
Community Services Manager's Report – September 2007



Information Centre

Special Packs

Total potential residents packs distributed for July - 7

Total new resident packs distributed for July – 9

Promotional packs were given to the Waimate High School for each of the visiting Japanese students.

Change of Staff

Information receptionist Janette Johnston has replaced Phillipa Anderson who worked part time for the Council for the last five years.

On Saturday 25 August we will farewell Jenny Boyce who has volunteered her services at the Information Centre mostly in the weekends since October 2003. Councillors are very welcome to attend a special morning tea for Jenny at the Information Centre.

Canterbury Regional Arts Guide

Promoting Canterbury art...Arts Canterbury Inc is a non-profit making charitable organisation and over the past three years have been working on its main project of profiling the arts and artists of Canterbury. The first stage, setting up a website, was completed last year with a hundred artists and thirty galleries currently listed (www.artscanterbury.org). Stage two is preparing a publication "Canterbury Regional Arts Guide" to be available late 2007. The guide will showcase artists from all Canterbury regions and each district will be introduced with a map showing the locations of the artists and galleries in that area, and information about the district.

I have met with members from Arts Canterbury to discuss the guide and possible artists who may wish to advertise their business.

Police Review Act

I recently met with Mayor John Coles and Councillor Matt Henderson to prepare a submission on the Police Review Act on behalf of the Waimate District Council. A copy of the submission can be found within this Information Booklet.

Advertising Waimate

AA Travel – Combo advertising in the AA regional visitor guide, AA website and the New Zealand travel guide which is placed in a number of rental cars, motor homes and campervans, such as Maui, Britz, Apollo, Kea, and Backpacker.

Christchurch Star – On 17 October Waimate will feature in the Holiday South tabloid which is distributed free to all households on the Christchurch area.

Library Feasibility Study

Brief update - Councillor Henderson and I have meet with Pat Coll, the architect who, in 2004 produced four costing options for a larger and more modern library. We are currently collating information such as office space requirements within the Local Government Centre, and community feedback from surveys.

Library

Displays & Visits

Waihao Downs School, St Patrick's School and a class from Centennial School visited the library during July.

Training

Tony Morton and Linda Halkett attended a first aid course.

Donations

The library received a grant of \$2,000 from the Win Skellerup Trust which is to be spent on popular fiction.

KIDZ Corner

Councillors who are regular visitors to the library would have noticed the upgrade of the Kidz Corner. The old brown table and chairs have been replaced by somewhat sturdier more modern and colourful models. Children and adults alike are enjoying the new bean bags and cubes.



Meetings Attended

Pro-ject Waimate – monthly meeting and additional meetings for the Quinns Arcade
Christchurch & Canterbury Tourism/District Tourism Mangers – Quarterly meeting

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