

Ratepayer Information Bulletin



Long Term Plan Key Projects

South Wairarapa District Council has now completed its Long Term Plan (LTP) 2012-2022. The LTP describes the levels of service Council is aiming to achieve and the key projects that the Council will be undertaking during the ten year period 2012-2022.

Amongst these projects is the provision of new toilet blocks in Martinborough and Greytown which are budgeted for the years 2013 and 2014 respectively. After considering submissions Council feels that replacement is a more cost efficient option than refurbishment of these old facilities and it has set aside \$206,000 in 2013 and \$212,000 in 2014 for this work. Other projects include upgrades planned for the Martinborough transfer station, the water race system and storm water reticulation.

Key Projects

The three projects listed below are key ones that will be completed during this LTP period:

- ◆ Urban Waste Water Treatment
- ◆ Urban Water Supply
- ◆ Martinborough Town Hall Strengthening.

The waste water treatment and the water supply upgrades are driven by Government requirements and resource consent conditions.

Urban Wastewater Treatment

The goal for waste water is to "collect, treat and discharge waste water from the urban areas of Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough and the coastal settlement of Lake Ferry so as to provide public health protection with minimal effects on the environment". This is a long term project over a thirty year period with costs estimated to be in the order of \$17 million. Council is required to upgrade the sewerage plants as environmental standards are becoming more stringent.

Water Supply

Council has made provision for system upgrades that will, when completed, ensure compliance with NZ Drinking Standards 2008. \$806,000 has been set aside for the years 2014 to 2018 to meet the costs of the upgrades and \$186,000 has been allowed during the years 2014 and 2015 for the Greytown Bore UV plant. Work has already commenced on investigating alternative supplies for Featherston.

Martinborough Town Hall Strengthening

Council recognizes that there are various opinions throughout the district on the future of the Martinborough Town Hall and for this reason it has undergone a rigorous process that included consultation with the community.

The Martinborough Town Hall Strengthening project involves two elements:

1. Strengthening the building as per the recommendations of the structural engineers, and;
2. Refurbishment of the building

For the strengthening work Council has budgeted \$900,000 with the work being undertaken in the financial year ended 30th June 2014. This work will be paid for through a loan facility and the cost of servicing the loan will be met through the general rates.

The cost of refurbishment of the Martinborough Town Hall will be met by means of the community raising external funding. The strengthening work will not commence until refurbishment plans have been agreed with Council and the money that is required has been raised or financial commitments are in place.

The purpose of this brochure is to highlight the key projects in the LTP and to make it clear to the community that in regard to the Martinborough Town Hall it is only the strengthening work that will be ratepayer funded.