
Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – May 2009

Victoria Park

The main annual planting has finished. ANZAC day dawn parade was held at the Memorial Gates to the park with an excellent turn out. The mild day that followed saw many people walking through the gardens and the aviary area.

Leaf collection is keeping staff busy; all leaves collected are composted and reused back into the gardens. Lawn mowing has almost ceased for the season.

The glasshouse display of primulas and cyclamens are giving a good show for visitors.

Boland Park

Loritz Circus set up for two shows in Boland Park.



Urban Reserves

Gardens around all urban reserves have been weeded and shrubs trimmed. The next month is programmed for pruning of the oak trees in Seddon Square.

Knottingley Park

Preparation is underway for the next stage of planting in the Russian Grove; we will be planting birches, oaks and evergreens such as pines and abies (fir trees).

Friends of Knottingley Park are erecting a post and rail fence just beyond the main gate to replace the old wire fence. Last month a large amount of daffodils were planted out in various locations of the park. The work of this group is invaluable to the presentation and ongoing development of this wonderful park area.

Waitaki Lakes

Camping facilities have been closed down for the season and will restart in September. Water is turned off, toilets locked and rubbish bins stored away.

This year was a very successful season with income well up on last seasons, the weather was favourable to camping and many family groups stayed over the Christmas New Year period.

Accounts are yet to be finalised for the season.

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