
Parks Superintendent's Report – May 2007



Victoria Park

Planting out of the main flower gardens has been completed. The main varieties of plants planted for this season are pansies, violas and wallflower.

Dead-heading of the roses and general maintenance of the gardens has been carried out.

The main hedge around the Park has received its last cut before the winter.

Netball season has started, a general clean-up around the courts was carried out before the opening day.

The start of the leaf collection has begun, and lawn mowing season is slowing down with main areas being mowed once every two weeks.

Staff have been busy in the nursery, sowing seeds for begonias and geraniums and preparing plants for the showhouse display for the winter.

Victoria Park Motor Camp

March and April have been busy months especially Easter weekend when all cabins were booked out and most power sites taken. May will also be busy with 30+ campervans booked for 18 & 19 May.

For Queen's Birthday weekend, about 20 campervans have booked from the South and Mid Canterbury Caravan Club.

Town Reserves

Planting out of annuals in the main street plots and in front of the Local Government Centre will be completed in May.

The areas around the War Memorials had been tidied up in readiness for the Anzac Services.

Tree trimming on the avenue oaks on Queen Street has started, which will be completed at the end of May, early June.

A large, damaged Cedrus Deodara was removed from the William Street reserve plus dead and lower branches on the avenue of trees were removed.

There is other work to be completed which will be carried out in the winter months.

Waitaki Lakes

The camps and facilities closed for the season on Sunday 29th April 2007. All toilet blocks were locked and water connections shut off, many of the rubbish bins stored away

A Waitaki Lakes Shoreline Authorities Committee meeting was held in March at Otematata. The minutes of this meeting have not been circulated yet.

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Parks Superintendent – 4 May 2007