

# Representation Review

BY Governance Team SWDC May 2024



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
*Kia Reretahi Tātau*

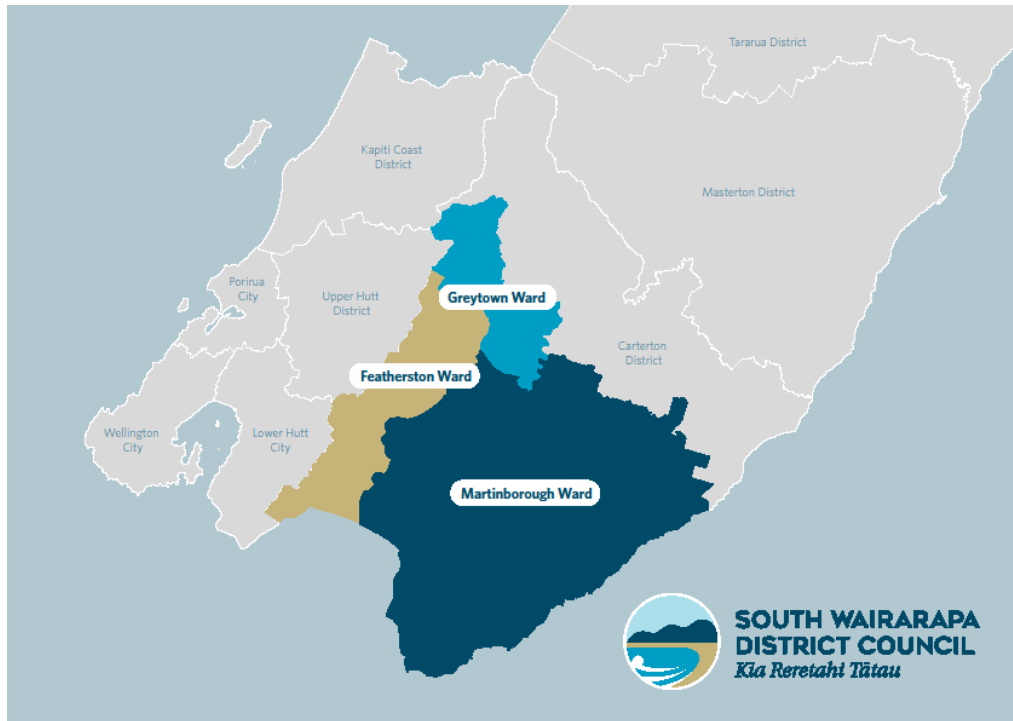
Today is a workshop, not a decision-making meeting to:

- consider initial high-level options (at this stage including the status quo of a Māori ward)
- Seeking an initial indication of Council's preferred option/s for
  - **Boundaries and names of wards**
  - **Number of elected members**
  - **Basis of election: Wards / At-large / Mixed**
  - **Community boards**
- Identify any possible issues or options to explore further
- Today's discussion will help guide staff in refining options for Initial Proposal
- Informs Council's decision-making on Initial Proposal



# 1. Boundaries of Wards and Ward Names

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# Boundaries of Wards and Ward Names

## Things to consider

<b>Pro: to changing Ward Boundaries</b>	<b>Con: to changing Ward Boundaries</b>
Raised in last Representation Review	Challenge in finding new boundary lines
Martinborough is currently a large geographical ward	The Representation Review is based on population data

## Action to consider:

- Kahutara and Tauwherenikau up to No.1 Line



## Boundaries of Wards and Ward Names

Wards/General Wards	Estimated residential population at 30 June 23		
	Māori Electoral Population	General Electoral Population	Total
Greytown Ward	180	3,880	4,060
Featherston Ward	350	3,320	3,670
Martinborough Ward	370	3,780	4,150
		<b>Total</b>	<b>11,880</b>

Stats: population estimates Statistics. These estimates are provisional and subject to revision. They are consistent with the subnational population estimates released in October 2023.



## Boundaries of Wards and Ward Names

Wards/General Wards	Population Change		
	DATE 18	30 June 23	% increase
Greytown Ward	3,460	4,060	14.8%
Featherston Ward	3,180	3,670	13.4%
Martinborough Ward	3,600	4,150	13.2%

Stats: population estimates statistics.

Overall, a 13.8% even increase across the three wards



## 2. Possible Options to consider for Councillor Representation

<b>Option 1</b>	Greytown Ward	3,880	3	1,293	73	6.01
3 Gen Wards / 1 Māori Ward	Featherston Ward	3,320	3	1,107	-113	-9.29
Total 10 councillors	Martinborough Ward	3,780	3	1,260	40	3.28
	<b>Total General wards</b>	<b>10,980</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,220</b>		
	Māori Ward	900	1	900		
	<b>Total population</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>10</b>			
<b>Option 2</b>	Greytown Ward	3,880	2	1,940	110	6.01
3 Gen Wards / 1 Māori Ward	Featherston Ward	3,320	2	1,660	-170	-9.29
Total 7 councillors	Martinborough Ward	3,780	2	1,890	60	3.28
	<b>Subtotal General wards</b>	<b>10,980</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,830</b>		
	Māori Ward	900	1	900		
	<b>Total population</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>7</b>			
<b>Option 3</b>	Greytown Ward	3,880	2	1,940	110	6.01
3 Gen Wards / 1 Māori Ward	Featherston Ward	3,320	2	1,660	-170	-9.29
2 elected at-large	Martinborough Ward	3,780	2	1,890	60	3.28
Total 9 councillors	<b>Subtotal General wards</b>	<b>10,980</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,830</b>		
	Māori Ward	900	1	900		
	At large	11,880	2			
	<b>Total population</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>9</b>			

Note: Must retain minimum of 7 ward Cr to retain 1 Māori ward



### 3. Community Boards

Pros to Community Boards	Cons to Community Boards
Typically represent a smaller area	Boundaries between Council and CB often misunderstood
To promote community wellbeing for all the diverse communities, to ensure voices aren't lost.	Without delegation can be ineffective
To promote greater community engagement	Strong relationship required between CB and Council
Community decision making, allowing Council to focus on strategic district wide matters	





## Action to consider:

1. Consideration for Kahutara and Tauwherenikau up to No.1 Line.
2. Engagement for a ward “At Large” to help with the geographical challenge of Martinborough ward.
3. Representation Review paper going to Community Boards for feedback on ward boundaries and representation
4. Push out website, Facebook and engagement to Community for feedback on:
  - more or less Councillors
  - more or less Community Boards
  - engagement for at large or rural wards



## What is next?

- Pre engagement with Community
- Workshop in June to established preferred option (if needed)
- 3 July 2024: Strategic Working Committee adopts initial Proposal (preferred option) for notification and consultation.
- Consultation to run 17 July – 25 August (TBC bylaw consultation: 28 June -28 July)
- Hearings in September and any additional workshops required
- MSC 30 July 2024 for recommendation to Council on Māori Wards
- 7 August/11 September 2024: Council meeting for Māori Wards
- 2 October 2024: Strategic Working Committee, confirm representation option

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Communication activity	Comments
Survey created for website	Clear on what feedback we are seeking?
Website updated	Call to action
Targeted flyer drop	Are there stakeholders we are keen to hear from?
Posters	General information
Social Media	Promotion of website
Print media	General information and promotion
Drop-in sessions x4 during consultation	Feedback gathering

