



Annual Plan consultation – have your say

We have some new ideas that we'd like to get your feedback on. These ideas have come from listening to the community on the changes they want to see, and reviewing our current activities against our strategy. This is your opportunity to tell us what you think on the following topics:

- Reduction in library charges
- Extended pool opening hours
- Change in funding of housing for seniors
- Extra footpath maintenance.

The Annual Plan consultation document in the 10 April MidWeek newspaper provides more information, and is also available on our website, in Martinborough Council offices and South Wairarapa libraries. If you want to discuss these ideas, or others, with the Mayor and Councillors, please come along to one of our informal workshops:

- Mon 29 April, 7pm – Community Workshop, Greytown Town Centre, Greytown
- Tues 30 April, 7pm – Community Workshop, Kiwi Hall, Featherston
- Weds 1 May, 7pm – Community workshop, Waihinga Centre, Martinborough.

Note: Submissions close 4pm, Weds 8 May 2019. Please have your say on how we can make South Wairarapa a better place to live.

Protecting our district's notable trees



Consultation on the Update to the Register of Notable Trees remains open until Thursday 18 April. The Register is being updated to account for trees that no longer exist, as well as new expert thinking on what makes a tree notable and worthy of protection. More information about the Notable Trees Register and the consultation process is available at swdc.govt.nz/notable-trees, from Council offices and libraries.

A Message from the Mayor



It's been a period of ups and downs since our last newsletter. The major tragedy being the events in Christchurch on the 15th of March. Our hearts continue to go out to all those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones.

Closer to home in Martinborough, we had our own incident to deal with, albeit not on the same scale – the boil water incident in February. We came through it without seeing an increase in illness for the area, so we take some comfort in that; however, the work to help prevent such an incident in future continues.

Council is looking forward to welcoming a new Chief Executive in the coming months, following Paul Crimp's departure at the end of March after five years in the role and many achievements. I look forward to introducing the new Chief Executive in due course. In the meantime, Jennie Mitchell, the Council's Group Manager for Corporate Support, is the Acting Chief Executive until the permanent Chief Executive is able to join.

In March, Mike Gray from Greytown joined as a new councillor for the Greytown ward. Councillor Gray fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Councillor Paora Ammunson in December last year.

And finally, in early April we acknowledged our community's heroes in the 2019 Civic Awards. The number and quality of nominations were high this year. Huge congratulations go to the 'Waiohine Action Group' who received the supreme award of 'South Wairarapa Citizen of the Year'.

Check out our website to find out who the category winners were; they all deserve high recognition for their services to the community.

Best wishes

Viv Napier

THE MAYOR

New logo – 'let's fly together'

We hope you agree that the new-look logo is a huge improvement on the old, out-dated, mono-cultural logo developed in 1989. Council voted unanimously in favour of adopting the Wairarapa Moana and mountains design, which was also the firm favourite of the South Wairarapa ratepayers. In the survey of 400 randomised ratepayers, 62%, agreed it was an accurate and appropriate representation of the Council, its services and the district.

The Māori Standing Committee has had critical input into the new logo, and chose the aspirational Te Reo words that are part of the logo. The words 'Kia Reretahi Tātau' mean 'let's fly together' or 'let's collaborate'.



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

Māori Standing Committee Chair Mr Raihānia Tipoki says, "the inclusion of Wairarapa Moana in the logo signifies an overdue recognition that our natural environment must be inherent in our decision-making processes. The Māori fishing hook depicted in the landscape references the Moana as 'Te Karu o Te Ika ā Māui' (The Eye of The Fish of Māui)."

A big thank you must go to Branding and Logo Working Group Chair Leigh Hay for leading the logo development and roll-out process, and to Satellite Design for their creative design work.

Martinborough water – post-incident update

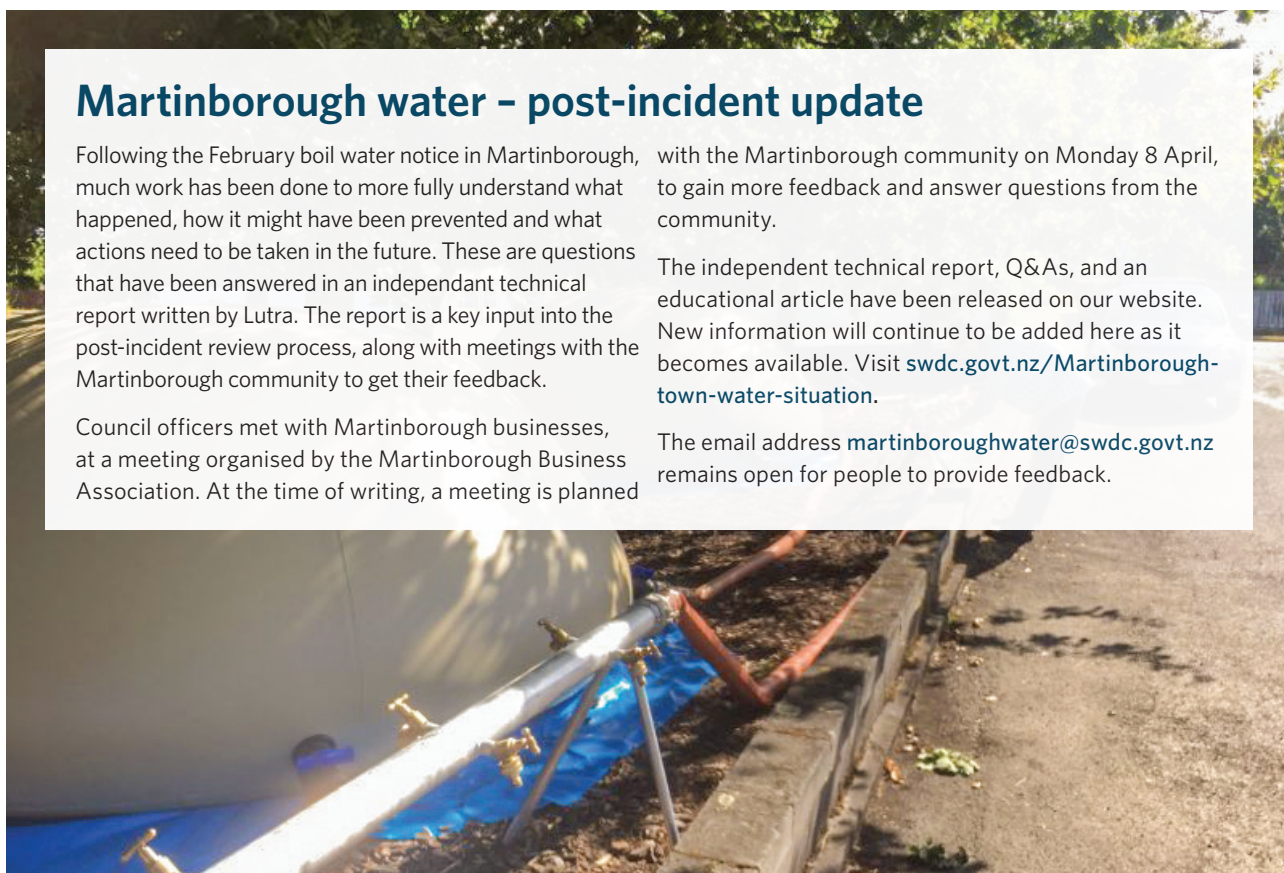
Following the February boil water notice in Martinborough, much work has been done to more fully understand what happened, how it might have been prevented and what actions need to be taken in the future. These are questions that have been answered in an independent technical report written by Lutra. The report is a key input into the post-incident review process, along with meetings with the Martinborough community to get their feedback.

Council officers met with Martinborough businesses, at a meeting organised by the Martinborough Business Association. At the time of writing, a meeting is planned

with the Martinborough community on Monday 8 April, to gain more feedback and answer questions from the community.

The independent technical report, Q&As, and an educational article have been released on our website. New information will continue to be added here as it becomes available. Visit swdc.govt.nz/Martinborough-town-water-situation.

The email address martinboroughwater@swdc.govt.nz remains open for people to provide feedback.



Local Elections 12 October – stand and be counted

For our Council to be successful, we need good people who reflect the diversity of our community. If you're interested in standing for local election, either as a councillor or community board member, nominations for candidates open on 19 July and close at noon on 16 August. This seems a long time away, but it's good to start having those conversations with your family early. More information is available at www.localcouncils.govt.nz.

To vote in local elections, you must be enrolled. For more information, check out <https://www.elections.org.nz/voters/get-ready-enrol-and-vote>.



Thank you for saving water

We want to thank ratepayers for their continued efforts to conserve water. Many people are finding ways to reduce excessive use as well as identifying and fixing leaks.

Remember that for metered properties, which most urban properties are, if you use more than the threshold of 350m³ of water over the year, you will be charged an additional charge of \$1.84 per cubic metre.

Residents are responsible for maintaining the pipes that run from their house or business to the Council-owned pipe, which usually terminates at your property boundary. If you suspect a leaking water pipe, tap, water cistern etc. on your property, call a plumber. If you think there is a leaking water main, please contact the Council on 06 306 9611 (24 hours).

Thank You for Your Conservation Efforts



Waiohine Action Group, winners of the supreme award of 'South Wairarapa Citizen of the Year. Photo: Pete Monk

Community grants

The Council has a pool of grant funding to support community groups. Each year we ask community groups to apply for funding to explain how they would use their grants if their application succeeds.

Youth grants

As agreed as part of the LTP process, Council has a fund of \$75,000 per year for grants specifically to support youth training, development and recreational activities in our communities.

More information about the grants and how to apply for them is available on our website at swdc.govt.nz, in our libraries and at Council offices in Martinborough. Completed application forms must be submitted by 4pm on 8 May 2019.

Recycling wheelie bins coming soon

A new wheelie bin kerbside recycling service will be rolled out to urban households across the Wairarapa in July, providing more capacity for recycling diverting waste to landfill. Participating households in the urban area who pay for the kerbside recycling will receive a 240-litre wheelie bin, starting from June with collections anticipated to start in July.

You'll keep your recycling crates but use them both for glass only. The new wheelie bin will be for recyclables, other than glass. You'll need to put out the wheelie bin and recycling crates on alternative weeks. Collection of rubbish bags will stay the same. More information will be provided nearer to roll out. Watch this space!



Rebates 2018/19

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

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 have been 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 at 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.

Rates 2018/19 Instalment Four

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Enclosed with this newsletter is the fourth rates invoice of the year covering the period 1 April - 30 June 2019.

The last day for payment is 20th May 2019. 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.

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 SWDC, 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 or Greytown Libraries.



**GET IT
SORTED**

Something needs fixing?
Let us know...

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)