



Mayor's message

We're delighted that nearly 1000 people took the time to make a submission on our Annual Plan proposal. Thank you. Understanding public opinion is vital to our decision-making process and to achieving the best outcomes for our community.

We proposed that water supply should be our top focus for this coming financial year, and 80% of responders to that question agreed with us. As a result, we have allocated an additional \$2.8 million to continue Wellington Water's work to achieve compliance with New Zealand Drinking Water Standards (see page 3).

Additional areas of expenditure for next year are aimed at addressing other areas of historical under-investment, for example in roading and building the Council's capability to deliver. The latter means investing in IT systems and processes, and people, to improve the ease of doing business with us, and a good proportion of submitters (75%) supported this investment.

Other proposals that gained positive feedback are the development of both a water conservation action plan and a waste minimisation action plan, as well as the Council doing more to promote walking and cycling in the district. More details on these will be consulted on in the Long Term Plan review process.

While Council voted not to proceed with the proposal to purchase the Greytown Rugby and Bowls Clubs' land, it does recognise that the town's growing population needs more greenspace for sports and recreation. Consequently, Council has asked staff to see if there are other ways to secure the land, or other suitable land options, with a view to including it in the Long Term Plan consultation next year.

Primarily in recognition of the benefits of a full-size gym to the health and wellbeing of the district's youth, Council has agreed to a \$1-million contribution, subject to due diligence, to rebuild an extended gym at Kuranui College. Through a collaborative management model with the Ministry of Education/Kuranui College, Council's contribution will see that the gym will be available to the whole South Wairarapa community.

Responding to community feedback, the trial of extended swimming pool opening hours will continue next year, allowing people of all ages to swim later into the evening and for longer periods on the weekend.

To minimise the resulting rates increase this year, due to the economic uncertainty around Covid-19, Council is taking out a low-interest loan. This also spreads the cost of infrastructure upgrades over generations of ratepayers, all of whom stand to benefit from the investment. This considerably lowers the average rates increase for next year to 2.27% with an expected additional increase of 1.5% for each of the following four years. This works out in real terms as an estimated increase of \$1.86 per week for the average urban ratepayer next year, \$1.77 per week for the average commercial ratepayer, and \$0.18 cents per week for the average rural ratepayer.

SWDC's Annual Plan 2020/21 is publically available at www.swdc.govt.nz.

Alex Beijen
Mayor



Climate change strategy

South Wairarapa and Carterton's District Councils have released the joint Ruamāhanga Climate Change Strategy and Implementation Plan, which sets out the actions the Councils will be taking in their daily operations to mitigate climate change. The Strategy is available at www.swdc.govt.nz/climate-change, along with other resources for the community.

Sortwaste.nz website



Take a look at www.sortwaste.nz, where you'll find tips and tricks on how to sort your waste, simply. Along with other Wellington Region councils, SWDC is proud to support this website as part of our effort to reduce waste. **Visit now to find out more about the Plastic Free July Challenge, to 'Be in to Win'.**

Furthermore, following feedback via our Annual Plan consultation, we'll also be developing a waste minimisation action plan and proposing initiatives to the community as part of our Long Term Plan consultation.

Planning an event? Venues for hire again

Venues include the Waihinga Centre (the Martinborough Town Hall and the Martinborough Supper Room), the Greytown Town Centre, the Featherston ANZAC Hall and the Featherston Sports Stadium.

The venues may be hired out completely or they all have smaller rooms available for a more intimate gathering.

Contact our Venue Coordinator on 06 306 9611 ext 865 or email venues@swdc.govt.nz.

South Wairarapa urban rubbish and recycling calendar 2020/21

Key

Put out rubbish bags + wheelie bin on **red weeks**



Put out rubbish bags + crates on **blue weeks**



● Public holiday / no collection

■ Collections a day later than usual

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Christmas collection: 26th Dec
 ○ Normal collection: 28th Dec

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New Year's collection: 2nd Jan
 ○ Normal collection: 4th Jan

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Note: South Wairarapa Coastal collections will take place on public holidays, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
 Kia Reretahi Tātau

Working towards safer drinking water – update

Wellington Water's November 2019 review resulted in \$500,000 being released within the 2019/20 financial year for urgent improvements to provide multi-barrier protection for all town water supplies. The following progress has been made:

Greytown/Featherston

- The UV arrangement at Memorial Park bore was completed in December 2019; this will be in place pending the completion of the permanent unit.
- Installation of more filtration equipment at the Memorial Park Bore is beginning shortly, progressing early 2020/21.

Pirinoa

- Installation of the UV unit was completed in February 2020.
- The final step towards full compliance with NZ Drinking Water Standards is for a water safety plan to be prepared and approved by Regional Public Health.



Martinborough

- Updating Martinborough treatment plant's control systems to allow communication with the Manganese Reduction Plant (MRP). Once this is done, the MRP can be commissioned to restore supply capacity back to the three operational bores – target November 2020.

Dog owners, please...

- Pay your dog registration fees by 31 July to avoid penalties – or contact us if you are in genuine hardship.
- Keep your dog on a lead in urban areas and under your direct control in rural areas.
- And, please, please, clean up after your dog! We have had an increase of dog poo left on the footpaths and berms. Note that failure to clean up after your dog carries an infringement of \$300 for failure to comply with a bylaw.



Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund 2020/21 Funding Round Open 6 July 2020 – 10 August 2020

Applications are now being accepted from school and sports club teams located in the South Wairarapa district.

SWDC has \$9,500, provided by Sport NZ, to give to local school or sports club teams in the South Wairarapa who have young people aged between 5-19 years that require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

Application forms and eligibility criteria can be obtained from the Council office, Council website www.swdc.govt.nz/grants and South Wairarapa district libraries. If you want more information contact Suzanne Clark on 06 306 9611 or suzanne.clark@swdc.govt.nz.



SWDC's Community & Youth Grants Scheme is now open

Eligibility and criteria have not changed from previous years, but will be reviewed and consulted on next year as part of the Long Term Planning process. More information about how to apply, visit www.swdc.govt.nz/grants

Rebates 2020/21

The Rates Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$655.00 for low income earners. Ratepayers must have been living in the home they own on 1 July 2020.

1. Your rebate will be calculated based on your gross income from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, your rates, and the number of dependants you have. The income eligibility for a rebate is \$26,150-\$42,000.
2. You must provide details of income from your income provider for ALL forms of income, including interest and dividends. If requested by Department of Internal Affairs you must provide proof of this income. Application forms will be sent to those who have received a rebate in 2019/2020 and are also available from the Featherston and Greytown libraries, the Council office and online www.swdc.govt.nz/rates-and-property and can be obtained by calling 06 306 9611 ext. 858.

Get your rates invoice by email

If you wish to receive your rates 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 2020/21 Instalment one

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Enclosed with this newsletter is the first rates invoice covering the period 1 July - 30 September 2020.

The last day for payment is 20 August 2020. 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 email 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 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 www.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)