

MEMBER REPORT
for
Greytown Community Board Meeting
7th June 2017

Member Name	Mike Gray
Group Name	NA
Meeting Date	CIVIL-DEFENCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - COMMUNITY WORKSHOP – 28 TH MAY 2017
Key issues from meeting	<p>This was a well attended Workshop. About 35 Citizens took part in this event organised by the Board and Facilitated largely by Jane Mills from the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO). Chair – Leigh, and Paora assisted.</p> <p>There was very good participation and some excellent points made by those who attended. Substantial progress was made in advancing completion of the proposed new Community Emergency Hub Operating Guide.</p> <p>The change of language – from Civil Defence Centre to Community Emergency Hub – and a message that those who can (having checked on neighbours, etc) would be welcome as volunteers at the Hub to assist in any wider community response effort – might need to be reinforced periodically.</p> <p>Some greater awareness of the threats, vulnerabilities and community strengths would have been generated. Hopefully the message that individuals, families, organisations and businesses need to be prepared might have been reinforced.</p>
Specific item/s for Community Board consideration	<p>The following comments are from a personal perspective.</p> <p>I see a need to –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that awareness of the training available for potential volunteers is promoted. 2. Continue to promote awareness of personal, family, organisational and business preparedness. 3. Change the appeal and focus of preparedness to encourage citizens to better recognise that their efforts are really about improving their own, and our community’s resilience.

	<p>4. Clarify the Boards view of its relationship – and hence the likely outcomes - with our community through the proposed Advisory Group. (On hold – awaiting SWDC) and</p> <p>5. The Boards expectations of a member having a liaison role with community organisations.</p>
<p>General</p>	<p>I suggest that the Board might separately address the matters outlined above OR incorporate them in its proposed Strategic Plan.</p> <p>All of these matters need to be considered in the context of the requirement of SWDC to prepare and complete a new District Strategic Plan – 2018-2028.</p> <p>This is particularly important because of the uncertainty around the nature of future Wairarapa local governance.</p>