



Park Superintendent's Report – Council Meeting September 18th 2007

Victoria Park

The main Spring display is starting to come to it's best with polyanthus and pansies flowering. The main lawn areas have had their first mow for the season with plenty of grass being collected. The roses have been pruned and compost added to the gardens and dug in.

Spraying of pathways, edges and around the trees etc has started. Leaf collection has finished with the leaves being cleared out of the hawthorne hedge and from the conifers at the bottom end of the park.

Woodchips have been spread under play equipment and one swing replaced. Propagation of geraniums has kept staff busy with over 3000 plants being bagged up. Also sowing of annual seeds for the next plant out has been completed. These consist mainly of marigolds, petunias and lobelia.

The project for the upgrade of the bird aviary has started, with the netting taken off the old kea cage and the roof raised another 1 1/2 metres in height. The new kea and peafowl cages have been completed.

Knottingly Park

This year a major project of "Friend's of Knottingly Park," took place on the 27th July 2007 was the opening of the new walkway which leads from Knottingly Park to the newly named Ross Bell Field.

The other highlight was the planting of over 30 trees in the Ross Bell Field area. Ross planted a tree to mark the naming of this area.

A memorial tree was planted by the Gardner family in memory of Murray Gardner who was a member of "Friend's of Knottingly Park" from when it was first formed in 1994. Murray was mainly involved in the selection and planting of new trees in the park.

Town Reserves

Spraying of pathways and edges around reserves has been completed.

All shrubs around the Local Government Centre and main street roses were pruned in August.

In recent weeks a tree surgeon has pruned out a number of dead and large branches in the Oaks in Queen Street Avenue. He is also due to come back in October to prune the trees in Belt Street Reserve.

Waitaki Lakes

The facilities at the lakes will open on Saturday 22 September 2007.

The fees for this season are :

\$200.00 a season ticket.

\$12.00 per site per night.

The Shorelines Authorities held a meeting in Otematata on 21st June 2007

Attached are the minutes from this meeting.

The next meeting is to be held in Waimate on 6th September 2007.

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