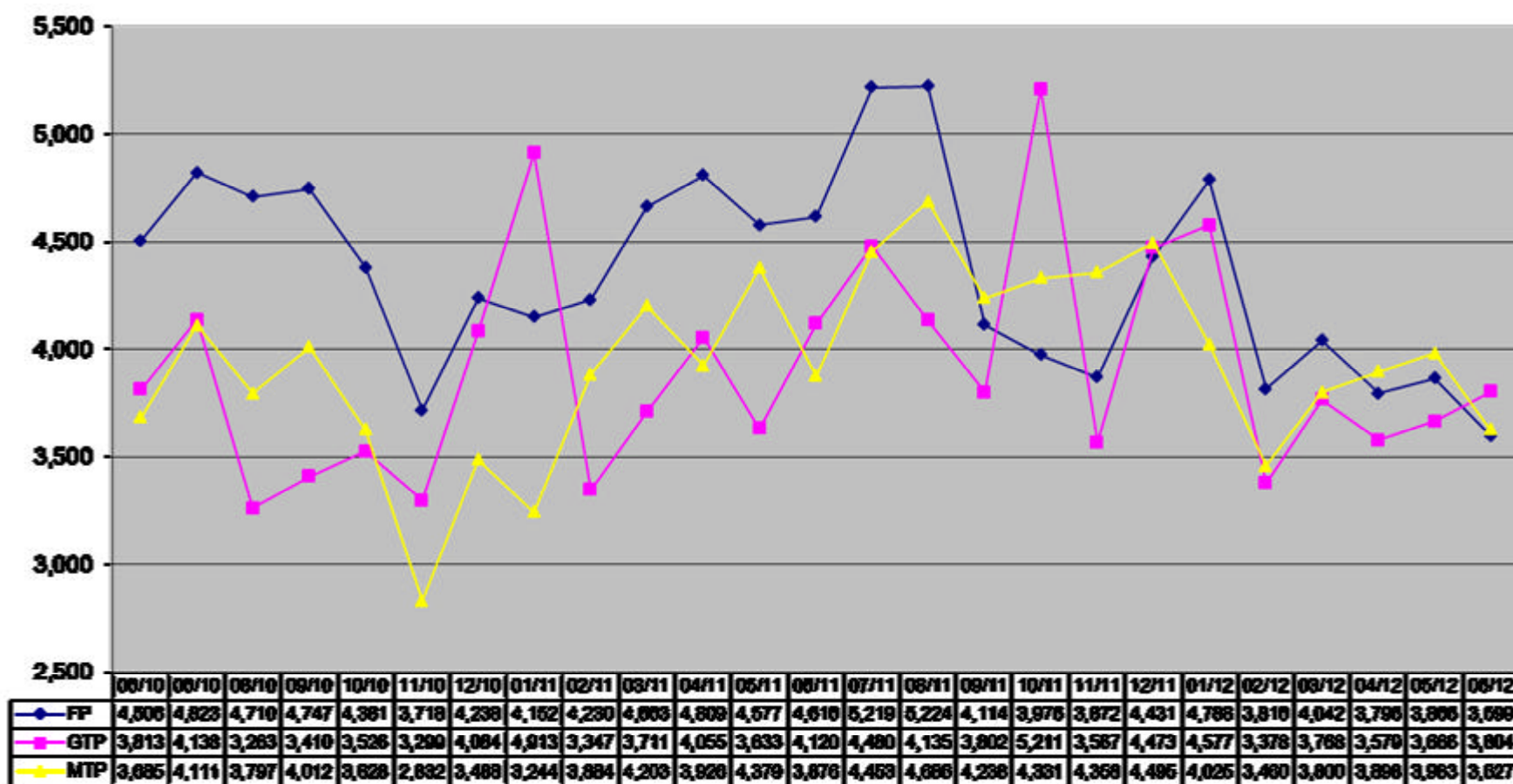
Appendix 3 – Waste exported to Bonny Glen including Recycling

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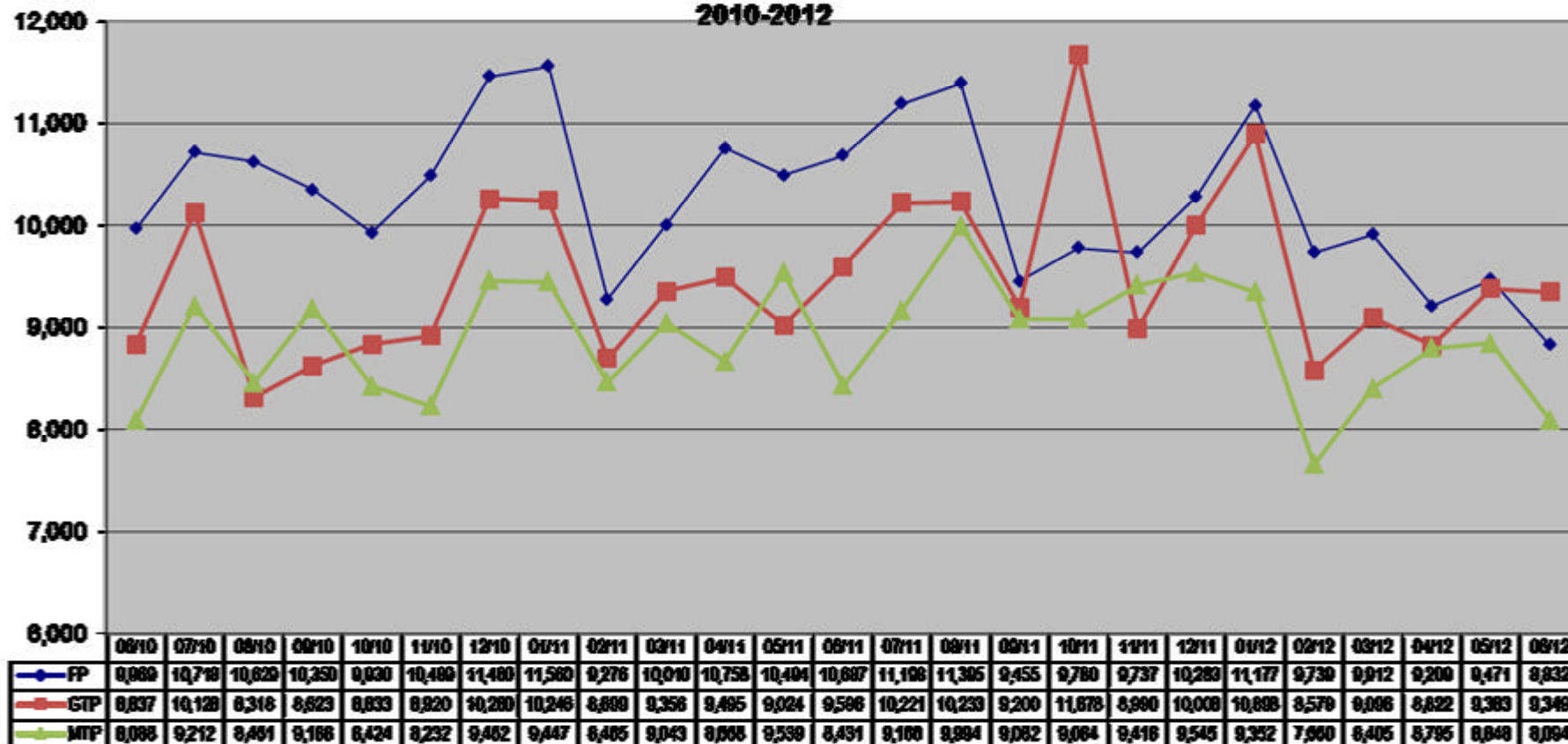
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**Issues: Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries: 2010-2012**

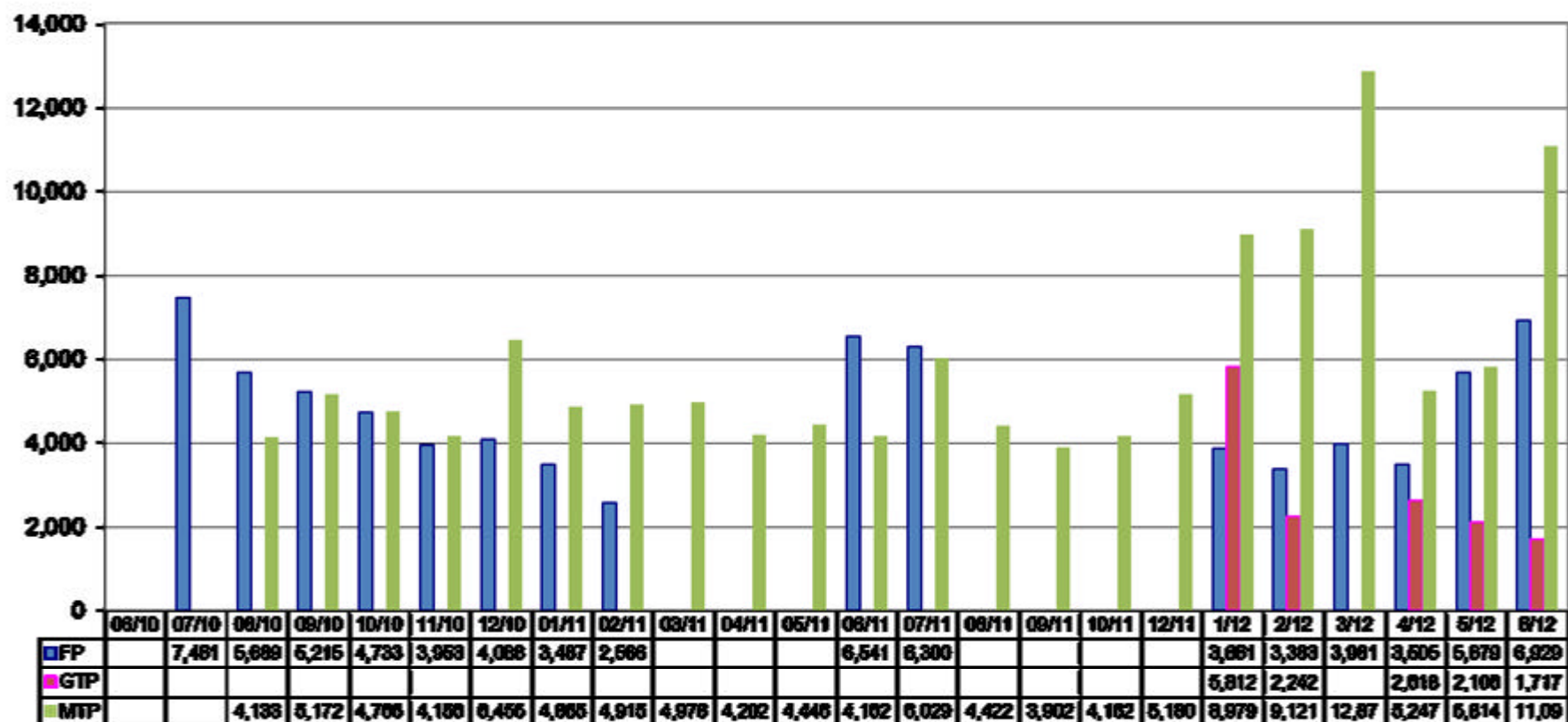




**Transactions (excluding Council functions) for Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries  
2010-2012**

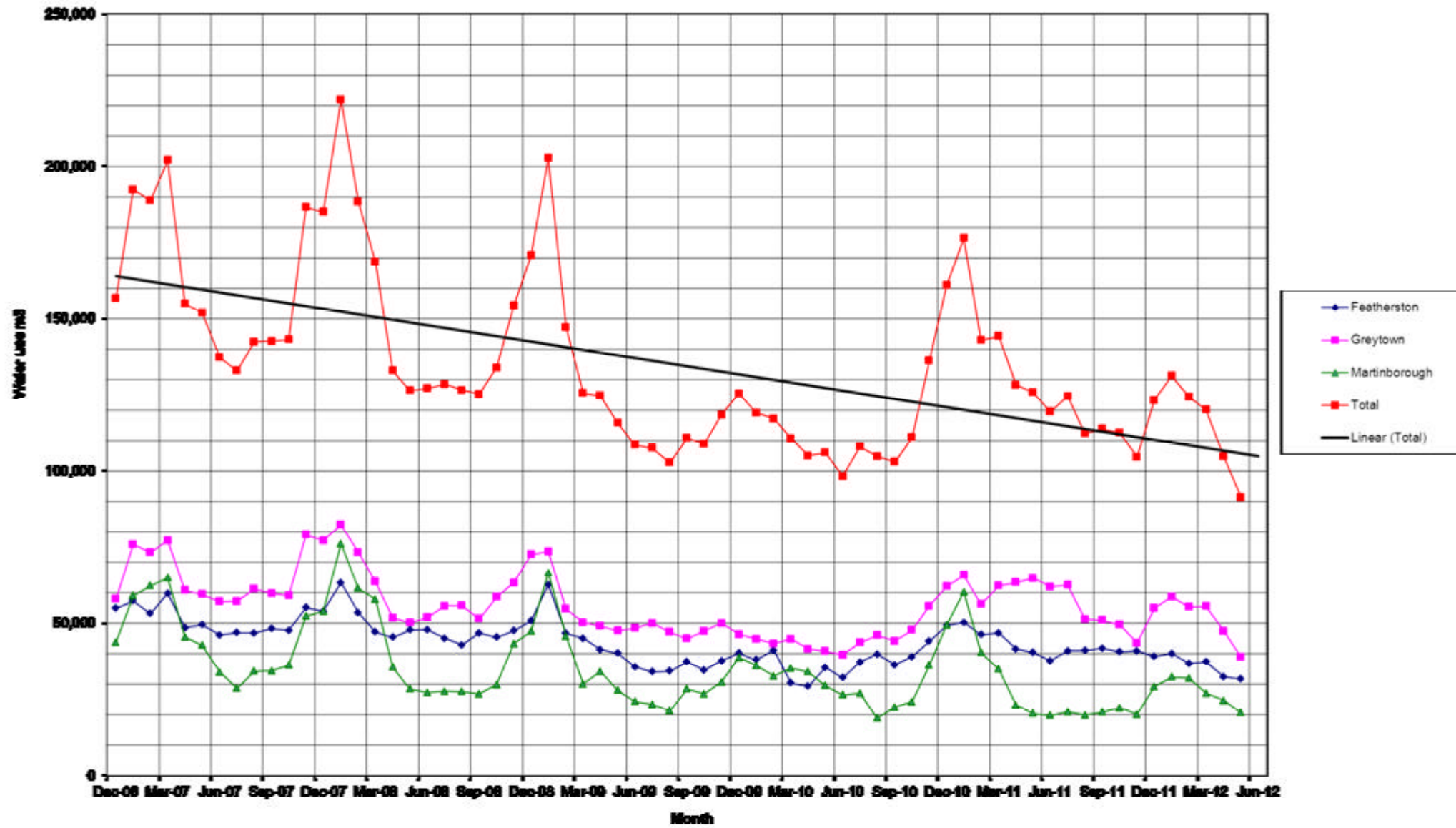


**Door count, Featherston, Greytown, Martinborough libraries**  
 (no count = battery failure or human error)



## **Appendix 3 – Water Usage**

### Water use South Wairarapa District Council



## **Appendix 4 – Waste Exported to Bonny Glenn including Recycling**

**Monthly weight of waste transferred from Martinborough transfer station to Bonny Glen**

