



Connecting Communities Wairarapa
41 Perry Street
Masterton 5810

General Manager: Maggie Pryce
Email: maggie@connectingcommunities.org.nz
Phone: 021 308 955

28 April 2017

South Wairarapa Annual Plan Submission 2017/18

Neighbourhood Support

Connecting Communities Wairarapa (CCW) delivers Neighbourhood Support (NS) for the South Wairarapa. NS is a way of achieving more caring, safer and connected communities. Our NS approach includes working closely with Police, Fire and Civil Defence to ensure communities are equipped with information that will help them to build communities that can collaborate. Our NS Coordinators build strong links with these organisations and, wherever possible bring them to Neighbourhood Support meetings when they are setting up a new group.

Our NS Coordinator sends out a weekly email update to participating groups, this provides them with police information about local crime and profiles local fire and civil defence information or relevant community information. In this way, we are able to achieve current and relevant South Wairarapa community information reaching homes every week.

Funding in 2016/7 enabled us to employ a Coordinator for 9 hours per week. NS had started in Featherston and we are now expanding groups across South Wairarapa, in urban and rural communities. Over the past few months we have been engaging with remoter rural communities, using a model of engagement that has been successful in other parts of Wairarapa. We are having a positive response from South Wairarapa communities as they can see the value in becoming more connected communities.

We are planning for significant growth of Neighbourhood Support in South Wairarapa. We are seeking an increase in funding to enable us to increase the hours of our Coordinator to a 0.5 FTE and resources. This would enable us to:

- Extend the work of our coordinator to increase groups across South Wairarapa.
- Invest in the Coordinator capacity to support and maintain a growing number of NS groups.
- Ensuring that NS groups are well engaged with Council, Police, Fire and Civil Defence.
- Convene 2 events a year for Neighbourhood Support Groups to promote community connectedness.



Connecting Communities Wairarapa
41 Perry Street
Masterton 5810

General Manager: Maggie Pryce
Email: maggie@connectingcommunities.org.nz
Phone: 021 308 955

NS groups can be a way that Council engages with their communities to support them building resilience and preparedness. They provide a less formal communication method and CCW would welcome opportunities to discuss how NS and CCW may support the council with its community development role.

Youth Development

CCW provides support and facilitation for the Wairarapa Youth Council. We have been working with the TLA's on a Wairarapa Rangatahi Strategy which focuses on building leadership and participation for young people. The Youth Council has members from across South Wairarapa, Carterton and Masterton and has the ability to be a valued voice for young people. They welcome the opportunity to meet with councillors and talk about the local issues that are affecting young people. In the next year we are keen for Youth Council to:

- Have opportunities for members of Youth Council to meet regularly with local Council and Community Boards across Wairarapa,
- Develop a role for Youth Council learn about participation in local community planning through their active involvement.
- Youth Council to deliver youth focussed events across Wairarapa, funded by all three councils.

We are requesting that South Wairarapa District Council provides funding for Youth Council to support and strengthen participation from youth in South Wairarapa and to provide funding for Wairarapa Youth focused events.

Yours Sincerely

Maggie Pryce
Interim General Manager

Submission information

Form: [Annual Plan Consultation Document 2017/18](#)

Submitted by Anonymous

Tuesday, 2 May 2017 - 1:47pm

222.154.255.96

Submitter Details

Name: Beverley Jack

Organisation: **Wairarapa Volunteer Centre Incorporated Society**

Email Address: bev@wcct.co.nz

Postal Address: 41 Perry Street Masterton

Phone: 063771022

Ratepayer: Non-ratepayer

Submission Hearings

Do you want to speak to your submission:

Yes

Speaking preference:

Wastewater

Do you support continuing to defer the cyclical wastewater underground pipe asset replacement programme to accelerate stage one and two of irrigation to land for Martinborough, Greytown and Featherston?: If not, why?:

Swimming Pools

Do you support providing free swimming in Council's three pools? : If not, why?:

Dog pound at Featherston

Do you support the building of a new dog pound in Featherston: If not, why?:

Roading

Do you support deferring some roading rehabilitation for one year and redirecting funds to new footpaths, footpath maintenance and road crossings?: If not, why?:

Fees and Charges

Please provide your feedback on the proposed fees and charges for 2017/18:

Additional Comment

If you would like to comment or propose something different now is your chance:

The Wairarapa Volunteer Centre currently supports 39 registered health focused organisation who are providing health care services to both vulnerable and ageing population within our community. The volunteer services provided through these organisations allow their clients to be more resilient, self sufficient and remain in their own homes longer.

The Wairarapa volunteer Centre also supports another 27 registered education focused organisations who are providing education, sports and recreation and youth&children services so that our youth can positively contribute to our community.

The Wairarapa Volunteer Centre want to broaden our engagements and offer these services in the South Wairarapa by setting up a replicated service operated by locals for locals.

We require financial assistance to support this project and ask South Wairarapa District Council to consider this in their long term plan.

We are asking for \$5,000 annually. This will cover the 3 areas of South Wairarapa and supports the initial setup of office/s, appointment/training of staff and volunteers and ongoing supervision of services.

Upload submission:

Upload additional information: