

# **Annual Report Summary**

## For the year ended 30 June 2020

## Pūrongo-ā-Tau Whakarāpopototanga 2019/20

Approved for issue by the Mayor and Chief Executive 17 December 2020

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## Mayor and Chief Executive's Report Te Pūrongo o te Mea me te Timuaki

What a year it has been – from water woes, joining Wellington Water and beginning to fix the failing infrastructure and then, COVID-19 lockdown and recovery. It has been a year of huge change and challenge – one we will never forget.

The new Council took office in October, part way through the second year of implementation of the Long Term Plan (LTP) and just a few weeks before joining Wellington Water. Harry Wilson started as the new Chief Executive in June 2019 and in November SWDC celebrated 30 years of existence, since amalgamation of the three town borough councils and the Featherston County Council.

It has been a hard year but there have been some wins and highpoints along the way – we now have an inhouse climate change advisor; we received a record level of community engagement in our Annual Plan consultation; we committed to a rethink of our approach to wastewater disposal; and due to our involvement in Pack the Bus, for the first time children in need across South Wairarapa were visited by Santa.

## **Significant events**

#### **Elections and by-elections**

The new council, comprising six new and four returning members, was sworn in on 30 October 2020. New faces at the council table included Alex Beijen as Mayor and former Chair of the Greytown Community Board Leigh Hay as a councillor. Councillor Garrick Emms was appointed Deputy Mayor. Martinborough Community Board had a total refresh of membership. Greytown Community Board was completed by by-election in February; and Featherston Community Board after by-election in February, and then by a further appointment following the resignation of Indigo Freya.

Under the direction of the new Council, eight groups and subcommittees were disestablished to reduce costs, and we began filming meetings and publishing videos online to improve transparency.

#### Partnering with Wellington Water

As voted for by the former administration, Council became a shareholder of the council-controlled organisation Wellington Water Limited on 1 October 2019. This means that Council's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater assets are now managed by Wellington Water, while ownership of the assets remains with the Council. Wellington Water provides a level of specialist expertise and resource that would be unaffordable for a small council such as ours. Decisions on service levels and investment in water assets continue to be made by the Council's elected members.

#### Wellington Water's review of drinking water supply

Wellington Water engineers moved quickly to complete an extensive review of drinking water infrastructure to reveal the critical work needed to deliver clean, clear, safe and secure drinking water to our towns. Almost immediately following the review, Council approved \$500,000 to start urgent work, and a further \$2.8 million was allocated in the 2020/21 year to undertake further work to achieve compliance with national drinking water standards.

#### Water incidents

In January, issues at the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant resulted in two incidents of discharge of partially treated wastewater into the Ruamāhanga River. A full post-incident investigation was carried out and

Wellington Water agreed to undertake a restorative justice process. Wellington Water has been instructed to publicly notify any such breeches as they happen in the interests of transparency.

In June, following prolonged wet weather, a land slip resulted in a breakage to the mains water pipe supplying Featherston, causing a major water outage to the town approximately 12 hours and a subsequent, precautionary boil water notice that lasted five days.

#### Dry summer heightens water restrictions

We experienced an exceptionally dry summer leading to higher level water restrictions being enforced in all three towns at various times. Martinborough's total outdoor water restrictions were the most enduring while the town was supplied by only one bore, due to the other two having too high levels of manganese to be chlorinated. Dry conditions and increasing water use, plus some water pump issues, contributed to all three towns having a total outdoor water ban during January through to early February. All town communities responded exceptionally well to the restrictions and conservation measures. Together we managed to navigate our way through with everyone playing their part – thank you! Though we are well on the way to fixing these issues, there will be times when water conservation is necessary to meet resource consent consents and protect our aquifers.

#### Establishment of Ruamāhanga Roads

Council embarked on a joint roading contract with Carterton District Council that was awarded to Fulton Hogan from 1 July 2019. The aim of the collaboration is to deliver a more efficient, consistent and cost-effective service for ratepayers.

#### **Climate change appointment**

Also, in partnership with Carterton District Council, we appointed a climate change advisor to guide the councils on what meaningful action should be taken to mitigate the effects of climate change, including advising council on its operations and providing information to the community about actions they can take.

#### Māori Standing Committee Chair resignation

In June, Raihania *Tipoki*, Chair of the Council's *Māori Standing Committee (MSC)*, resigned following five years on the Committee, including four years as Chair. The Committee continues under the capable leadership of Chair Narida Hooper and we look forward to working closely to continue to build strong relationships with iwi, hapū and marae in our district.

#### **Disruption of COVID-19 Pandemic**

Last, but the most significant, of all the events has been the impacts of COVID-19 and lockdown, which spanned for seven weeks from March to May. This had a significant impact on the social and economic wellbeing of our community, and the effects are continuing to be felt.

The three Wairarapa councils united to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through the district by urgently advising the public to adhere to government advice. In response to the threat of community transmission in Wairarapa, the three councils with Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO) and Greater Wellington Regional Council came together to establish the Wairarapa Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), which was operational from 22 March to 29 May.

During this time, Council staff worked to deliver services in adherence with central government and SOLGM advice and guidelines; helped resource the EOC; and quickly adopted new technologies and ways of working to enable the Annual Plan consultation to continue in order to meet legislative timeframes.

### **Council Projects**

Council carried out many projects during the year. Here are some of the highlights.

#### Permanent chlorination of Martinborough's water

Following the two boil water notices in Martinborough in February and April, the previous financial year, in September officers released a Lessons Learned Report and the Council voted in favour of permanently chlorinating the town's water. The chlorination decision was made to provide robust, multi-barrier protection to prevent future contamination, but due to the reaction of chlorine with manganese-heavy water, it required the installation of the manganese reduction plant (MRP) to be brought forward. Investment for the plant had been agreed in the 2018/28 Long Term Plan process and was initially planned for 2021.

While waiting for the installation and functional performance of the MRP, Martinborough town's water supply was down to only one bore, which resulted in summer water restrictions being stricter and over a longer period than previous years.

#### Featherston wastewater treatment plant upgrade

Cleaning up the district's waterways continues to be a Council priority, with the upgrade of wastewater treatment in all three towns being one of Council's largest projects. So far, 35-year consents have been granted for wastewater irrigation to land in both Greytown and Martinborough.

During the financial year, Council continued to work towards obtaining a similar consent for the Featherston wastewater scheme. Due to the considerable feedback received against the proposal, Council undertook community engagement the better understand the concerns and new investigations to better understand the potential impact on the environment.

At a meeting in March, Council reviewed the options for moving forward with the project and decided to withdraw the current application, to have a rethink based on modern technology and climate change mitigation, with the aim of designing and building a future-proofed wastewater disposal solution for the town.

#### Water conservation

With the aim of increasing awareness and understanding of water conservation, working with Wellington Water, we have increased promotion of conservation messaging via multiple communication channels, including radio, social media, posters, media and our quarterly newsletter *Community Focus*. We have also added educational content to our website about water metering, household thresholds and fixing leaks and carried out extra meter readings to identify water leaks.

#### Solid waste

Working with the other two Wairarapa councils and contractor Earthcare, in September, we launched the new wheelie bin recycling kerbside collection to encourage residents to recycle more and reduce rubbish going to landfill. We will need to review of our solid waste activities in line with proposed government plans to discourage waste to landfill.

#### Adopted and implemented new bylaws

The updated consolidated bylaws for Wairarapa came into force for all three districts in July. The bylaws cover multiple topics that include activity that can and can't be done in public spaces, prevention of nuisance from fire and smoke, the keeping of animals, and water supply.

#### Update to the Register of Notable Trees

At the start of the financial year, Council concluded the public consultation on a plan change to update the Register of Notable Trees for the district. This was the first time the register had been updated since 2011. Updates were to take into account trees that no longer existed, as well as new expert thinking about what makes a tree notable.

#### **Spatial planning**

In July we concluded the early engagement phase on the South Wairarapa Spatial Plan project, which involved asking the community how they want South Wairarapa to look in the future. The Spatial Plan work, including engagement, continues in the 2019/20 financial year combined with the Long Term Plan (LTP) engagement and consultation process. The Spatial Plan will provide a blueprint for the next thirty years and will help balance the environmental, social, economic, and quality of life factors affecting our communities, as well as guiding allocation of resources, such as land use and construction of capital works. By aligning the LTP with the Spatial Plan we are making best use of resources while achieving integrated strategic planning.

#### **Positive Ageing Strategy**

In August, we launched the Positive Ageing Strategy, which was adopted by Council in May. The Strategy was developed by the three Wairarapa councils to prepare for the region's rapidly ageing community. The Strategy outlines the way in which the councils will work together to improve and integrate their work for our older people. Extensive local research and consultation were undertaken as part of this process.

#### **Climate Change Strategy**

A draft of the Ruamāhanga Climate Change Strategy, a joint strategy with Carterton District Council, was developed and adopted by Council in March. The finalised Strategy was released later, in early July 2019, after data from the Wellington Region Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory was incorporated. As well as including the data on GHG emissions, the Strategy sets out the actions the councils will take in the course of their daily operations to reduce them.

#### **Construction of Waihinga Centre Playground**

The second phase of the Waihinga Centre Project was completed by the Waihinga Charitable Trust with the help of the community fundraising. The Centre now has a playground outside the front of the centre, which is enjoyed by children living in and visiting Martinborough.

#### Wairarapa economic development

Throughout the year, Council continued its involvement in economic development both regionally and locally through the Wairarapa Regional Economic Development Strategy, Wellington Regional Strategy, Business Wairarapa, and other agencies and local business groups. Council also continued to support and promote district tourism through its funding of Destination Wairarapa.

The Wairarapa COVID-19 Recovery Joint Committee was established in June to lead the region's recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. The Committee's role is to oversee the development and implementation of the Wairarapa Recovery Plan, which is to provide direction on restoring and enhancing the community's social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing.

#### **Community development**

Mid-lockdown we appointed to the new position of Community Development Coordinator, initially a shared with Carterton District Council, however, following further scoping the role will transition to a fulltime role in the 2020/21 financial year. This move gives us greater capacity to work in partnership with residents, community

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groups, agencies, community boards and councils. The objective of the role is to develop, coordinate and provide a wide range of initiatives, programmes, services and/or policies that enhance community wellbeing and aspirations.

Starting in 2018/19, \$75,000 per year was set aside to support youth training, development and recreational activities. Last year, approximately \$70,000 was awarded to six different community youth initiatives, including to fund wellbeing services at Kuranui College and part-fund the Wairarapa Whanau Trust.

Council continues to work to strengthen ties with Māori. Working with the Māori Standing Committee (MSC), we are reviewing its terms of reference and identifying opportunities to develop our partnership working. During the year, council officers attended Māori language classes and the Executive Leadership Team, elected members and members of the MSC will together attend Treaty of Waitangi training at Hau Ariki Marae later this year, which was postponed due to COVID-19.

### **Financial Performance**

Overall the financial results in this Annual Report are pleasing. A surplus was achieved, the result of increased development in the district, and the annual cyclical revaluation of assets. Operational expenditure exceeded budget, with the delivery of the three waters programme placing greater than expected demand on costs.

### **Non-financial Performance**

Full details of all performance indicator targets and actual results can be found for each significant activity in the relevant section of the Annual Report. Council decided against conducting a customer survey this year affecting the measurement of some targets. A new survey will be conducted early 2021 to inform the Long Term Plan and following years Annual Report.

As a result of Wellington Water not meeting Department of Internal Affairs' requirements of accurate reporting of all fault response times, AuditNZ could not verify these measures to their satisfaction, resulting in a modified audit opinion. In future, Wellington Water understands its responsibility to ensure service requests are recorded correctly in accordance with the Auditing and Assurance Standards.



Alex Beijen

Mayor

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Harry Wilson

**Chief Executive Officer** 

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## Independent Auditor's Report Te Pūrongo o te Kaitātari Kaute

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Mana Arotake Aotearoa

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To the readers of South Wairarapa District Council's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the South Wairarapa District Council (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 10 to 15 and 19 to 21.

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2020;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary statements of service performance.

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

#### Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

#### The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed a qualified opinion on the summary statement of service performance and an unmodified opinion on the other audited information in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020 in our auditor's report dated 17 December 2020. The basis for our qualified opinion on the statements of service performance is explained below.

Six councils, including the District Council, are joint shareholders in Wellington Water Limited (Wellington Water). Wellington Water manages the six councils' water assets and services on their behalf. A Committee represented by a member of each shareholding council monitors the performance of Wellington Water. Wellington Water reports its performance in respect of water services to the six councils, which are required to report thereon in their respective statements of service provision. We identified some significant issues with the performance measures as described below.

Fault response times – Water supply, Wastewater and Stormwater

Wellington Water was unable to accurately report on fault response times for each of the three water services. The information produced by the system used to report on fault response times was not reliable because attendance and resolution times for service requests were not always recorded at the point in time they occurred.

Number of dry weather sewerage overflows – Wastewater

Wellington Water was unable to accurately report the number of dry weather sewerage overflows, as the system used for recording events included blockages in the wastewater network that did not necessarily result in an overflow.

As a result of these issues, our work was limited and there were no practicable audit procedures we could apply to obtain assurance over the reported results for the performance measures described above.

Information about this matter is also disclosed on page 7 of the District Council's summary annual report.

Our auditor's report on the full annual report also includes an emphasis of matter paragraph drawing attention to the disclosures about the impact of Covid-19 on the District Council as set out in the full annual report in Note 30 to the financial statements and page 65 of the statements of service performance.

#### Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than in our capacity as auditor and the performance of a limited assurance engagement related to the District Council's debenture trust deed, we have no relationship with, or interests in the District Council.

John Whittal,

Audit New Zealand On behalf of the Auditor-General Wellington, New Zealand 22 December 2020

### **Summary Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense**

Table 1 provides a summary of the comparative financial performance for the Council for the 2019/20 and 2018/19 financial years.

Table 1	Actual 2020 \$'000	Budget 2020 \$'000	Actual 2019 \$'000
Operating revenue	24,365	22,155	22,818
Operating expenditure *	23,458	20,101	20,331
Other gains/(losses)	2,376	-	665
Net surplus/(deficit)	3,284	2,054	3,152
Increase/(decrease) in revaluation reserves	170	-	2,656
Total other comprehensive revenue and expense	170	-	2,656
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	3,454	2,054	5,809
*Operating expenditure includes Finance costs of:	628	614	618

## **Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity**

Table 2 details public equity, and the components of total equity.

Table 2	Actual 2020 \$'000	Budget 2020 \$'000	Actual 2019 \$'000
Equity at start of year	450,070	450,415	444,261
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	3,454	2,055	5,809
Equity at end of year	453,524	452,470	450,070
Represented by:			
Public equity	453,237	156,550	151,443
Restricted reserves and trust funds	28,264	24,119	25,517
Other Reserves	-	3,304	-
Asset revaluation reserve	272,022	270,451	273,109

### **Summary Statement of Financial Position**

Table 3 provides a summary for the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2020 compared with the financial position as at 30 June 2019.

Table 3	Actual 2020 \$'000	Budget 2020 \$'000	Actual 2019 \$'000
Current assets	16,258	22,097	17,120
Non-current assets	463,702	457,264	456,590
Total assets	479,959	479,361	473,710
Current liabilities	9,793	3,658	8,316
Non-current liabilities	16,643	21,278	15,324
Equity	453,523	454,425	450,070
Liabilities and equity	479,959	479,361	473,710

## **Summary Statement of Cash Flows**

The following table summarises how the Council generated and used cash during the respective financial periods.

Table 4	Actual 2020 \$'000	Budget 2020 \$'000	Actual 2019 \$'000
Net cash flow from operating activities	5,697	4,889	5,405
Net cash flow from investing activities	(9,959)	(8,643)	(7,551)
Net cash flow from financing activities	2,000	1,740	2,400
Net cash flow for the year	2,203	19,409	254

#### **Functional and Presentation Currency**

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000) and this could result in rounding differences. The functional currency of the SWDC is New Zealand dollars.

#### **Interpretation of Summary Financial Statements**

This Summary Report, which has been extracted from our 2019/20 Annual Report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding of the Council as provided by the full Annual Report.

Copies of the 2019/20 Annual Report are available at the Council Offices, 19 Kitchener St, Martinborough, or at Council libraries in Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough, or at <u>www.swdc.govt.nz</u>.

The full Annual Report was authorised for issue on 17 December 2020.

South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) is a public benefit entity for financial reporting purposes. The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP) and comply with Tier 2 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) accounting standards, as appropriate for public benefit entities.

This summary report has been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS – 43. This summary report covers the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

## **Capital Expenditure**

Total capital expenditure for the 2019/20 year was \$9,139.251 Breakdown per activity is as displayed in the following graph:



## **Total Rates Collected**

The total rates collected for the 2019/20 year was \$15,074,662. Breakdown per activity is as displayed in the following graph:



#### **Statement of Contingencies**

In April 2013, the Ministry of Education (MOE) initiated High Court proceedings against Carter Holt Harvey (CHH) and others alleging inherent defects in the cladding sheets and cladding systems manufactured and prepared by CHH. Subsequently, in December 2016, CHH commenced third party proceedings against 48 Councils, including South Wairarapa District Council alleging a breach of duty in the processing of building consents, undertaking building inspections and issuing Code Compliance Certificates. The Councils have applied for orders setting aside and striking out CHH's claims against them. The MOE's claim against CHH is for 833 school buildings, 4 of which are located within South Wairarapa.

Council has also been named as a party to the Carter Holt Harvey representative claim regarding an alleged defective product "Shadowclad". The quantum regarding this claim has not been disclosed by the claimant.

On 17 August 2020 a settlement was negotiated with CHH. Tom Weston QC who acts for MOE was contacted by CHH with an offer from councils to accept a discontinuance of all claims against them, on the basis that costs lie where they fell – in other words the claims against the councils would be brought to an end and no money changes hands.

Contingent liability for 2020 is \$Nil (2019: \$Nil).

There are no contingent assets for 2020 (2019: \$Nil).

No contingent rents have been recognised during the period.

There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attached to New Zealand Transport Agency subsidies recognised.

#### Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

The Council is a guarantor of LGFA. The LGFA was incorporated in December 2011 with the purpose of providing debt funding to local authorities in New Zealand. It has a current credit rating from Standard and Poor's of AA+.

As at 30 June 2020, the Council is one of several local authority borrowers and guarantors of the LGFA. The LGFA's loans to local authorities are \$12.5 billion (2019: \$9.8 billion), of which the Council have borrowed \$0.022billion (2019: \$0.025 billion). As a result, the council's cross guarantee on LGFA's loans to other local authorities is \$12.5 billion (2019: \$9.8billion).

Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Accounting Standards require the Council to recognise the guarantee liability at fair value. However, the Council have been unable to determine a sufficiently reliable fair value for the guarantee, and therefore has not recognised a liability. The Council consider the risk of the LGFA defaulting on repayment of interest or capital to be very low on the basis that:

- The council is not aware of any local authority debt default events in New Zealand; and,
- Local government legislation would enable local authorities to levy a rate to recover sufficient funds to meet any debt obligations if further funds were required.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

During the year councillors and key management, as part of a normal customer relationship, were involved in minor transactions with Council (such as payment of rates and purchase of rubbish bags etc.).

All payments were made on a cash basis and no payments were delayed. No interest was charged and there are no outstanding balances as at 30 June 2020 (2019: Nil).

No provision has been required, nor any expense recognised for impairment of receivables for any loans or other receivables to related parties (2019: Nil).

Table 5	Actual 2020 \$	Actual 2019 \$
Councillors		
Remuneration	318,971	250,334
Full-time equivalent members	10	10
Senior Management Team, including Chief Executive		
Remuneration	880,413	666,530
Full-time equivalent	4.5	4
Total key management personnel compensation	1,119,384	916,865

Below is a summary of remuneration to councillors and key personnel:

Due to the difficulty in determining the full-time equivalent for councillors, the full-time equivalent figure is taken as the number of councillors.

Key management personnel include the Mayor, councillors, Chief Executive, and the Senior Leadership Team.

#### **Events After Balance Date**

There have been no significant events after balance date.

## **Explanations of Major Variances against Budget**

Explanations for major variations from South Wairarapa District Council's estimated figures in the 2019/20 Annual Plan are as follows.

#### Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

The lower than expected operating surplus over planned was the result of higher than expected expenditure (\$3.4M), partly offset by higher revenues (\$2M). The increase in revenue reflects New Zealand Transport Agency increased subsidies for emergency events (\$0.8M), and continued high levels of developmental activity within the district, shown as income from vested assets (\$1.58M). Operationally, delivery of the 3 waters programme placed a greater than expected demand on costs (\$1.1M). The decision to withdraw the current wastewater consent application for Featherston resulted in a write down of cost shown as an impairment of assets (\$0.7M). Additional costs in roading for emergency works (\$0.9M) was offset by the additional subsidy received as additional revenue.

Investment properties, including property intended for sale was revalued this year to reflect market values resulting in a positive increase (\$2.3M) to total surplus.

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

The overall position shows Council is able to meet commitments having sufficient means to cover current liabilities. Assets held to support the delivery of Council services increased in value due to positive cyclical revaluations and increased capital expenditure and assets vested council. Public debt increased this financial year, in line with budget expectations. Overall, equity has increased. Transfers to special and restricted reserves balances reflect increasing development within the district and the accumulation of funds for repayment of loans.

#### **Statement of Cashflows**

Net cashflow from operating activities are positive. Net cashflow from investing activities is unfavourable to budget reflecting increased costs to deliver the 3 water programme and timing of previous years capital projects carried forward to this financial year. Net cashflow from financing activities reflects \$2m of new debt for continued Featherston wastewater consent and the Martinborough manganese reduction plant.

## Update on Key Issues from the Long Term Plan

The following comments report back on progress during the past year with the key issues that were identified in the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) which was adopted in June 2018.

Activity	Key Issue	Progress
Land Transport	Roading in the district is vital, not only for car traffic which is the predominant means of transport for most residents and visitors, but also commercial traffic which is essential to service major industrial enterprises, particularly farming, horticulture and the wine industry.	The roading programme was completed as planned. This programme is agreed with NZTA and is subject to significant oversight. NZTA need to be assured that their contribution is being well spent. The reseals programme is managed to ensure that only those sections of road that require sealing are sealed. This targeted approach is the most efficient method of ensuring the network is maintained to the highest standard affordable. A significant amount of work was carried out on the Cape Palliser "Special Purpose Road". As this section of our network abuts the sea, it is important to carry out as much preventative maintenance as possible.
Wastewater	Council continues to work towards alternative wastewater disposal systems such as discharge to land for the wastewater systems in the three towns. Discharges need to meet GWRC's discharge standards.	Cleaning up the district's waterways continues to be a Council priority, with the upgrade of wastewater treatment in all three towns being one of Council's largest projects. So far, 35-year consents have been granted for wastewater irrigation to land in both Greytown and Martinborough. During the financial year, Council continued to work towards obtaining a similar consent for the Featherston wastewater scheme. Due to the considerable feedback received against the proposal, Council undertook community engagement the better understand the concerns and new investigations to better understand the potential impact on the environment.
		At a meeting in March, Council reviewed the options for moving forward with the project and decided to withdraw the current application, to have a rethink based on modern technology and climate change mitigation, with the aim of designing and building a future-proofed wastewater disposal solution for the town.

#### Amenities

Waihinga Centre Playground



Installation of a new playground have been completed.

## Significant Acquisitions or Replacements of Assets

The following comments cover significant acquisitions or replacements of assets.

Project		Comment	2019/20 Budget \$'000	2019/20 Actual \$'000	2018/19 Actual \$'000
Wastewater	Alternative disposal to land	Local Authorities are required to manage the treatment and disposal of wastewater to ensure the conditions of the resource consents are met.	\$504	\$516	\$704
		Council conducted a series of consultative working groups in each town, where it was identified that discharge to land should be investigated. 35 year consents have been obtained for Martinborough and Greytown.			
		During the financial year, Council continued to work towards obtaining a similar consent for the Featherston wastewater scheme. Due to the considerable feedback received against the proposal, Council undertook community engagement the better understand the concerns and new investigations to better understand the potential impact on the environment.			
		At a meeting in March, Council reviewed the options for moving forward with the project and decided to withdraw the current application, to have a rethink based on modern technology and climate change mitigation, with the aim of designing and building a future-proofed wastewater disposal solution for the town.			
Water Supply	Martinborough Manganese Reduction Plant	Installation of a manganese reduction plant is almost complete. Work continues to install telemetry equipment. The project is on track to be fully functional in time for summer 2020/21.	\$2,000	\$2,213	\$0
Land Transport		Land transport capital expenditure includes road resealing, seal extensions, footpaths and other rehabilitations and renewals. Most of the land transport capital expenditure attracts a subsidy from NZTA. The total subsidy received to fund this Capital expenditure was\$1,215K for this financial year.	\$2,380	\$2,005	\$2,134

## **Opportunities for Māori to Contribute**

South Wairarapa District Council's main Māori consultative group is the Māori Standing Committee. The role of this Council funded committee is to:

- Advise on tangata whenua and Māori interests in the Council's major areas of activity.
- Establish a method of consultation, which involves tangata whenua, on all matters relating to the district's resources, and involving the district's planning processes.
- Advise on consultation processes with Māori in the district and assist in the development of consultation networks throughout the district.
- Promote the development of processes within Council, which develop policy, processes and guidelines, based on the Treaty of Waitangi principles of participation, partnership and active protection.

Māori input has been sought on the current wastewater project, particularly on the impact of discharges to the Papawai stream.

Public participation at Council and community board meetings is another forum whereby Māori can have input into matters Council is considering.

## **Summary Statement of Service Performance**

We measure our non-financial performance each year using a set of indicators that are set out in the Long Term Plan (LTP). The results present a high level view of our non-financial performance.

We have a total of 102 non-financial measures that we report on through the Annual Report. Full details of all performance indicator targets and actual results can be found in the relevant section of the full Annual Report for the 2020 financial year.

The non-financial measures include a number of ratepayer satisfaction measures. Council does not undertake a survey every year and did not do so in 2019-20. A ratepayer survey will be carried out in 2021 to inform the 2021-31 Long Term Plan and the 2020-21 Annual Report.

Along with these ratepayer responses, we set targets for how quickly we will respond to ratepayer requests for service such as fixing a wastewater blockage or attending to a flooding incident. Some of the measures could be considered to be 'stretch targets' which have intentionally been set at a high level. Others require some assistance from ratepayers to achieve, e.g. a target to reduce the average water consumption per day per resident or a goal to reduce the volume of waste going to landfill.

These performance indicators cover all areas of Council's work. Those targets we did not manage to achieve in the 2020 year give us an opportunity for renewed focus and improvement in the coming year.

## **Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) Performance Measures**

Below is a summary of the results of the DIA performance measures for the year.

WATER SUPPLY	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	2018/19 ACTUAL	2019/20	2019/20 ACTUAL
WATER SUPPLY		2010/19 ACTUAL	TARGET	2019/20 ACTUAL
Potable water demand	The average consumption of drinking water per day per resident within the territorial authority.	487 Lt	<400Lt	558 Lt
The Council provides reliable and safe drinking water supplies	Compliance with resource consent conditions/water permit conditions to "mainly complying" or better	100%	100%	100%
The water provided is safe to drink	Water supply systems comply with Ministry of Health Bacteriological Drinking Water Standards guidelines 2008*	MBA: No GTN: No FTN: No	MBA: Yes GTN: Yes FTN: Yes	MBA: No GTN: No FTN: No
	Water supply systems comply with Ministry of Health Protozoal Drinking Water Standards guidelines 2008	MBA: No GTN: No FTN: No	MBA: Yes GTN: Yes FTN: Yes	MBA: No GTN: No FTN: No
There is adequate water for urban fire fighting	Fire hydrants tested annually that meet NZ Fire Service Code of Practice	28%	20%	20%
Maintenance of the reticulation network	The % of real water loss from the local authority's networked reticulation system identified by establishing and measuring night flow.	MBA: 13% GTN: 39% FTN: 9%	<30%	55%
Fault response times where the local authority attends a call-out in response to a fault or unplanned interruption to its networked reticulation system,	Attendance for urgent call-outs: from the time that the local authority receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site in < 1 hour	77% Median time 0.25 hrs	80%	78% Median time 1.28 hrs
the following median response times measured	Resolution of urgent call-outs: from the time that the local authority receives notification to the time that service personnel confirm resolution of the fault or interruption in < 8 hours	88% Median time 1.6 hrs	90%	70% Median time 12.47 hrs
	Attendance for non-urgent call-outs: from the time that the local authority receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site in < 2 working days	71% Median time 0.91 days	80%	49% Median time 0.97 days
	Resolution of non-urgent call-outs: from the time that the local authority receives notification to the time that service personnel confirm in < 5 working days	87% Median time 1.54 days	90%	66% Median time 2.49 days
WASTEWATER	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	2018/19 ACTUAL	2019/20 TARGET	2019/20 Actual
Council provides wastewater services that effectively collect and dispose of waste water	Number of blockages per 1000 connections	10.69	<10	10.68
	Ratepayers and residents satisfaction with wastewater services	57%	57%	No result
	Number of dry weather wastewater overflows per 1000 connections	0	<10	2.14
	Attendance time: from notification to arrival on site < 1 hour	40% Median time: 1.07 hrs	75%	44% Median time 0.83 hrs
	Resolution time: from notification to resolution of fault < 4 hours	38% Median time: 10.3 hrs	80%	89% Median time 55.97 hrs
Wastewater disposal does not create any smells, spill or health	% of resource consent conditions complied with to mainly complying or better*	97%	90%	100%
issues and causes minimal				

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impact on the natural environment	No. of infringement notices	0	0	0
	No. of enforcement notices	0	0	0
	No. of convictions	0	0	0
	No. of complaints per 1000 connections received about wastewater odour	0.95 (4)	< 15	0.72 (3)
	No. of complaints per 1000 connections received about wastewater system faults	2.38 (10)	< 15	0.24 (1)
	No. of complaints per 1000 connections received about wastewater system blockages	6.65 (28)	< 15	10.68 (45)
	No. of complaints per 1000 connections received about the response to issues with wastewater	0 (0)	< 15	0
	Proportion of urgent wastewater service requests responded to within 6 hours of notification	69% (31/45)	95%	72%
STORMWATER	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Target	2019/20 Actual
Stormwater drains are well operated and maintained by the	% of urgent (any blockage causing extensive flooding of buildings or other serious flooding) requests for service responded to within 5 hours	100%	95%	100%
Council	No. of flooding events	0	0	0
	No. of habitable floors affected per flooding event per 1000 properties connected	0	0	0
Consent Compliance	No. of abatements notices	0	0	0
	No. of infringement notices	0	0	0
	No. of enforcement notices	0	0	0
	No. of convictions	0	0	0
	Median Response time to flooding events(Notification to personnel reaching site in hrs)	0	3	0
	No. of complaints about stormwater per 1000 properties connected	0	0	No result
LAND TRANSPORT		2018/10	2019/20	2019/20
LAND TRANSPORT	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	2018/19 Actual	TARGET	Actual
The roads are maintained to ensure that they are safe and comfortable to travel on	Using the RAMM measurement system, average smooth travel exposure on urban roads to be 85% and rural roads 95% with maximum variation of 5%	97%	95%	94% urban 99% rural
	The change in the number of fatalities and serious injury crashes on the local road network	Increased by 2	<7	Reduced by 3
	5% of sealed roads are resealed each year subject to availability of NZTA subsidy	92%	100%	77.6%
	The pavement condition index as measured by the NZTA pavement integrity index	97.8%	95%	97.8%
	The % of customer service requests relating to roads and footpaths responded to within 48 hours	91%	85%	96%

## **Disclosure Note for Performance Measures**

WWL are contracted to provision and manage SWDC three waters networks, being Water Supply (drinking water), Wastewater (sewerage), and Stormwater.

Non-financial performance measures are audited on an annual basis. These include a number of compulsory measures set by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). AuditNZ were unable to verify some of these measures to their satisfaction resulting in a modified audit opinion. Please refer to the full Annual Report page 127 for further explanation.

## Projects for 2019/20

## Governance, Leadership and Advocacy

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Governance/Leadership/Advocacy.

Project		Progress
Governance	Allocate funding to Māori Standing Committee to enable them to fund activities in a similar way to Community Boards.	Funding was allocated.
Governance	The Crown and Rangitāne o Wairarapa Tamaki nui-ā- Rua signed a Deed of Settlement in August 2016 and settlement legislation was enacted in October 2017.	The Council continues to prepare for transition as the settlement process continues.
T	The Crown and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua signed an Agreement in Principle in May 2016 and initialled a deed of settlement in March of 2018.	
	The Ngati Kahungunu and Rangitāne o Wairarapa Tamaki nui-ā-Rua treaty settlements will require input and consideration on how SWDC works during and after the transition.	
	Decisions regarding input will include input from the Māori Standing Committee.	

### **Public Protection**

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Public Protection.

Project		Progress
Safe and Sanitary Buildings	Continue scanning existing building consent files.	The scanning of any new applications that come into Council.
Safe Food	Continue process to scan environmental services files (applications, consents, permits).	This project has not been started. However, we have been in discussions with Carterton District Council to investigate the implementation of a standardised electronic application and verification for safe food.
Dogs and Animals	Construct a new dog pound in conjunction with Carterton District Council.	Council officers have produced various reports establishing options for Council to consider. A report was commissioned, and three options identified. These were a stand-alone pound in South Wairarapa, a joint venture with Carterton District Council and a contract for service agreement between all three Wairarapa councils. Initial costings have been scoped and discussions are continuing with officers and Councils.

## **Economic, Cultural and Community Development**

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Economic, Cultural and Community Development Projects.

Project		Progress
Community Development	Continue work to promote and enhance the district.	Council continue to roll-out the new logo on all signage. The website project is continuing and is expected to be completed early 2021.
Water Project	Contribute financially to the Wairarapa Water project.	Funds were allocated in the 2019/20 financial year to continue to support this project.
Economic Development	Continue work on Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy	The Wairarapa wide strategy was prepared in conjunction with MDC, CDC, and WREDA and launched in December 2018. Council continues to work towards implementing the strategy.
Community Development	Continue grant funding specifically targeted at the district's youth.	Council continues to support youth training, development and recreational activities via annual grant funding of \$75,000. Council awarded \$68,000 toward youth initiatives in 2019-20.

## **Resource Management**

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Resource Management Projects.

Project		Progress
Resource Management	Intended changes to the Resource Management Act by Government will impact significantly on future planning activity and service delivery. While these changes are not quantifiable at this time, within the life of this LTP an allowance will need to be made for any new requirements imposed upon Council by Government.	Changes that came into effect from RMA amendments have been reflected in our resource consent processes and application forms.
District Plan	In addition State of Environment (SoE) and Plan Effectiveness Monitoring (PEM) will require establishment funding to enable necessary data to be acquired and reported. The review of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan (WCDP) will also involve substantial commitments of time and resources to carry out work.	Plan Effectiveness Monitoring will be undertaken as part of review work for the Wairarapa Combined District Plan.
Spatial Plan	Continue work on the Spatial Plan.	A Spatial Plan Discussion Document was produced in July 2019 and Council is currently carrying out initial community engagement to get feedback on the discussion document. This feedback will help shape the content of the Draft version and resultant SW Spatial Plan. The COVID Pandemic has impacted timing and planning. The approach is now for alignment between the Spatial Plan and LTP outcomes and engagement.
Financial Contributions	Implement development contributions to replace existing financial contributions.	Work has commenced on this and will continue in the 2019/20 year. Extent of further work on this will depend on the outcome of the Development Contributions Bill, and further decisions by Council to use development contributions.

## Amenities

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Amenities Projects.

Project		Progress
Library and Buildings	Complete development of Waihinga Centre.	The Waihinga Centre including the playground has been completed.
Swimming Pool	Complete pool upgrades.	Shade covers have been installed on all pools, Featherston pipe work upgrade has been completed including new solar heating pool covers. Greytown stand is currently being upgraded.
Swimming Pool	Increase swimming pool hours	As a result of consultation, Council agreed to a two year pilot increasing swimming pool hours for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons.
Public Toilets	Continue to provide additional infrastructure for visitors in the district.	Two extra coastal toilets have been installed at White Rock and North Tora. A water fountain had been installed in Featherston and Martinborough playground with another to be installed on the Martinborough square for major events.
Library and Buildings	Reduce library fees.	As a result of consultation, Council agreed to a no fees policy for all libraries.
Community Buildings	Upgrade electrical system at ANZAC Hall.	This work has been completed.
Parks and Reserves	Improvements at Featherston and Greytown playgrounds.	Improvements to Featherston playground began September 2020. Improvements to Greytown are not required.
Community Buildings	Work with the ANZAC Club and other funders to implement the development plan for the ANZAC Hall.	This work is under action.
Parks and Reserves	Investigate options to provide recycling bins alongside rubbish bins.	Estimates of the cost of providing recycling bins alongside rubbish bins has been undertaken. There is a substantial cost and the project will be considered in the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan.

#### Sports Facility

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Contribute to the feasibility study for a sports hub proposed by Kuranui College Board of Trustees, Greytown Trustlands Trust and Greytown Sports and Leisure. Council agreed to support Kuranui College gymnasium. A management contract for the facility will be negotiated with the school and Ministry of Education.

Council decided to commission a district wide review of green spaces to inform future developments.

## Land Transport (Roading and Footpaths)

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Land Transport Projects.

Project		Progress
Joint Roading Contract	Establish a joint roading shared service model with Carterton District Council	Ruamahunga Roads, a joint shared roading contract with Carterton District Council has been setup and imbedded.
Pavements (Roads)	Complete an annual reseals programme and re-metaling programme.	Works completed in C1241-01/2019 Ruamahanga Roads network maintenance 2019/2024.
Structures	Develop bridges works programme for 2020/21	Contract C1242 Tora Farm Settlement Rd bridge and Mangaterere Valley Road Bridge major maintenance works was let and completed.
Footpaths	Renew and extend footpaths as per programme.	Works completed in C1241-01/2019 Ruamahanga Roads network maintenance 2019/2024. Target not achieved due to COVID-19 lockdown.
Footpaths	Increase footpath maintenance as a result of consultation with ratepayers, using the infrastructure reserve to fund the additional expenditure.	An additional \$375k was allocated to footpath maintenance. A programme of work is continuing however not all budget was spent due to COVID-19 restrictions.
Pavements (Roads)	Complete approximately 1km seal extensions.	Works completed in C1241-01/2019 Ruamahanga Roads network maintenance 2019/2024. Lake Ferry Road 0.42km White Rock Road 0.36 km
Cycling	Implement a cycle strategy.	Delayed due to regional trail development being introduced.

## Water Supply

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Water Supply projects.

Project		Progress
Water Supply	Ultra-violet treatment plant installation at Memorial Park, Greytown).	Installed in a temporary arrangement prior to completion of permanent works in 2020/21.
Water Supply	Implement additional bore to supply Featherston and Greytown.	In progress. First bore site was dry, however alternative site successful. Headworks to be completed before the end of 2020.
Water Supply	Increase storage at Featherston- Greytown WTP to enable 2 days water supply in case of break.	Work has been delayed due for the requirement for further investigations and COVID-19. This is expected to be completed 2020/21 financial year.
Water Supply	Removal of manganese from Martinborough water supply.	A manganese reduction plant is being installed in Martinborough. This project is almost complete with new telemetry being installed. Project will be complete and plant fully operational November 2020.
Water Supply	Implement any changes required by new drinking water legislation.	Work continues to ensure compliance with current and new standards and requirements.
Reduce Water Loss	Implement leak detection and pipe replacements and renewals to reduce water loss from our water supply system.	Leak survey carried out along SH2 through Featherston in May 2020. A plan has put in place to survey the entire district in 20/21.
Water Conservation	Implement programme to promote water conservation.	Engagement started to coincide with Martinborough manganese removal plant project ahead of summer peak demand period.

## Solid Waste Management

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Solid Waste Management projects.

Waste	Mark at a regional and sub	
Management	Work at a regional and sub- regional level towards the	Plan as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
	outcome of the waste management and minimisation	On-going work with Wairarapa councils with the Environment and Sustainability Advisor and regional waste planning.
	Provide at least two hard waste collections per year	Hard waste collection has been withdrawn due to health and safety issues.
Collections	waste collections per year	and safety issues.

<b>Transfer Station</b>	Upgrade transfer stations in	Minor work was completed this year, new netting at
<b>_</b>	accordance with resource	Martinborough has been installed but further work is
Ш	consent.	planned in conjunction with the implementation of the resource consent.

## Wastewater (Sewerage)

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for wastewater projects.

Project	-	Progress
Wastewater	Continue inflow and infiltration investigations and targeted renewals.	Plan as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. On-going work with Wairarapa councils with the Environment and Sustainability Advisor and regional waste planning.
Wastewater	Progress consent application lodged March 2017 for Featherston wastewater implementation, including notifying the consent and public consultation followed by the consent hearing.	The 2017 consent application has been withdrawn and Wellington Water has commenced a process to develop an option for the disposal of treated waste water from Featherston WWTP.
Wastewater	Upgrade the wastewater network as needed to facilitate future development.	Papawai Road project has been delayed with work due to commence mid 2021.

Wastewater	Continue to develop wastewater treatment systems to meet the requirements of the new resource consents including irrigation to land in all three towns.	A programme of continual improvement of treatment plants is in place.
Wastewater	Increase the capacity of the main to Greytown wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).	This project was delayed for redesign and will be retendered for completion in 2019/2020.
Installations	Install new gravity main in Featherston.	1800m of gravity main replaced in Featherston, with an early indication of reduction of infiltration in excess of 30%.

## **Stormwater Drainage**

The following table provides an update on projects undertaken for the 2019/20 year for Stormwater Drainage projects.

Project		Progress
Stormwater	Continue renewal and upgrading of stormwater drains.	A planned stormwater drain was due to be upgraded in conjunction with a building extension. Delays for this building extension have meant this work is now planned for 2019/20.