



GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD

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Greytown Community Board Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Plan 2022

This submission is a result of an open meeting with the Greytown Community and private correspondence.

The meeting was informed of the likely average rise for urban and rural properties, and that this year there would little money for nice to have projects. The priorities were classified under headings identified as the four areas of well-being in the Long Term plan.

Identified Priorities for Spending

Social Well-beings.

Consultation on 85-87 West Street remains a priority for Greytown residents and this item was highlighted under both social and economic headings.

There was continued support for the Greytown Wheels- Park and for council to review and identify options for providing more space for recreational requirements. These issues were also highlighted under environmental well-beings

There was general agreement that water, waste water and storm water spending was a priority.

Residents are concerned at the increased traffic and speeding issues along both East and West Street. This item was covered under both social and environmental headings.

Community members raised the issue of Anzac Day 2023. On this day it will be 100 years since the formal opening of Soldiers Memorial Park and the Memorial Gates. This is cause for a special celebration in Greytown.

It was suggested that the Community work together to provide a collaborative approach in planning the next years Arbor Day in Greytown .

The community agreed that there is a need to upgrade the changing rooms in the Greytown Swimming Pool. A sports facility upgrade is in the council plans, which is great, but all clubs will use the changing facilities in the memorial pool, whilst this work is undertaken, and these changing rooms are not fit for purpose, and need upgrading.

Support was voiced for Council to consider closing the top part of McMaster Street, to deal with present safety issues and to enable the town to benefit from a social centre .The Council already have a detailed report on this matter, but there would have to be public consultation with the community before any consideration could be given to a trial period of closure.

Residents would like the Refuse Centre in Cotter's Street to be relocated to another area in Greytown and residents have raised the issue of the need for a recycling and composting facility.

The issue of the pathway and crossing to the Five Rivers Medical Centre was raised as a concern both socially and environmentally.

The need for more footpaths was raised, in particular the need for a pathway at the end of Humphries leading to Garrity and Elmstead Lanes and the need for footpaths and curbing on the McMaster Street/Reading Street corner.

Economic Well Beings.

Consultation on 85-87 West Street also falls under this heading.

Other areas mentioned were the need to keep rates as low as possible, , consideration of a community banking system, and whether SWDC should consider borrowing to get water services up to scratch.

Environmental Well-beings

The need to reduce speeding along East and West Street was seen as a priority, though speeding in Wood Street and along Fabian's Road was also raised. Speeding in Greytown was a general issue of concern.

The need for footpaths and curbing on the road to the Five Rivers Medical Centre was again identified as well as the need for a crossing to the medical centre

The need to upgrade the changing rooms at Greytown Swimming pool was again identified

Cultural Well-Beings

The need to review Arbor Day and improve the cultural significance of the Day was again highlighted

The need to give more weight to Matariki and Waitangi Day was again highlighted

It was suggested that we should have bilingual signs for our town amenities

There was support for the RSA, moving forward, in their quest to design and build a commemorative wall for all veterans in Soldiers Memorial Park.

There was general support for initiatives to strengthen our relationship with the Maori Standing Committee and our local iwi.