



Parks Superintendent's Report - February 2005

The annual bedding display is finally, at the end of January at its best. The weather has caused a four week delay in flowering.

The pricking out of polyanthus for the winter annual display as well as the sowing of other winter seed varieties has started.

Maintenance work has been the main activity, on-going time spent weeding, mowing lawns. The weather has caused delays in weed spraying around pathways etc. Dead-heading and spraying of roses has finally been caught up with.

The main show-house has been very colourful, with tuberous begonias and fuchsia hanging baskets flowing at their best.

The main hedge around the park has been cut, along with small hedges and shrubs inside the park.

Knottingley Park

Topping large open areas within Knottingley Park has been started, wet weather has caused 3-4 weeks delay, but we hope to have it completed by mid February.

Camping is down compared with last year, this will be due to the wet weather.

Victoria Park Motor Camp and Cabins

Christmas/New Year has been very busy, with the cabins booked out most of this period. The number of caravans and tents is up on last year, the weather shortening only some campers holidays.

Waitaki Lakes

All the grass areas within the camps were topped in readiness for camping over the Christmas/New Year season. There was a large number of campers over this period but their holidays were cut short with the wet weather paying a major part.

Collection of camp fees compared to last year is slightly down.

Swimming Pool

Due to the inclement weather conditions, the number of patrons through the door has been well down compared to last year, especially in the weekends and afternoon sessions.

The morning session between 7am to 10am is well attended.

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Parks Superintendent – 31 January 2005