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# Parks and Reserves Report – November 2005

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## Victoria Park Gardens

The spring bedding display has been admired by many visitors and locals, which has lasted very well. The removal of this display will take place mid November, after which the new display of summer annuals will be planted. The annuals will consist of mainly Geraniums, Marigolds and Begonias.



With the winter display in the main show house coming to an end, replacement plants will be introduced within the next few weeks. This will consist of Begonias, Chrysanthemums, and hanging baskets will contain Fuchsias, Petunia and Begonias.

Staff have been very busy with mowing and weeding due to the unusual weather conditions.

The roses have been sprayed for aphids and the gardens themselves have been mulched.

All the main lawns in the park have been sprayed with broadleaf weed spray.

## Victoria Park Motor Camp

During Labour weekend the camp was fully booked out due to a caravan rally with members coming from mid and south Canterbury.

Cabins were fully booked out over Labour weekend. The building of the new cabins is underway.



## Swimming Pool

Norman Kirk Memorial Pool opened on Saturday 22 October 2005 (Labour weekend). The first two days the weather was not on our side with low numbers of people swimming, but Monday the weather improved which saw close to 200 swimmers for the day.

Many schools have already booked their swimming times along with a number of social groups and clubs.

## Waitaki Lakes

Labour weekend saw many campers, bringing their caravans etc, for the weekend and leaving them for the summer period. Comments from the Camp Supervisor that the number of campers was on a par with last year.

## Knottingley Park

Staff have been busy mowing and spraying paths and around trees.

Friends of Knottingley Park have continued their good work by cleaning up dead and broken branches from under trees.



## Town Reserves

Annuals around the Local Government Centre and Queen Street have been removed in preparation for replanting. All other reserves have been weeded and sprayed.

## Rural Reserves

All rural reserves have been mown. Broom and gorse has been removed from Morven and Glenavy cemeteries and other areas have been sprayed.

## Sporting Grounds

All sporting grounds were ready for the start of most summer sporting seasons – cricket, touch rugby etc.

**G Watts**  
**Parks Superintendent**

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