
Parks Superintendent's Report – February 2007



Victoria Park

The bedding display is finally, at the end of January, at its best. The wet weather and little sun has caused a four week delay in flowering. The showhouse display is also coming to its best.

Pricking out of polyanthus for the winter bedding display as well as the sowing of other winter seed varieties has been completed.

Before the Christmas break, the main hedge around the park had its annual cut. Due to the wet weather, the exotic trees and small hedges won't be trimmed until February.

Lawn mowing has not let up this season, with lawn mowers going 5 days a week. Some areas even being mowed twice a week.

Weed spraying has been repeated with regrowth in most areas.

Victoria Motor Camp

Despite the wet weather, the camp has been popular with a good number of campers staying in the motor camp and cabins. Both ensuite cabins have been booked out before Christmas.

At the end of January, the income is up by \$5,000 compared with the same time last year.

Knottingley Park

Lawn mowing has been the main task in this area along with weed spraying, which we have just caught up with at the end of January.

Hedge cutting will not be completed until the end of February due to weather and lack of time.

Knottingley Park Camp

Camping has been very popular this season with all power sites booked out over most of the Christmas/New Year period. The income up until end January 2007 is up \$3,700 compared to the same time last year.

The main comments from campers have been; "lovely park setting; nice and quiet; good, clean facilities" some even thanked the District Council for providing a great camp and park facilities.

Attached is a letter from Friends of Kelcey's Bush Inc. asking for clarification on Freedom Camping in the Waimate District.

Waitaki Lakes

All the grass within the camp area was topped mid December in readiness for the Christmas/New Year season.

Income at the end of January is down \$10,000 compared to the same time last year.

The reason for the drop in income is campers not staying as long due to weather conditions, but this might change with better weather forecast for February, we hope!

We started recycling at the start of the main camping period, this lasted 4 days with most of the collection being mixed together. From that point on, we collected with our refuse compactor truck.

We had a number of complaints concerning recreational motorbikes being ridden at high speeds and the noise of them within the camp areas. I will bring this matter up at our next Shoreline meeting which is on 8th March 2007 in Oamaru.

Attached is a copy of the minutes from the Shoreline Authorities meeting held in November 2006 at Twizel.

Town Reserves

Like other areas, main tasks undertaken have been lawn mowing and weed spraying.

Attached is a letter from the Bushtown Committee suggesting work on the William Street reserve.

Graeme Watts
Parks Superintendent – 12 February 2007