



Community Services Manager's Report – November 2006

Information Centre

Potential Residents Packs

Total packs distributed for November - 4

New Residents Packs

Total packs distributed for November - 8

Promotional Packs

We have had a request from the Waimate Town & Country Club to supply 200 promotional packs for a national euchre tournament they are hosting in early 07.

New Volunteer

We welcome our newest information centre recruit – Nicky Gibson. Nicky joined the team, now four, late November and will assist during the week and in the Christmas roster.

Events

Waimate Christmas Lights Spectacular

Arrangements are in place for the 2006 competition. This competition is again sponsored by Meridian Energy. Letters of invitation were sent to last year's entrants, media coverage organized, and lights purchased for each non prize winning entrant. The entrant numbers are on par with last year – approximately 20.

Categories and prizes are:

Open (large displays)	1 st - \$300, 2 nd - \$100, 3 rd - \$50, 4 th - \$50
Window or small display	1 st - \$100, 2 nd - \$50
Peoples Choice	1 st - \$50

Formal judging of the competition will take place Saturday 16 December, and people's choice between 13 December and 18 December.

South Canterbury Busking Festival

This colourful event will be held on Sunday 5 February 2007 at Seddon Square. Stall site applications were sent with the Strawberry Fare site plans and approximately one third of expected sites have been booked. We are working with a number of performers to secure a diverse and entertaining line-up.

Christmas Banners & Lights

Christmas banners have again been erected in St Andrews, Glenavy and Waimate town, and a small number of lights in the business area of Queen Street. The silo lights were patched to enable them to be turned on this year, however due to their age and state they need to be replaced if we want to continue lighting the silos next season. The lights on Queen Street are also rather 'ragged' and are in need of replacement.

Meetings & Training

- 1) Tourism Seminar – Lake Tekapo
- 2) Pro-ject Waimate monthly meeting

Library

Space

Staff continue to work on the space problem and are taking older and less used books off the catalogue and onto the sales table. We are also considering minor re-arranging in the library to fit in more shelving.

Displays & Visits

- Pony Club 7th – 13th November
- Toastmasters 13th – 24th November
- Diabetes Group – 27th November onwards

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