

October 2018

Looking South



A Message from the Mayor

Featherston Camp Memorial Sculpture Unveiling

After three years of fundraising the Featherston Memorial Sculpture Trust will be unveiling the Paul Dibble Sculpture on the 10th of November at 4pm. This project has raised more than \$600,000 to fund the magnificent sculpture which portrays the Featherston WW1 Camp and the over 60,000 soldiers who trained there before heading off to fight on the Western Front. The sculpture also acknowledges Featherston's link to Messines and of course the Camp's link to Featherston including the ANZAC Hall.

This project has been completely community run and is a real tribute to those who have been determined to see the project through to its unveiling in November. I want to thank the Trust members Peter Biggs CNZM, Jean McDowell, Peter Jackson, Kate Mead, Ross Vickery and David Kernohan MNZM for all their hard work fundraising and implementing this project. Two people must be specially recognised for their work on the project. Dr Bernard Jervis, whose vision not only got the project launched but ensured that it had the impetus to be completed even though he will not be here to see its unveiling. Jean McDowell who has project managed the project, kept the project at the forefront of people's minds, organised fundraiser events and numerous funding applications and has been the driver of the group organising the upcoming celebrations.

The project's aim is 'Education through public art' and this sculpture will certainly achieve this; it will be a draw card for visitors from throughout New Zealand and worldwide.

Viv Napier
The Mayor



Waihinga Centre update

Stage One of the Waihinga Centre project is nearing completion with the major structural elements of the Town Hall and new addition completed. Over the last few weeks the focus has been firmly on the interior and the exterior surroundings.

Dividing walls between the i-site, the Kiosk/Café and Library are in place; waiting for the installation of the cabinets and storage units which are 95% finished. The tiling in the bathrooms is complete and plumbers are poised to fit basins and toilets. Carpet layers are preparing to install the vinyl flooring in the bathrooms. The reused flooring in the Town Hall and Supper Room is being sanded, wiring is in place for lighting and heating. The cedar screening on the outside of the building will cover the redca panels providing the finishing touch, which will enhance the rich buttercup colour of the old Town Hall.

Outside the terraces are in the process of being shaped and formed to provide easy wheelchair access, as well as multipurpose seating for outdoor productions.

Fundraising for Stage Two of the project, including the destination playground, is well underway and the Fundraising Team would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved or make a donation. You can get in touch by calling Max Stevens on 06 306 9095 or by e-mailing info@waihingacentre.nz.

Wairarapa Positive Ageing Strategy

Our population is ageing quickly. In the next 25 years, the number of Wairarapa residents aged over 65 is expected to increase by nearly 79% to 15,000 or 1 in 4 residents. It could be you; it will certainly be people you care about. In addition, the Wairarapa is an increasingly attractive place for older adults. Let's be ready. Let's be an age-friendly community.

Joint Positive Ageing Strategy

The South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton District Councils are developing a joint Positive Ageing Strategy. Developing this will include:

- ◆ Following the principles of the Age-Friendly Communities guidelines
- ◆ Consulting with Councils, residents, organisations and businesses that support older adults through surveys, interviews and workshops
- ◆ Developing a draft strategy for feedback
- ◆ Finalising the strategy

How can you be a part of it?

You can participate in a number of ways:

- ◆ Take the online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PositiveAge
- ◆ Distribute the survey link to your family, members, clients and customers. This will also be available in hard copy from District Council websites, libraries and information centres.
- ◆ Attend our workshops - more information coming soon

What have we learnt so far?

Early research has told us that:

- ◆ Families are changing and more older people are living alone
- ◆ The ethnic diversity of older adults is increasing
- ◆ Regions are ageing at different rates – towns are ageing faster than rural centres or cities

- ◆ Older adults are making a growing contribution to our economy – both as paid employees and consumers.
- ◆ Fewer older adults will own their own homes in the future
- ◆ In the Wairarapa early results from our initial District Council staff and politicians survey tell us that transport, services to older adults and opportunities for social connection are important issues.

If you have any questions, or would like to be kept updated, please go to your local District Council website or contact:

South Wairarapa District Council: enquiries@swdc.govt.nz

Carterton District Council: gerry@cdc.govt.nz

Masterton District Council: aaronb@mdc.govt.nz
hoanip@mdc.govt.nz



Featherston Commemorates

The 11th of November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended WWI. As usual a commemoration service organised by the Featherston RSA will be held at 11am on 11 November at the Featherston Cenotaph.

A group of interested organisations have been working together to create a weekend of celebration for 10 and 11 November. The main events will be the sculpture unveiling and march and the 100th commemoration service, but there are also a wide range of exhibitions, concerts, tours and other activities acknowledging this important weekend. We would like to thank all the organisations who have been keen and willing to take part in the commemoration weekend.

Please keep an eye out for the full programme of events that will be released shortly. We are very much looking forward to attending as many events as we can over the weekend.



Creative Communities Assessment Group is seeking new membership

Funding is provided by Creative NZ for arts projects in the South Wairarapa. We are looking for community representatives who are familiar with a broad range of local community and arts activities to join our Assessment Group and provide input in the assessment of applications and allocation of funding.

Congratulations to the following successful September 2018 applicants:

Applicant	Granted
Featherston First Fridays	\$1,000.00
Parkinson's NZ	\$800.00
Featherston Wāhine Singers	\$200.00
Greytown Little Theatre	\$772.00
Summer Shakespeare	\$1,000.00
Wanderlust Opera	\$1,000.00
Louis Murphy-Harris - Bombora Events	\$500.00
Featherston Booktown Trust	\$1,000.00
Jim Dennison	\$900.00

If you would like to be a part of the Assessment Group, please submit a completed nomination form by 16 November 2018 (available www.swdc.govt.nz) or contact Suzanne Clark (06 306 9611, suzanne.clark@swdc.govt.nz) for more information.



Clarification of Changes to South Wairarapa Waste Charges

Greenwaste:

A car boot load was set at anything less than a wool fadge load, approximately 1 cubic meter for the \$5 charge. Anything over 1 cubic meter is charged at the trailer load rate of \$15.

These charges were reviewed during the 1017/18 Long Term Plan and are required to cover the cost of transport and mulching.

E-waste:

The council is pleased to announce that domestic E-waste can be dropped off at urban transfer stations throughout the Wairarapa from 1 October 2018.

Urban Transfer Stations are Masterton, Carterton and Martinborough.

E-waste is accepted during normal transfer station opening hours only, however items accepted must be complete and unbroken (not damaged or partially disassembled). More details on the type of e-waste will be available on the council website.



New SWDC Logo

The process for developing the new logo for South Wairarapa District Council is underway. Designers from across the Wairarapa were invited to express their interest in developing our new logo and submit examples of their work. We have shortlisted 4 companies and hope to appoint one company shortly. We have been delighted by the level of interest and the quality of Wairarapa graphic designers and agencies.

Rebates 2018/19

The Rates Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$630.00 for low income earners. Rate payers must have been living in the home they own on 1 July 2018.

1. Your rebate will be calculated based on your gross income from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, your rates, and the number of dependants you have. The income eligibility for a rebate is \$25,180-\$42,000.
2. You must provide proof of income from your income provider for ALL forms of income, including interest & dividends.
3. Application forms will be sent to those who have received a rebate in 2017/2018 and are also available from the Featherston and Greytown Libraries, the Council office and online swdc.govt.nz/rates-and-property.

Get Your Rates invoice by email

We now have a facility to send rates invoices by email. If you wish to receive your rate notice by email contact rates@swdc.govt.nz

We encourage you to take up this option to allow Council to use the postage savings on projects to benefit the district.

Having Trouble Paying your Rates?

Please contact us as soon as possible so we can work with you on a payment plan. Council's policy is to approach banks and legal representatives to assist us in recovering arrears at the end of the rating year.

For any queries regarding your rates, please contact our rates team at the following e-mail address: rates@swdc.govt.nz

Payment by Direct Debit

Council encourages ratepayers to pay rates via Direct Debit as this ensures the correct amount is paid and you avoid paying penalties for late payment.

Based on feedback from ratepayers, we now offer **weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly** direct debit options to pay rates.

Direct debit is the easiest way to pay your rates as we withdraw the funds directly from your bank account at the very last minute. That way you will get the benefit of your funds for the longest possible time, and avoid penalties.

If you would like your payments to be made by using this method the forms are available from the Featherston and Greytown Libraries as well as the Council office and on our website swdc.govt.nz/rates-and-property. All you need to do is complete the form and send it to the Council Office, PO Box 6, Martinborough 5741, scan and email it to rates@swdc.govt.nz or drop it off at either the Council office in Martinborough or at the Featherston and Greytown Libraries.

Rates 2018/19 Instalment Two

Enclosed with this newsletter is the second rates invoice covering the period 1 October– 31 December 2018.

The last day for payment is 20th November 2018

Please pay by this date to avoid the 10% penalty.

Please help us to process payments by ensuring you include the property valuation number for all properties you are paying. If paying online please make a separate payment for each property.

GET IT SORTED

To South Wairarapa District Council, P.O. Box 6, Martinborough 5741

From:

First Name

Surname

What's the Problem?

Where Exactly?

Street, Road, Number

Your Phone Number *(Should we need to contact you to clarify the details)*