



Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – October 2008

Knottingley Park

Nutritek, Friends of Knottingley Park and the Waimate District Council are working together to develop an area at Knottingley Park into a Russian Tree Grove.

This is to thank the people of Waimate for their support for the first major Russian investment in New Zealand.

The 1 hectare site will be planted with 30 trees that have a Russia origin. The site is adjacent to the ponds and has been levelled off with a new entrance gateway created.

The first planting of five flowering prunus and one Betula will take place on 16 October at 5.00pm. The rest of the trees will be planted out next winter.

We are really appreciative of Nutritek creating this feature to our park.

Victoria Park

The display in the main annual garden area is starting to look its best, with polyanthus and poppies in full flower.



Propagation is nearly completed for the summer display which will consist of geraniums marigolds and begonias.

We are in the process of changing the showhouse display for the new season; the main plants will be fuchsias, begonias and orchids.

Lawn mowing and weeding continues to keep up with the spring growth.

The bookings at the park are starting to be made for the coming events like Strawberry Fare, Labour Weekend and the A & P Show.

Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

We are opening day on Saturday 25 October. The inside of the pool has been painted and the upgrade to the boiler and filtration system is completed.



Waitaki Lakes

A new brochure with rules, times and prices is available from the Information Centre and Council Office.

Caravans are arriving at the camp sites now and ticket sales are going well. New enclosures for rubbish collection have been built at all camp sites. Staff is carrying out cleaning and maintenance weekly.

Rural Reserves

On 4 October 2008 the Rotary club planted 300 assorted native plants at the rest area of the Waitaki Bridge. They have also been busy for Clean Up NZ Week by having a general tidy up at the White Horse. Later on they will repaint the horse, spread shingle on some of the tracks and realign part of the track.

Help has also been given by the Lions Club by painting the pagoda, seats and sign in Seddon Square; this was also a Clean Up NZ Week activity. White Horse Lions worked at cleaning up around the cemetery in this week.

Community Service workers have been carrying out releveling of pathways and graves.

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