

Greytown Community Board Submission to South Wairarapa District Council Annual Plan 2019.

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1. Management of Community Housing- Rental Increase

We support the increase in rent for community housing.

2. Footpath Funding

Greytown Community Board (GCB) has requested additional footpath funding for new footpaths in the town in the last three annual / long term plan processes. We support that:

2.1. SWDC use the AP Consultation Document to canvas the views of ratepayers regarding footpath funding, including the option of an increase in rates to extend the footpath network.

2.2. We support investigating the use of funds from the development contributions to fund this should it be possible.

2.3. Should funding become available GCB priorities for new urban footpaths are as follows:

2.3.1. New Foot paths:

- Cotter St, western side. As this is a popular walking street to get to the Cycle Trail we see this as a high importance.
- Udy St, Western side
- Wood St, curbing on corner of Kempton & Wood St and footpath (from Kempton St to New development on 30-44 Wood St)
- West St, continue footpaths to North St
- Footpath in North St (southern side) between West and East Street

2.4 Lime footpaths

- Papawai Road (near Marae) on Northern side, from 50km sign to No 33.
- North St, Southern side (this may be subject to change as it is dependent on the position of the Waiohine Floodplain Stop banks)

2.5 Access for Disabled: We request that urgent attention is paid to the pedestrian crossings on Main St which are extremely difficult for those in our community who are on a mobility scooter or wheelchair due to the steep camber.

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3. Management of Notable Trees Register –Historic Trees

Thank you for updating the historic tree register which we believe is very important. GCB continues to support the updating of the historic tree register on a regular basis and we request that;

- 3.1. This is reviewed again in next 5 years or next WCDP whichever is sooner.
- 3.2. To explore the opening of an historic tree nursery in Greytown to enable us to have large trees should any historic trees need replacing in the future.

4. Greytown Historic Precinct

GCB continues to be strongly in support of the Greytown Historic Precinct and we request that;

- 4.1 Consideration is given to reducing maximum heights in Greytown in the historic precinct to 10meters. There are examples of exemptions in the district plan in different areas and we believe that the recent proposal for a 15metre high building did not provide sufficient protection for the Heritage precinct.

5. Greytown Wheels Park/Youth Initiatives

GCB continues to be strongly in support of the Greytown Wheel Park and we request that;

- 5.1 SWDC continues to support any initial pop- up Wheels Park.
- 5.2 GCB would like to see a second children’s park with recreational facilities possibly at Kowhai Reserve or Colliers Park.
- 5.3 That council considers having a budgetary allowance for this project.
- 5.4 We support the proposed Kuranui Sports Hub.
- 5.6 We would support council continuing to look for youth activities in the region.

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6. Greytown Pool

- 6.1 GCB supports extending the opening hours at the South Wairarapa pools
- 6.2 GCB recommends that SWDC install a shade cloth over the small children's pool at the northern end.
- 6.3 GCB also supports extending the fence on the eastern boundary in long run and replacing old wooden fence.
- 6.4 GCB wishes council to consider installing solar heating in pools to allow extended season.

7. Cobblestones Museum, Greytown Rail Trail, Greytown Little Theatre

GCB continues to strongly support these significant tourist attractions, Culture and Youth Initiatives. We request that SWDC continues to support them.

8. District Plan Review

GCB encourages SWDC to continue with the spatial planning project to allow for sensible growth. The areas we would like SWDC to consider are:

- 8.1 Continue to review contribution by developers
- 8.2 Consistent street lighting across Greytown for all new developments
- 8.3 Increased contribution towards footpaths
- 8.4 Recommend use of prominent Maori and early settler's names to be used for streets in new developments and given to developers for consideration. This was supplied to SWDC in 2017.
- 8.5 To review the ratio of land vs building on building sites

9. Water Races

- 9.1 To provide information/printed brochure on water races and their responsibilities to new owners. To also consider a reminder in upcoming rates newsletter regarding water race responsibilities.
- 9.2 To consider working via real estate companies for distribution of any brochure.
- 9.3 To continue ongoing maintenance and checks on water races in public places and parks.

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10. SWDC Website and Communications

We applaud the SWDC on the appointment of the Communications Manager. The new logo and this appointment have already had a positive effect.

10.1 GCB has received feedback from ratepayers that it is difficult to find the information you are looking for. We appreciate that you are looking at a new website and support this idea.

10.2 GCB requests a button saying "Got an idea".

10.3 GCB also request that SWDC consider developing an e-mail database of ratepayers to allow direct communication to those who wish to receive it. This would allow SWDC and community board to communicate directly with ratepayers on specific issues at low cost.

11. Key Assets - Annual Maintenance

Our key assets are the jewels in the crown for Greytown and contributed in no small way to us winning "Most Beautiful Small Town 2017". We request an annual maintenance programme for all these key assets (buildings, parks, cemetery, reserves) and regular maintenance on our trees and parks.

11.1 Review street lighting coverage. Since the change to LED lights many areas are poorly lit.

11.2 Plan for painting of old library building.

11.3 We support the appointment of an events manager to manage Town Hall and other venues.

Please see appendix 1 for list of Key assets, Buildings and Parks

12. Speed Limits and Safety

We support SWDC's ongoing review of speed limits to improve safety. We would also like to continue to review speed limits on:

- Wood St, extend 50k speed limit to beyond Wilkie St
- Kuratawhiti St, extend 50k speed limit

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13. Community Board Funding

We support and appreciate Council's funding of Community Boards. We have put in place good processes around grant allocation to ensure money is awarded in accordance with our three year plan and for the benefit of a wide range of people in the Greytown Ward community. We support an increase in funding for the 2020 year and consideration given to further secretarial support.

14. Large Scale new developments in Greytown

The Greytown Community board would like to see more public consultation for any large scale future developments.

15. Economic Development

We support Council's continued involvement in Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy and regionally through the Wellington Regional Strategy, Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency, Destination Wairarapa and other agencies and local business groups. We would support an initiative to ensure there is a Sunday bus service between Woodside Station and Greytown to support Tourism for Greytown. Improved bus services from Greytown to Masterton in the weekend.

16. Library Fees

The GCB supports Council's proposal regarding the new library fees.

17. Spatial Plan

The GCB would like to ensure that thought is given to expanding recreational facilities and children's facilities as part of the new spatial plan.

18. Strengthening ties with local Hapu and Tangata whenua: We support any initiatives to strengthen our relationships with the Maori Standing Party and local Iwi. In particular we support a grant towards the Development of a collaborative proposal to transform our Māori policy, ongoing training on the Treaty of Waitangi for council staff and elected members. The Greytown Community Board will continue to work with the MSC and members of Papawai



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Marae. We request that you consider some funding for development of Papawai Marae website. Papawai is arguably one of the most historical Māori sites in NZ and this links well into the LTP goal of supporting Tourism in South Wairarapa.



Greytown Assets, Buildings, Reserves and Parks for 2019-2020

Key Buildings:

1. Greytown Town Centre
2. Old Library Building

Parks & Reserves

1. Soldiers Memorial Park including:
 - Swimming Pool
 - Cricket Pavilion
 - Children's Playground
 - Toilet block
2. Kowhai Reserve
3. Stella Bull Park
4. Colliers Reserve
5. Small Reserve by Salute near Town Centre
6. Arbour Reserve including toilet block

Other

1. Greytown Cemetery