



WELCOME TO **NAU MAI,
HAERE MAI**
**SOUTH
WAIRARAPA**

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WELCOME TO THE

SOUTH WAIRARAPA

Welcome to our beautiful district.

It is wonderful that you have decided to be part of our community. To help you settle in we have prepared this guide for you. Inside you will find helpful information and where to find out more online.



CONTACT US

In person at any of our three town libraries or at our office at
19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough
Find us online at swdc.govt.nz
Phone **06 306 9611**



THE BEST OF COUNTRY LIVING

South Wairarapa District Council is often referred to by locals as SWDC.

At council, we are proud to serve and support this fabulous part of New Zealand, where the mountains meet the sea. South Wairarapa encompasses the three main towns of Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough, alongside several small rural communities, each with their own charm.

SWDC is made up of the Mayor, plus nine councillors. These people are responsible for the governance and setting policy for the council. There are three wards in the South Wairarapa district, with three councillors elected from each ward. 2025 will see the introduction of our first and much supported Māori Ward, with one councillor elected to represent South Wairarapa. Although the councillors are elected from a particular ward, they must consider the impact on the whole district when making decisions.

We also have Community Boards who represent, and act as advocates for, the interests of the community within each of their town's ward boundaries Featherston, Martinborough and Greytown.

In 1996, SWDC established a Māori Standing Committee who advocate for the interests of their communities, their marae and places of significance to Māori.



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Our customer service staff love being here.

If it is not a council function you contact them about, they can usually point you in the right direction.



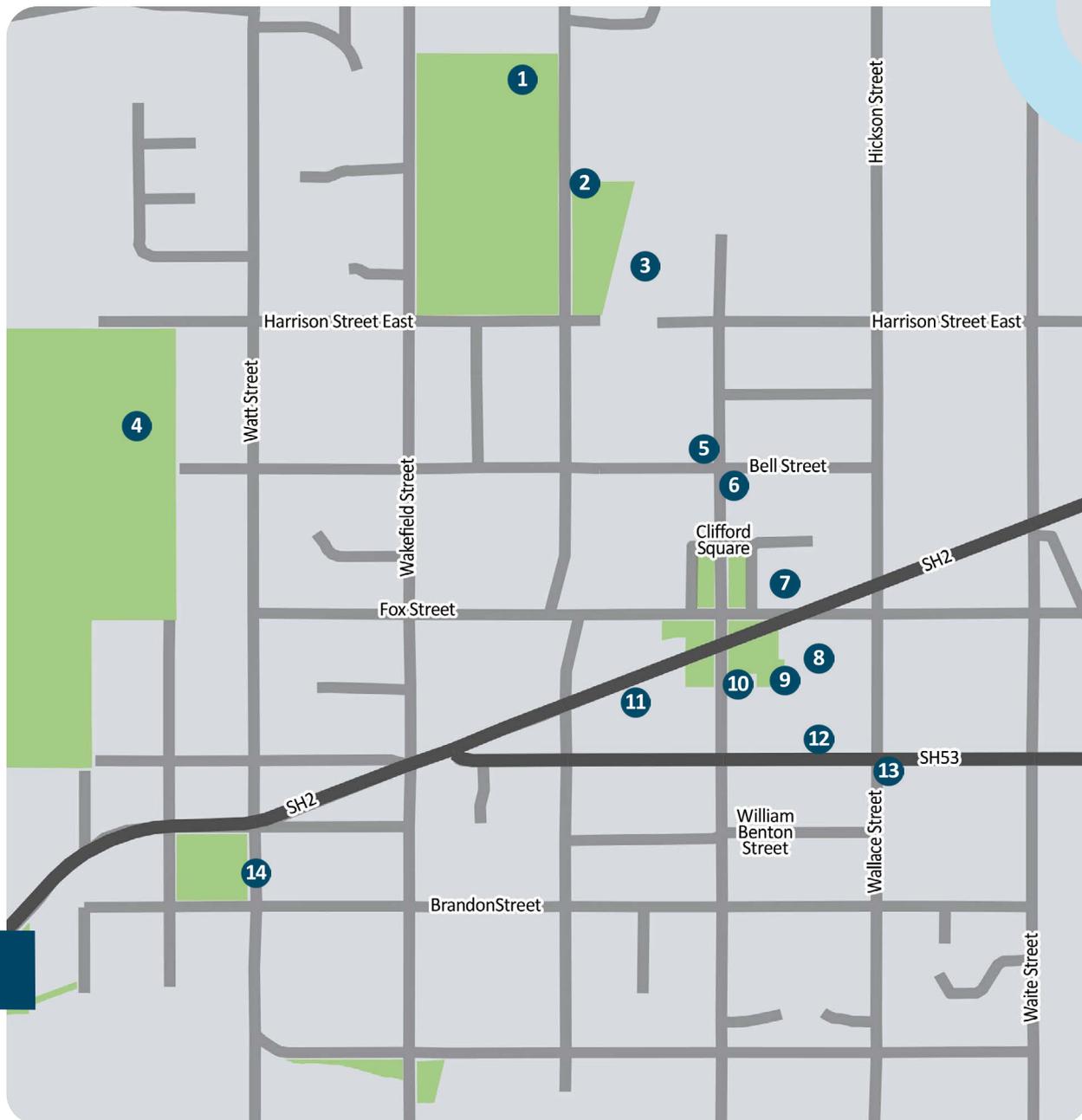
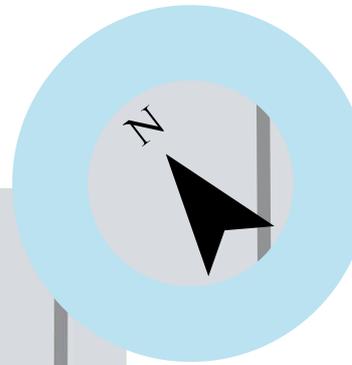
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OUR DISTRICT



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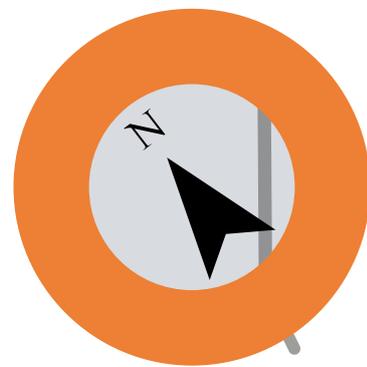
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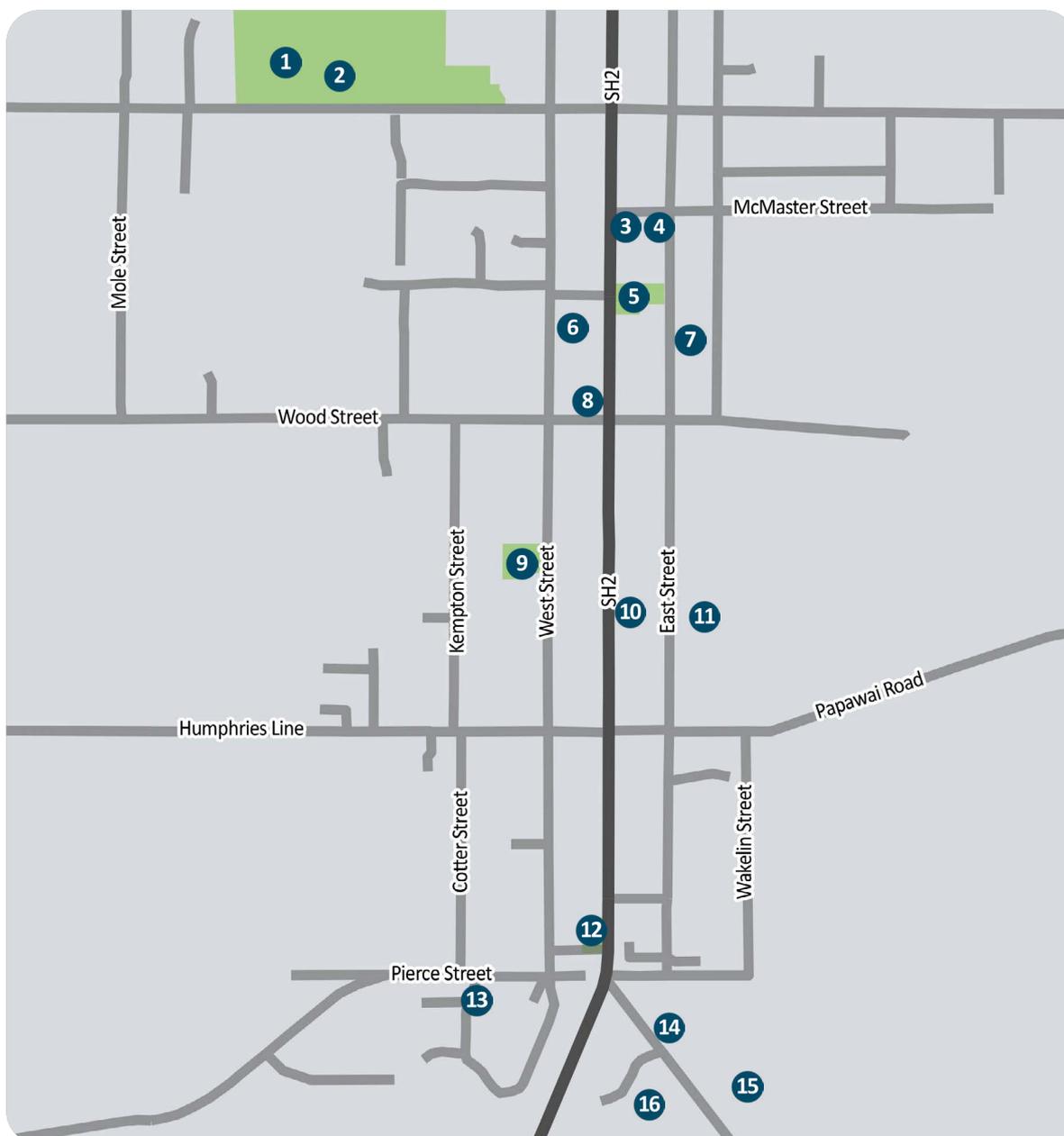
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- 2 Swimming pool
- 3 Dog park
- 4 Featherston Domain
- 5 St Teresa's school
- 6 Emergency Hub
- 7 Joy Cowely Children's Playground

- 8 Library
- 9 Fell Locomotive Museum & Featherston Heritage Museum
- 10 Cherry Tree park
- 11 Supermarket
- 12 Featherston school
- 13 Bike park
- 14 Dorset Square

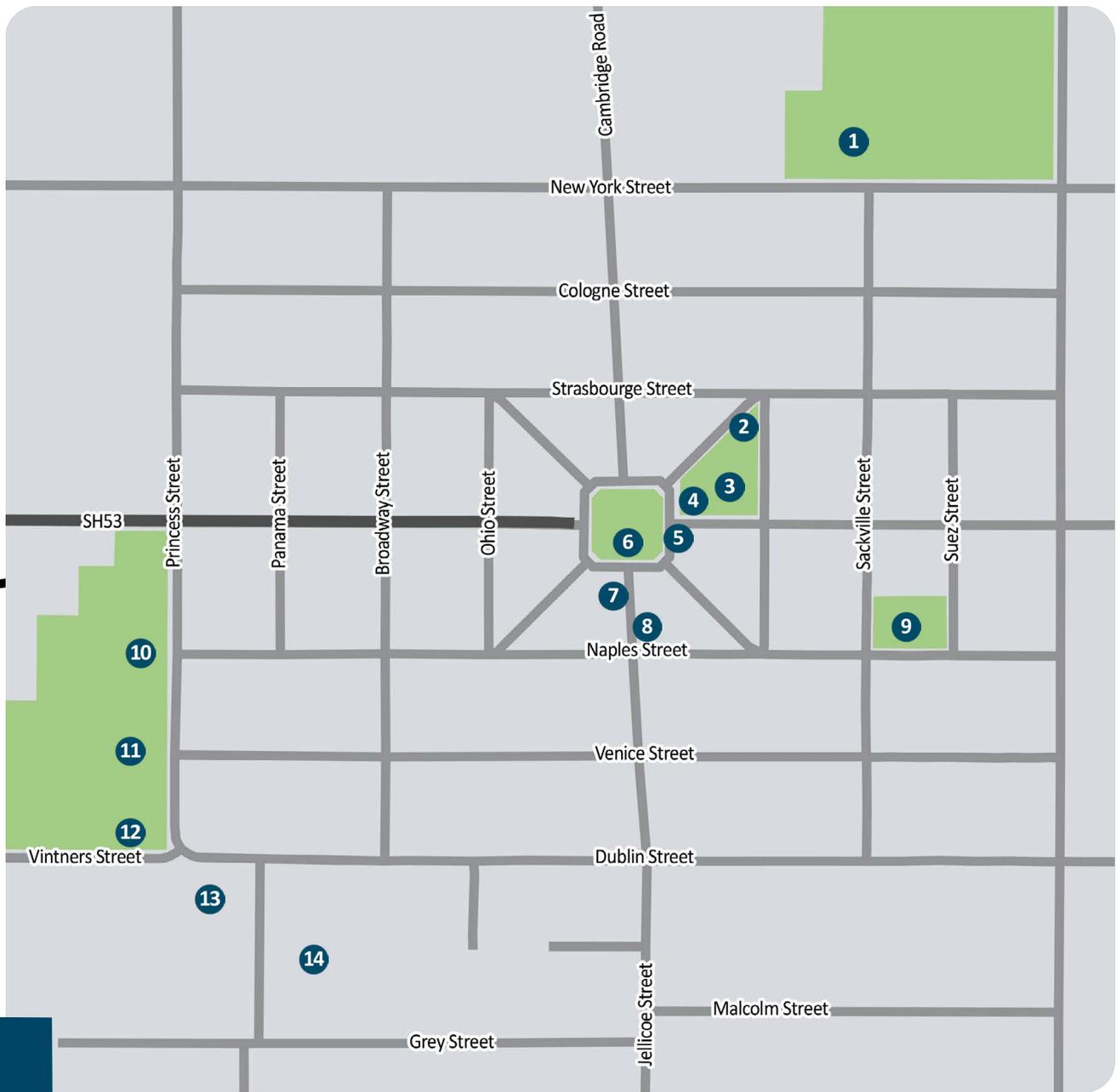
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| 1 Soldiers Memorial Park | 9 Collier Reserve |
| 2 Swimming pool | 10 Cobblestones Museum |
| 3 Emergency Hub | 11 Rugby club |
| 4 Library & Town hall | 12 Arbor Reserve |
| 5 Stella Bull Park & Sarah's Garden | 13 Dog park |
| 6 Supermarket | 14 Kuranui College |
| 7 Greytown school | 15 Kuranui sports grounds |
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MARTINBOROUGH



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| 1 | Coronation Park | 8 | Supermarket |
| 2 | Waihenga Playground | 9 | Huangarua Park |
| 3 | Library and isite | 10 | Centennial & Considine Park |
| 4 | Emergency Hub | 11 | Bike track |
| 5 | Martinborough Museum | 12 | Swimming pool |
| 6 | Memorial Square | 13 | Waihenga Cemetery |
| 7 | Supermarket | 14 | Martinborough school |

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

THE TREATY OF WAITANGI



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**ARE YOU NEW TO AOTEAROA
NEW ZEALAND? IT IS IMPORTANT
TO KNOW ABOUT OUR FOUNDING
DOCUMENT.**



For more information
visit teara.govt.nz

Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) was a written agreement made in 1840 between the British Crown and more than 500 Māori Rangatira (chiefs). Aotearoa New Zealand became a colony of Britain, and Māori were afforded the same fundamental protections and privileges as British subjects.

Drafted in English by Captain William Hobson just after his arrival to New Zealand in 1840. It was then translated into Teo Māori overnight, presented and signed by 500 Rangatira (chiefs) at Waitangi on 6th February 1840.

After the signing at Waitangi, te Tiriti was taken to places in Northland to obtain additional Māori signatures. Copies were also sent around the rest of the country for signing. By the end of that year, over 500 Māori had signed te Tiriti. Of those 500, 13 were women. A sheet bearing the English text was signed only at Waikato Heads and at Manukau by 39 rangatira. The origins of the treaty, and the process by which it was signed at various locations throughout New Zealand, have been the source of considerable historical debate.¹

In 1940 the country celebrated 100 years since the signing of Te Tiriti. The occasion was intended as a demonstration of national pride and unity, but Māori were less enthusiastic as Te Tiriti had not been honoured.

After the Second World War ended in 1945 there were commemorations at Waitangi on 6th February each year, and public awareness of Te Tiriti o Waitangi grew.

MARAE

MĀORI MEETING GROUND

- + Hau Ariki Marae **131 Regent Street, Martinborough**
- + Kohunui Marae **2417 Lake Ferry Road, Pirinoa**
- + Papawai Marae **Pā Road, Greytown**

OUR LOCAL IWI

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
Rangitane o Wairarapa



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NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU RANGATIRA NUKU PEWAPEWA

Remembered by his 'uri' descendants as a 'peacemaker'.

The pou was designed and created by descendant Eddie Riwai and faces Nuku Pewapewa toward Wairarapa Moana.

The pou also marks the start of the Tauwharenīkau walking/cycling trail from Paetūmōkai - Featherston to Woodside, Greytown.

¹ waitangitribunal.govt.nz/en/about/the-treaty/about-the-treaty

WORK HERE

If you're new to the area and want to find employment, you can look online at trademe.co.nz or seek.co.nz

For youth aged between 16 - 25 years, you can register with the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs team youth2work.nz

If you have your own business or want to start your own business, you may be interested in joining Business Wairarapa wairarapachamber.co.nz

It is recommended you build up your local network by meeting as many people as possible.

South Wairarapa has many small businesses and employers. Some jobs are not formally advertised, so don't be afraid to ask around or enquire through a local Facebook group.

Many people living in South Wairarapa commute to Masterton, Wellington or the Hutt Valley for work; either by catching the train, car-pooling or using their own vehicle.

If you're struggling to find work, you may be eligible for financial assistance through Work and Income at workandincome.govt.nz



Find out more about businesses in the district:

Featherston

featherstoninfo.nz

Greytown

greytownvillage.com

Martinborough

martinboroughwinevillage.nz



GET INVOLVED

Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, meet people and learn new skills.

When people move from one place to another, they want to make new friends, which can be hard to know where to start. We encourage you to get out into the community and chat with our friendly locals.

Great places to meet people are at local events, community groups, sports clubs, schools, churches and playgroups. Also, visit your local café and chat to your neighbours.

These places often have opportunities available or will know of other community groups seeking volunteer support:

- Churches
- Community centre
- Foodbanks
- Lion's clubs
- Marae
- Op shops and resource centres
- Schools
- South Wairarapa Rotary
- Sports clubs

To find out what community groups are in your area, check out the local news publications

Featherston Phoenix

phoenixnews.nz

Greytown Grapevine

anyflip.com/homepage/awkpg

Martinborough Star

martinboroughstar.co.nz

Wairarapa's own radio station - Arrow FM 92.7

THINGS TO DO



There are many activities and events happening regularly in South Wairarapa.

A great place to look is our local community news publications, these will tell you what events are happening in your area each month.

For some of our must-see experiences check out wairarapanz.com

FAMILY LIFE

PLAYGROUPS AND YOUTH SPACES

There are many community playgroups and youth spaces run across the district. Most are informal and very keen to welcome newcomers. To find out more about groups in your area, ask the other parents you meet, visit the libraries, churches, Community Centre, Heartland Services or contact REAP Wairarapa.



Photo credit: Geoff Walker

KINDERGARTENS AND PRESCHOOLS

Featherston, Martinborough and Greytown each have a range of kindergarten, pre-school and daycare facilities.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In the South Wairarapa our primary schools are integrated, which means both primary and intermediate age children learn at the same school.

There is a wide range of both rural and urban schools. There is a school to suit all children.

HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The only high school based in the South Wairarapa is Kuranui College in Greytown.

Buses to Kuranui College are usually free. You can still live in the South Wairarapa and apply to attend schools outside of the area (zone) if you wish.

If you chose to attend a school out of your zone transport fees are likely to apply, contact your chosen school for details.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Most primary schools in the South Wairarapa either run their own after school care programme or access one at a nearby school. Check with your chosen school about how after school care is run for the students who attend.

TERTIARY STUDIES

Tertiary studies can be accessed online or in person in Masterton, Lower Hutt, or Wellington, which are all an easy commute via bus, train or car. Rangatahi (youth aged between 16 and 25 years old) can register their interest in apprenticeships with the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs team visit youth2work.nz

ADULT EDUCATION

REAP Wairarapa provide various adult education opportunities throughout the Wairarapa visit reapwairarapa.nz/courses



Photo credit: South Featherston School



SAFETY OUTDOORS

Look for and follow any signage in the area you are visiting.

Check the water quality in popular locations online at lawa.org.nz

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The South Wairarapa rivers can be wonderful recreation spots, especially during the hot, dry summer months. It is important to check the area before you swim, as there can be unseen hazards in our rivers - currents, tidal surges, debris and algae.

We are also located in a valley and even when it is not raining where you are, rivers and streams can rise rapidly due to rain in the surrounding hills and mountain ranges.

OCEAN, BEACH OR SEA

Our coastline is beautiful, natural and rugged. With many wonderful coastal walks, sightseeing, surfing and fishing spots. It is important to check the weather forecast before you visit the coast as the situation can change quickly.

The South Wairarapa Coast does not have a monitored swim beach. The closest safe, lifeguard monitored, ocean swimming beaches are Riversdale in the North Wairarapa or Oriental Parade in Wellington.



For more information on keeping yourself safe around water check out watersafetynz.org/staying-safe



SAFETY TIPS

- + Always lock doors and close windows when leaving your home.
- + Always lock your car and keep valuables hidden from sight.
- + Do not share your name, address, personal details or any bank details to people you don't know, especially over the phone, email or through social media.

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COASTAL TIPS

- + Do not feed or approach the seals.
- + Rocks at the shoreline are often slippery and sharp.
- + The sea can be unpredictable. Tides, surges and rips can happen at any time.
- + Much of our coast is a tsunami hazard zone. For more information visit [wremo.nz/hazards/tsunami](https://www.wremo.nz/hazards/tsunami)

MEDICAL CARE

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 111 AND ASK FOR AN AMBULANCE

Wellington Free Ambulance provide services across the Wairarapa district.



The closest hospital is the Wairarapa Hospital in Masterton.

Online medical support can be accessed through practiceplus.nz



There are Automated External Defibrillators (AED) throughout our district. Your closest AED can be located online at aedlocations.co.nz



Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough towns each have a medical centre and pharmacy. These can be found at:

Medical centres, healthpoint.co.nz/gps-accident-urgent-medical-care/wairarapa
Pharmacies, healthpoint.co.nz/pharmacy/wairarapa

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES



Age Concern Wairarapa, phone **06 377 0066**

Need to talk, free text or phone **1737**

Pasifika o Wairarapa Trust, free phone **0800 727 924**

Rainbow Communities, fcc.nz/lgbtqia-community-information

Rural Support Trust, free phone **0800 787 254**

South Wairarapa Filipino Friends, **find on Facebook**

Wairarapa Filipino Society, **find on Facebook**

Youthline, free phone **0800 376 633**



Online mental health support can be accessed at allright.org.nz



You can seek information in person at any library or at:

Community centre, **14 Wakefield Street, Featherston**

Heartland Services, **39 Jellicoe Street, Martinborough**

EMERGENCY TIPS

EMERGENCY CALLS

Emergency service's phone number in Aotearoa New Zealand is **111**. This is always free to phone, and will connect you to fire service, police and ambulance.

For non-urgent matters phone **105**

In a disaster like a big earthquake or severe weather event, there is likely to be widespread damage to power lines, water pipes, buildings, roads, and phone networks. Emergency services will be dealing with the most urgent matters, your neighbours are your first source of support in an emergency, it's important to get to know them.

Community Emergency Hubs are marked on the town maps in this booklet, please familiarise yourself with these locations. A Community Emergency Hub is a place where you and your neighbours can go to help each other in an emergency.



For local updates, check these pages on Facebook:

Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO)
South Wairarapa District Council
Your local community Facebook pages/groups

For information on preparing yourself check out getthru.govt.nz

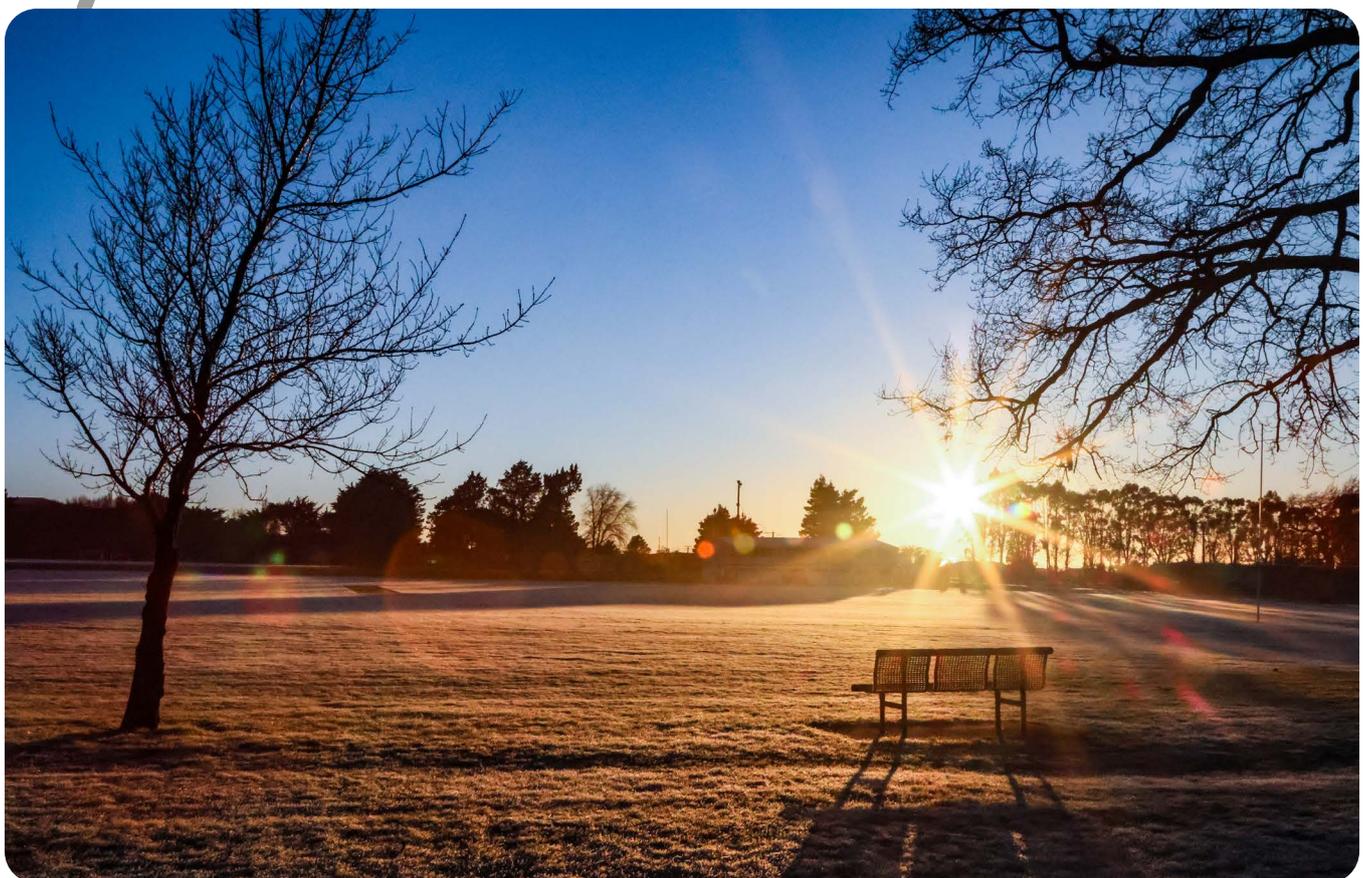


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THINGS TO KNOW



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DOG REGISTRATION

In New Zealand, every dog owner is legally required to have their pet registered and microchipped. Dogs in South Wairarapa must be registered by 31st July each year.

For more information on dogs in the South Wairarapa district, visit swdc.govt.nz/services/dogs

For any dog related issues please contact South Wairarapa District Council on **06 306 9611**

RATES

Rates are a legislated charge against property you own and are set by your district's local and regional councils. Rates are reassessed for every urban household, lifestyle unit, commercial, industrial, and rural property each year and are payable to your local council. They are charged quarterly and can be paid annually, quarterly, monthly, fortnightly, or weekly.

Contact us rates@swdc.govt.nz

STAY UP TO DATE WITH ANTENNO!

South Wairarapa District Council uses Antenno to keep our community informed.

Antenno is a location based mobile app that allows two way engagement between councils and their communities. You will receive council related alerts and notifications about topics such as water outages, roadworks, meetings, events, consultations and more, all based on the locations and topics you care about.

It can also be used to directly report issues or provide suggestions and ideas.

It's free, easy and secure – there's no need to share personal information. Just download the app, enter locations you're interested in monitoring, and keep an eye out for posts!



AM I ENTITLED TO RUBBISH COLLECTION?

There is a kerbside rubbish and recycling service for some homes, who pay for the refuse collection charge in their rates. These include

- Urban residents
- Renters (speak to your landlord)
- Some rural residents en route to the transfer station, where it's safe for the truck to stop
- Some coastal properties – Te Awaiti/Tora/White Rock

Rural ratepayers can drop recycling off at transfer stations/recycling centres for free.

If you are not paying for and receiving the service, please enquire to see if you can be added by calling **06 306 9611**

TRANSFER STATIONS/ RECYCLING CENTRES



Martinborough transfer station

Accepts refuse, recycling, green waste and e-waste

Greytown recycling station

Accepts recycling, green waste and e-waste

Featherston recycling station

Accepts recycling, green waste and e-waste

Pirinoa recycling station

Accepts recycling, green waste and e-waste



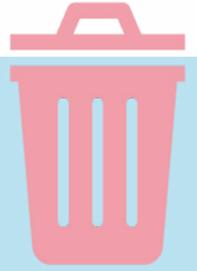
For coastal rubbish collection, transfer station hours of operation and further information, visit swdc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling



FAULTS

If you notice a problem or hazard in a public area of the South Wairarapa you can report this to SWDC by phone, email or the Antenno app.

URBAN RUBBISH COLLECTIONS



Tuesday Greytown
Wednesday Martinborough
Thursday Featherston

Please ensure your rubbish is in Council rubbish bags and on the kerb along with your recycling wheelie bin or crates, weeks alternate, by 7.30am on your collection day.



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**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau



**Welcoming
Communities**
TE WAHAROA KI NGĀ HAPORI

This guide is intended to provide helpful information on matters readers may find of interest.
For the most up-to-date information please refer to [swdc.govt.nz](https://www.swdc.govt.nz) and the other site links provided.

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