



Community Services Manager's Report – March 2008

Information Centre

Waimate Promotional Packs

- Total potential residents packs distributed for February – 3.
- Total new resident packs distributed for February – 5.

New Member

The latest tourism business to join the Information Centre membership is “My Sisters Place”. Donette and Janette visited Linda MacPherson’s renovated home in Belt Street where she operates a bed and breakfast. Further information can be found on Linda’s website www.lindamacphersonnz.com

Visitors

Staff have been kept busy with visitor enquiries at the Information Centre. At this time of the year we see a higher number of overseas visitors, particularly from Europe and the UK.

Library

New Librarian

Bronwyn Fleming is our new Library Assistant replacing Linda Halkett who continues working as a casual employee. Bronwyn was born in Waimate before moving to Christchurch. She holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Services and practicable library experience having worked in the Hutt City and Christchurch libraries.

Displays

The library hosted a display from the Woodcraft Expo promoting their event at the beginning of March. A special display highlighting the new large print books also gained positive feedback from the public.

Group Visits

Two groups visited the library in February - Waihaorunga School and a class from St Patrick’s School

Overdue Fines

Last month I reported that the library recorded the highest amount of income collected for any month, and now in February we set another record. The main contributor is the receipt of overdue fines and lost book fines as staff “chase up” some long term debt.

Carolyn Johns
Community Services Manager

Waimate Calendar Events – www.waimate.org.nz

March 2008

<i>Every Saturday Morning</i>	<i>Waimate Market</i>	Waimate Market - Saturday morning, Studholme Street, Waimate.
14-16	Wallaby Hunting Competition	South Canterbury Recreational Sportsman Clubs presents the Annual Wallaby Hunting Competition.
15	Centennial School Fair	Centennial School, 4pm—7 pm.
15	Playcentre Garage Sale	Waimate Playcentre, 9am—12 noon.
15	Old Time Dance	Willowbridge Hall 8pm. Live Band \$5.00 and bring a plate.
15	Monster Dahlia Show	Knox Church Hall, 1.30pm – 4.30 pm.
20	Waimate Playcentre Open Day	Waimate Playcentre, 9am – 12.00 noon.
29	Market Day—Sales & Demonstrations	St Patrick's Hall, 10-4pm. Demonstrations and sales of arts and crafts. Devonshire teas available.
29	Mad March Garage Sale	St Augustine's Parish Centre, 9am.
29	Knottingley Park Relay	Knottingley Park, Toc-H Harrier Club Knottingley Park Relay. Walkers, joggers, running teams of up to 5. Men, women and mixed.

APRIL

<i>Every Saturday Morning</i>	<i>Waimate Market</i>	Waimate Market - Saturday morning 9—12 noon.
4-13	Art Society Annual Exhibition	Cnr High & Shearman Streets. \$2 entry.
5	Picnic Over The Vines	Point Bush Estate, Te Kiteroa. 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Local musicians to entertain. Tickets \$20 each available from the Information Centre
12-13	Highland Dancing Festival	Waimate Competition Society Highland Dancing Festival, Regent Theatre. 8.30 – 5.30 pm.