



Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – March 2008

Norman Kirk Swimming Pool

Problems have been experienced with the heat exchanger and another one has been installed. Unfortunately this meant the pool had to be closed for a short time. Most schools are having their swimming sports this month. The pool is scheduled for closing on 20 March.

Victoria Park

Work on the Aviary has restarted with netting being attached and the building of bird shelters for the inside of the Aviary. Propagation of pansies, polyanthus and poppies ready for the spring display is well underway. Removal of the summer display is scheduled for the start of April. Mowing is less often because of the dry and cooler weather.

Victoria Park Motor Camp

Still very busy with bookings for sites and the en-suite cabins continuing. With all the events over the summer months the bookings have been constant and are looking to continue with later holiday makers.

Knottingley Park & Camp

There are still a good number of campers using this facility, especially over the March Hare Rally weekend. Campers have made some very positive comments on the new kitchen facilities. The trees are starting to show their autumn colours. Friends of Knottingley Park did a general tidy up at their last monthly working bee. Their dedication and work benefits the park and is appreciated by visitors and locals alike.

Town Reserves

General maintenance continues in these areas, mowing generally slowing down again due to the cooler and dry weather. Some good comments have been received from locals and visitors on our lovely Queen Street Buildings and the colourful flower beds.

Waitaki Lakes

Patronage has been steady and hopefully with good weather over Easter weekend it will encourage campers. New regulations on the motor bike ban and on dog control have worked well. Potential closing date is the end of April.

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