

**Chairperson and Committee Members**  
STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE

20 JULY 2017

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

## **KĀPITI COAST OLDER PERSONS' COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report provides the committee with a brief summary on the activities, projects and events organised by the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons Council.

### **DELEGATION**

- 2 The Committee has the authority to receive this report.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3 The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council formerly the Council of Elders was established in 2008 as a voice for older people living in the community on the Kāpiti Coast.
- 4 The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council is an advisory group of individuals who bring a community perspective to policy and strategies within Council and beyond.
- 5 In addition to an advisory role, the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council with support from the Council coordinates a range of community initiatives including a community forum, an expo and the Elder Person of the Year Awards.
- 6 The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council has special privileges within Council to ensure an older persons' perspective is available at every opportunity. This includes advisory groups and briefing opportunities to inform strategic plans and policy.
- 7 The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council has established itself with regular monthly meetings featuring guest speakers on relevant subjects as well as updates from all attendees that serve as important conduit for community organisations represented around the table. It also supports Age Friendly Activities which is generated through a steering group.
- 8 The Chair of the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons Council, John Hayes will be presenting an update of activities at this meeting.

### **UPDATE**

#### **Age on the Go Expo**

- 9 This is a biennial expo; the 2017 Age on the Go Expo was the 4th to be held in the district. The event was well received with more than 600 attendees, the event is an opportunity to inform and showcase activities and services for older people living in Kāpiti.

- 10 The expo, opened with a speech from Mayor K Gurnathan, comprised around 40 displays, exhibits and stalls showing what recreational, health and lifestyle opportunities there are for the district's older population.
- 11 The expo reinforced the role this event has as an important networking opportunity, especially for newcomers to the district, furthering a primary aim of the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council of fostering active ageing and to highlight what the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council is all about and encourage people to join.

### **Elder Person of the Year**

- 12 The Elder Person of the Year is an annual event established as a way of recognising and celebrating the contribution older people make to this district. The event is sponsored by community organisations and local businesses.
- 13 The award is open to residents of the Kāpiti Coast aged over 65 years.
- 14 The third Kāpiti Elder Person of the Year was held in November 2016, Valerie Freeman was announced the winner at a ceremony held at Metlifecare, Kāpiti Village, Paraparaumu.
- 15 The first two winners were Betty van Gaalen in 2014 and Trevor Daniell in 2015.

### **Age Friendly Kāpiti**

- 16 A steering group under the umbrella of the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council continues to work to establish age friendly communities in our district. The group has established the initial priority areas of Age Friendly Businesses, Housing and Health.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Policy considerations**

- 17 The Kāpiti Older Persons Council partners with Council to progress the Council's Positive Age Strategy called He Tira Kaumātua: Positive Ageing on the Kāpiti Coast.

### **Legal considerations**

- 18 There are no legal considerations as a result of this report.

### **Financial considerations**

- 19 Support for the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council is provided by the Council's Community Support Activity with approximately \$11,000 for projects and \$5,000 to support administration.

### **Tāngata whenua considerations**

- 20 As the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council is an open meeting with open membership there are no issues for consideration relating to iwi.

## **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

### Degree of significance

21 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

### Publicity

22 No publicity is required.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

23 That the Strategy and Policy Committee notes the information in this report.

24 That the Strategy and Policy Committee take this opportunity to thank the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council for their valuable and on-going work in the District.

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