



Parks and Reserves Report – August 2006

Victoria Park Gardens

Over the last few weeks work in the nursery has been very busy with Begonia and Geranium seedlings being pricked out – about 7000 seedlings altogether.

Preparation of hanging baskets for Fuchsias and Begonias for the showhouse and re-arranging plant display has been completed.

Leaves inside the main hedge around the park have been raked and composted. Canna lilies have been cut back along with a number of shrubs and trees around the park. At the end of July the roses were pruned and sprayed, plus compost was added and dug into the gardens.

Spouting on all buildings in the park have been cleaned of leaves and rubbish.

Town Reserves

Hydrangeas at the Local Government Centre office have been pruned, along with a number of other shrubs and trees.

The flowering carpet roses in the main street were trimmed in July. All town reserve turf areas have been mown for the first time this season.

Rural Reserves

Replacement flowering cherry trees were planted in the main street area of Glenavy. The Cup and Saucer area had a general tidy up with cabbage tree leaves taken off the main trunks.

Knottingley Park

In June the National Council of Women (NCW) made a donation of a picnic table to Knottingley Park. The new picnic table sits near the native area, the group also planted a Golden Totara.

Leaf collection has been the main task in the park by Council staff. Pruning of damaged trees caused by the snow storm will continue through August.

Over the last few months Friends of Knottingley Park have carried out replacement tree planting, daffodil bulbs planting and maintenance work, ie picking up fallen branches, weeding gardens, watering young trees etc. Without the Friends of the park providing help with this work the park would not look a feature as it does now.

Friends of Knottingley Park are to hold their Annual General Meeting on Friday 18 August at 2.00pm. The Friends August newsletter is attached for your information.

Waitaki Lakes

The minutes of the Waitaki Lakes Shoreline Authorities meeting held at the Waimate Local Government Centre on Wednesday 26 July 2006 are attached for your information.

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Parks Superintendent

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