
Community Services Manager's Report – April 2007



Information Centre

Potential and New Residents Packs

Total potential residents packs distributed for March - 11

Total new residents packs distributed for March - 3

Former Dawsons Window Displays

Over the summer period the windows were well utilised by local organisations running events. The current window displays are; Whitehorse Recycling, Waimate Woodcraft Expo and the Proposed Multi-Purpose Concept Plan.

New Waimate Postcard

We are currently working on the design for a new Waimate heritage postcard. At this stage we plan to use the Bushman Statue as the main image, along with smaller images of the Edwardian Heritage Group and the Waimate Museum.

Waimate 2008 Calendar

This year we have commenced work on the calendar project earlier than other years due to the Information Officer taking 3 months leave at the time she would normally be working on the project. Last year we also decided to make it available for sale a month earlier than usual so it will be on the counter early September.

We have spoken with photographers Brian High and Geoff Cloake to select images, and to Martyn Jensen who captured the Bushman Statue for the Rotary telephone book.

Waimate Tear-Off Map

Due to the rapidly decreasing number of tear-off maps left at the centre we are working on a reprint earlier than anticipated. This work would normally be carried out in the winter season however as they are a valued resource for visitors we do not wish to run out. Existing advertisers are given first opportunity to advertise, and we offer 10% discount to members. We aim to print 15,000 maps in pads of 100 and hope there is sufficient supply for two years.

Tourism Get-together

This local tourism operator get-together planned for Wednesday 28 March was cancelled due to only 7 people replying to our invitation. The function was to be held at the Information Centre followed by a visit to The Model Garage.

Upcoming Events

Car Rally – 30 June 2007

One of the organisers of this rally has spoken to the Information Centre staff regarding publicity of the event after last year's successful rally which was followed by several media including television. It is envisaged that this year there will be 1,500 competitors and crew together with Trackside and Sky TV will converge on Waimate, with the pit stop location opposite the Fire Station.

NZ Silver Fern Car Rally – 13 – 26 October 2008

Organisers visited the Information Centre advising that this national car rally will be traveling through our district, including a three hour stop off in Waimate. There will be the opportunity for local groups to fundraise by providing food. This event will also attract a large contingency of media and television so another opportunity to promote Waimate positively.

Library

Displays & Visits

Sea Week display – 5-11 March

The Waimate Girls Brigade display - 19 March-2 April

Centennial School visit – 19 March

Librarian

By the time Council meet, Mavis Pirini our head librarian for the past 16 years will be commencing her retirement. I wish to acknowledge the wonderful contribution Mavis has made to our library and I'm sure she will be missed by many of our regular library users.

The position of senior librarian is currently being advertised in newspapers and on library websites with a closing date of 27 April, so I will keep Councilors informed of progress. Presently, our pool of casual librarians are working on a roster system until an appointment is made.

Meetings Attended

Civil Defence meeting with Group Controller Bob Upton and training co-ordinator James Thompson

Annual South Island Library Managers Meeting - attended by myself

Carolyn Johns
Community Services Manager – 5 April 2007