

April 2015

Looking South



A Message from the Mayor



Long Term Plan (LTP) 2015

The Long Term Plan Consultation Document and supporting information will be available for public comment on Friday 24th April 2015, with the submission period closing 4pm 29th May 2015.

Copies of the LTP Consultation document, associated information, and submission forms may be viewed at or obtained from the following locations from the 28th April 2015:

- ◆ South Wairarapa District Council website www.swdc.govt.nz
- ◆ South Wairarapa District Council Office, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough
- ◆ Featherston Library, 70 Fitzherbert Street, Featherston
- ◆ Greytown Library, 89 Main Street, Greytown

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillors and Community Board Members will be hosting informal public workshops at the following locations to present and discuss the background of the plan with interested members of the public:

- Martinborough:** Council Chambers, 7pm, 18th May 2015
- Featherston:** Kiwi Hall, 7pm, 19th May 2015
- Greytown:** Greytown Town Centre, 7pm, 20th May 2015
- Tuturumuri:** Tuturumuri Hall, 7pm 25th May 2015

Submissions will be heard and deliberated on by Council at meetings to be held on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 June in the Council Chambers, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough, commencing at 9.30am, and will be open to the public. Council will adopt the Long Term Plan for 2015/25 on Wednesday 24th June 2015.

Three exciting things have happened in South Wairarapa recently.

The first is in Featherston where we have released the proposed plans for the Town Square and are gathering feedback on the design. The Town Square will form a focus point in the town and the balance of the vacant land will be offered for commercial development.

Next we have the good news that the Eastern and Central Community Trust have awarded the Martinborough Waihinga Centre project its maximum grant of two hundred thousand dollars. They were very complimentary of the project and the presentation. This grant means we are getting closer to reaching our funding requirements to enable the project to proceed.

Finally we have an exciting development in Greytown.

The Wellington Gliding Club have announced that they will be relocating from Paraparumu to Greytown and expect to be operating in Wairarapa by November this year. They will be sharing the Papawai facilities, now owned by South Wairarapa Council, with Gliding Wairarapa. This represents a huge opportunity for Wairarapa as the new facilities will attract both national and international visitors.

Adrienne Staples
The Mayor



Broadband

We know many of our community would benefit from improved internet and cell phone – faster uploading and downloading, seamless music streaming and video calling, and reduced cell black spots.

The recent Central Government announcement to extend its two flagship broadband initiatives with additional funding and establish a new initiative to expand mobile coverage is good news.

SWDC is currently establishing the best way to complete a registration of interest with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

More details on how you can help make our submission successful will follow including how to log black spots, service issues and desired service levels to be included in our submission. Keep an eye on www.swdc.govt.nz and our facebook page.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Applications for South Wairarapa District Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) are now being accepted until the 13 May 2015 for projects commencing after the 22 May 2015.

Before completing your application form you should carefully read the CCS brochure to determine whether your project is eligible. An application guide is also available and will assist you in making a great application. The brochure, application guide and application form can be obtained from the Council office, all libraries in the South Wairarapa and the Council website. If you want advice on your application contact Suzanne Clark phone 06 306-9611 or suzanne.clark@swdc.govt.nz.

CCS Committee 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 arts activities to join our committee and provide input in the assessment of applications and allocation of funding. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Suzanne Clark.

CCS Funded Project

Pop in to the Backspace at Thrive before the end of April and see the exhibition by Sheyne Tuffery as well as his student's artwork created at a recent printmaking workshop in Martinborough. This project was put together by Martine Bijker and received \$605 from the CCS Scheme to make it more accessible to our local community.



Artist: Sheyne Tuffery

Profiles of Councillors and Community Board Members



Julie Riddell

Hi I am Julie Riddell, Martinborough Ward Councillor. Married to Gary we are farming and have family in Christchurch and Hinakura. This is my third term on Council and on the Martinborough Community Board. My responsibilities within the Council role include being Chair of the Community Safety & Resilience Working Party, Emergency Services Working Party, Co-Chair of the Wairarapa Library Service Committee with Carterton, Deputy Chair of the South Wairarapa District Licensing Committee, and member of the Policy & Finance, Infrastructure & Services, Healthy Homes, and Martinborough Town Hall Working Party Committees. When not at meetings I can be found gardening or wearing another hat as a Marriage Celebrant marrying people! One day I will get back to Golf. I look forward to seeing another strong turnout for the Martinborough Dawn Parade on ANZAC Day. Any queries contact me on: Julie.Riddell@swdc.govt.nz

Martinborough Community Centre Project Progress

Since the last newsletter the centre has been named The WaiHINGA Centre, following a public competition. The name is pronounced "wai-hing-ah" and translates as Falling Water.

A major milestone was achieved in December with the project gaining resource consent, this is a crucial step in applying for funding from the Lottery Grants Board. Fundraising is continuing to steam ahead with \$1.27m pledged from generous businesses and individuals from the wider Martinborough Community and \$350,000 awarded from grant bodies such as Trust House and Eastern and Central Trust. More is still needed, if you would

WAIHINGA CENTRE MARTINBOROUGH

like to talk to someone about supporting the project please call Max Stevens on 306 9095 or Victoria Read on 306 8570.

To find out more you can visit the website at www.waiHINGA.nz, or follow on Facebook: Martinborough Community Centre

Applying the One Network Road Classification (ONRC)

What problems are we trying to fix?

The management of the transport networks is crucial to our the region and the economy. Investment and levels of service vary widely throughout NZ, even on roads with the same purpose. Roading expenditure throughout New Zealand has been escalating at unsustainable levels for over a decade. SWDC has a special purpose road that is funded 100% from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and the rest of the network at 52%. Councils need to bring back a frugal attitude of challenging the status quo and chasing innovation all in the context of risk to the customer: "Why are we doing this work; does it need to be done now; what is the risk to the customer if it is not done; is there a smarter way to achieve the same outcomes for the customer; is this work the best use of our money right now?"

It is a minimum requirement the ONRC will be fully embedded into investment decision making before 2018/20 Long Term Plan.

What are the benefits to SWDC?

The ONRC aims to deliver the following benefits across SWDC and New Zealand:

- ◆ consistent investment decisions and prioritisation based on evidence based business cases;
- ◆ similar customer experiences on roads in the same category throughout NZ; seamless conditions between Carterton and the South Wairarapa.
- ◆ detour routes due to road closures will receive improved standards; a benefit for Martinborough bridge closure and detours.
- ◆ better activity management;
- ◆ collaboration becomes easier (and becomes the norm for managing the one network approach);
- ◆ a more efficient and safer network and improved value for money for ratepayers and road users.



Featherston Water Supply Progress Report

The water supply upgrade for Featherston is expected to be completed by June 2016. Presently the third bore in the Woodside borefield is being tested and is expected to be viable for the future supply. The improvement work is going to be delivered in two stages.

Stage 1 requires the borefield to be connected to the supply line to the plant complete with pumping and associated electrical equipment. A tender for these works will be let in the near future.



Stage 2 will deliver the ultra violet (UV) disinfection unit and control equipment at the plant. This will require an extension to the plant building and it is expected that once the new UV system is commissioned there will be less reliance upon the existing filtration system. This is because the bore water is of a consistent high quality and therefore requires less treatment and also means lower water production costs.

The filters will be kept in serviceable condition for the foreseeable future as an emergency alternative but may become redundant over time. The treated water will continue to be chlorinated to maintain bacterial protection in the reticulation systems and the project is expected to cost \$1.1 to \$1.3M. Subsidy of \$670K has been allocated from the Government's Water Supply Capital Assistance Programme towards this project.

Rebates 2014/15

The Rates Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$605 for low income earners who were paying rates for the home in which they were living on 1 July 2014.

- ◆ Your rebate will be calculated based on your Income, from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014, rates and the number of dependants. The income eligibility for a rebate is \$24,250
- ◆ However if your income exceeds this amount you could still be entitled to a rebate depending on the total cost of your rates and number of dependants.

You must provide proof of income from your income provider for ALL forms of income, including interest & dividends.

- ◆ Application forms are available from the Featherston and Greytown Libraries as well as the Council office.

Would you prefer to receive your rate demand by email?

We now have the facility to send rate demands by email.

If you wish to receive your rate demand by email please email rates@swdc.govt.nz, and we will add your details to our database.

We encourage you to take up this option, some local authorities have up to 20% of rate demands delivered by email and at 80c per envelope the savings are considerable and of benefit to all.

Rates 2014/15 Instalment Four

Enclosed with this newsletter is the third rates assessment/invoice for the rating quarter 1 April – 30 June

**The last day for payment is
20th May 2015**

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

Further information about rates are included in "Part B" insert which accompanies this instalment.

Payment by direct credit is welcomed. Please help us to process these payments by including the property (RID) number for all properties you are paying.

Direct Debit Forms

We included with a previous Rates Notice a direct debit form hoping to encourage ratepayers to consider this method of rates payment, if not already signed up. Direct Debit is the cheapest way to pay your rates as we withdraw the funds directly from your bank account at the very last minute. That way you get the benefit of your funds for the longest possible time.

If you have not had the opportunity to do so but would like to pay by Direct Debit please complete

and return that form to us. If you have not kept the form we sent, just contact us by phone or email/post or drop in to one of our service centres to arrange to complete the required form.

We are very pleased with the response to our last notice about paying by Direct Debit with 200 additional ratepayers signed up. Our thanks to all those who pay by this method as administratively it is easier for us and means you not having to stress about paying on time.

GET IT SORTED

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

From:

Name

Surname

What's the Problem

Where Exactly?

Street, Road, Number