



Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – April 2008

Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

A site visit by His Worship the Mayor, Councillors and staff took place on the 4 April 2008. They inspected the filtration plant and boiler facilities. Major maintenance is required in this area to the operational equipment to comply with Health and Safety Regulations. The swimming pool closed on 20 March 2008. Takings are on a par with last year.

Victoria Park

Preparation for the spring planting of annuals has commenced, composting and digging done ready for planting out the wallflowers, violas, pansies and poppies. We make compost from all the material gathered from Council's parks and gardens and manure from local sources.

Autumn pruning of hedges in the park has started.

The new bird aviary netting is completed only the connection of water and plantings of shrubs and tussocks to be done. Pea metal will be used as a ground cover.

The old bird aviary will be upgraded starting at the end of April.

With this new facility we will be able to display more varieties of birds.

Victoria Park Motor Camp

There are still a reasonable number of bookings but with the cooler weather things are starting to slow down.

Knottingley Park & Camp

The washing machine, fridge and cooking tops have arrived ready to be installed.

There are still a few campers but the cooler weather is also seeing a drop in numbers.

Town Reserves

Preparation for planting annuals is well underway. Mowing is slowing down with only untidy areas needing attention.

Waitaki Lakes

Easter camping was very good this year but has now started to slow down, many campers are now taking their vans away.

The facilities are scheduled to close on Sunday 4 May 2008.

This year's income has exceeded last year's takings by at least \$10,000.

A Shoreline Meeting is to be held on 16 April at Twizel in the Meridian offices.

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