



Community Services Manager's Report – July 2005

Information Centre

Special Packs

Three potential residents' and five new residents' packs were given out in May.

Twenty eight welcome packs were given to the Waimate High School for the Japanese students who are visiting in July.

2006 Waimate Calendar

Commencing work on the production of next year's Waimate calendar. Images have been purchased and quotes obtained. We plan to have the calendar available in September, allowing plenty of time for overseas posting.

Stocktake

The staff currently working through the end of financial year procedures counting all stock which consists mainly of souvenirs.

Marketing

TRENZ

At the recent TRENZ Expo in Christchurch, Waimate was included in the Central South Island presentation to approximately 100 potential overseas buyers of NZ tourism products. The interest in the region was high as many travel companies are seeking alternative attractions and travelling routes to the traditional ones.

Product Directory

The directory lists all tourism products in the Central South Island region and was completed for distribution as TRENZ. It will also be sent to Information Centres for them to use as a reference guide.

Christchurch 'i' site

Central South Island Tourism staff met with Christchurch 'i' site staff and gave a presentation on products around the region. These presentations are conducted annually as staff change regularly and it is important for them to be aware of our region.

A large board promoting all of the Canterbury regions has been set up in the Christchurch 'i' site for the last three years. It is currently being revamped with new images and text supplied by each region.

Recycling Campaign

The recycling campaign which ran from June to early July included media releases, advertising, displays, a colouring competition and the production of an information leaflet. It is anticipated that the work required in this area will be reduced to occasional media releases to encourage residents to be active in kerbside recycling.

Meetings

- 1) Opus at Keane Park Glenavy – 10 June
- 2) Pro-Ject Waimate committee meeting – 13 June
- 3) Pro-Ject Waimate special meeting at Council chambers – 28 June
- 4) Special Social Services sub group meeting – youth/community worker – 28 June
- 5) Ministry of Social Development – Community Labour Market Development Assistance Advisor Andrew Crawford – 17 June
- 6) Work & Income – Work Broker Kerry Lundy -14 June
- 7) Sport South Canterbury – Verna Parker – 24 June
- 8) Sport & Recreation plan steering group meeting – 9 June
- 9) Cultural Focus Group Meeting – 29 June

Glenavy Information Sign

An application to erect an information sign in Keane Park Glenavy has been declined. Donette met on site with Opus and was advised of a suitable placement for the sign, however when the application was considered by Transit it was declined as there is already an existing sign in the lay-by by the Waitaki River. We are working with Council's Resource Planner and investigating alternative positioning of the sign.

Focus Groups

The second of our four focus groups, the Cultural group met at the Council chambers on Wednesday 28 June, 6.00pm. Approximately 20 representatives from clubs and organizations attended.

The evening commenced with:

- Lynda Ramsay giving an explanation on the reasons of the meeting, followed by a power point presentation from the Ministry of Heritage and Culture.
- A presentation by Kevin Tiffen on heritage and geo-preservation sites.
- An update on the Sport and Recreation Plan and where culture fits into the plan.
- The people went into breakout groups to brainstorm their vision for services and resources on our library. We will collate the ideas onto a spreadsheet and identify

what ideas are feasible to initiate within the coming financial year and what cannot be achieved due to restraints as space, money etc.

A number of people told us they are concerned that four different groups are talking about the need for a small theatre. Councillor Jim Rayner offered to call a meeting with interested parties.

Minutes can be viewed in the consultation section of the council website www.waimatedc.govt.nz

Next meeting is the economic focus group meeting scheduled for 13 July 2005.

Library

Staff

After her shoulder operation, Mavis has returned to full time work. She is mindful not to do any heavy lifting and some other duties.

Tony recently sat exams for his library studies

Activities

Story time: During the school holidays the library held two story time sessions. Diane Foley took one session and Tony the other. A total of 27 children and 9 adults attended.

Holiday Competition: The library received 47 entries in the children's holiday competition.

Waihaorunga School has had one visit to the library, and St Patrick's School two visits.

Donations

The Whitehorse Lions donated \$300 for the purchase of large print books and the Rotary Club of Waimate donated \$1,000 also for large print books.

Display & Demonstrations

ANZAC display in front window 15 April – 30 April

NZ Post Book Awards – Children & Young Adults – Kidz corner 28 April – 27 May

St Andrews School – Farm Safety at Kidz corner – 30 May – 10 June

Recycling display in main area 24 June – 6 July

Carolyn Johns
Community Services Manager – 1 July 2005