
Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – February 2008

Victoria Park

The summer display is at its very best with many visitors and local residents commenting on the colourful display.



Maintenance work within the park has been the main activity, with weeding, hoeing main gardens, lawn mowing, dead-heading and the spraying of roses. The main hawthorn hedge around the park has been cut back along with shrubs and trees. The show house has been very colourful, with tuberous begonias and fuchsia. Staff have started sowing winter seeds eg pansies, wallflowers, poppies and myosotis. Bagging up of over 2500 polyanthus has been completed.

Victoria Park Motor Camp

Over the Christmas period the number of campers was slightly down compared to last year. Most campers stayed shorter periods, The overnight camping was good at times up to six or seven campervans were coming through the gates. The en-suite cabins were booked out over the Christmas season, but slowed down at the start of February.

Knottingley Park & Camp

All hedges within and around the park were cut back after the New Year. Spraying of pathways, around shrubs and trees has been completed. The number of campers over Christmas and New Year period was on a par with previous years. What was noticed was the number of family groups with big tents, comments from these campers was it's a great area for the kids to play. The new kitchen facilities were very much appreciated.

Town Reserves

All town reserves have had a general cleanup with shrubs and trees being trimmed back, weed spraying and garden plots weeded and hoed. Seddon Square maintenance was carried out in readiness for both Strawberry Fare and the Busking Festival.

Waitaki Lakes

All grass areas were mowed with the topper mower to prepare the camps for the Christmas and New Year camping season.

Camping numbers were slow up to Christmas but once New Year came around the numbers rose considerably compared to last season.
Up to the 7th February 2008, \$92,400 (\$70,000 2006/07) has been collected.

Rural Reserves

All rural reserves areas have been topped and weed sprayed.
Weed spraying in St Andrews, Makikihi and Glenavy has been completed.
At Centrewood Reserve, the White Horse was painted pink by vandals. This was reported to the Police. At the start of February, Waimate Rotary Club volunteered to repaint it white, which was very much appreciated.

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