

Greytown Community Board Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Plan 2022/23

This submission is a result of an open meeting with the Greytown community and 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.

Greytown Priorities for Spending

Social Well-beings

Consultation on 85-87 West Street. Wider public consultation (as outlined by council officers) should commence this year to determine the future of this piece of land.

We support the council in their commitment to financing the Greytown Wheels Park and would like council to review and identify options for providing more space for recreational requirements. These issues were also highlighted under environmental well-beings.

We support the council in their work to improve water facilities. In Greytown, improving the Papawai ponds and dealing with street flooding is a priority. Drains and gutters need to be cleared more often.

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. This issue was also identified under environmental concerns.

Residents would like the Refuse Centre in Cotter's Street to be relocated to another part of Greytown. The cycle trail, dog park and wheels park are all assets to Greytown, but these assets are undermined by the refuse centre which stands out as an eyesore.

We are in support of spending to provide a pathway and crossing to the Five Rivers Medical Centre and see this as both a social and environmental priority.

Environmental Well-beings

The need to reduce speeding along East and West Street was seen as a priority, though speeding in Wood Street was also raised as an issue.

Regarding priorities for footpaths, the need for footpathing in the south end of Reading Street, footpathing between Main Street and East Street, footpathing along one side of North Street from Main Road to West Street, and from Kempton Street on the north side of Humphries Street leading to Elmstead Lane and from Kempton Street to Hewson Lane were all highlighted as important.

Cultural Well-beings

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. This issue falls under both social and cultural ell beings.

We supported all initiatives to strengthen our relationship with the Māori Standing Committee and our local iwi.