



Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – August 2009

Morven Cemetery

Morven School and community group have been working together removing old man pines and macrocarpa trees from this area, in readiness for planting with native trees and shrubs.

Further work will take place to upgrade the fencing and gateways. The Morven School will be undertaking a project to collect the pinecones and have a tidy up around the grave sites.

I would like thank both groups on their initiative to enhance this area and help preserve an historical site. We have received a lot of favourable comments from people throughout the District.

Centrewood Park – White Horse

A working bee is being planned with Rotary in the Spring to upgrade this popular area. We will be putting in large posts to restrict vehicle access for safety reasons. Options for rubbish bins, which in the past have been vandalised or removed, are being investigated. Painting of the White Horse will be undertaken once the plastering has been completed. Additional planting of native shrubs is in the planning stages.

Knottingley Park

The Friends of Knottingley Park have erected a new post and rail fence with materials supplied by the Council. This group recently held their Annual General Meeting and looking to plan future projects for Knottingley Park.

Playgrounds

All the playground equipment in Knottingley Park, Cameron Street, Wilkins Street and Belt Street has had a new coat of paint ready for the summer. Any minor repairs required were also done at the same time.

These areas are still popular and enjoyed by the young people of the town.

Norman Kirk Memorial Pool

A new chimney and flue have been installed in the boiler room.

Major cost savings in labour have been achieved over the winter by keeping the swimming pool full of water and treating fortnightly with chemicals. The usual practice has been to drain, clean and refill the pool at the start of the swimming season.

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