
Asset Manager's Report – June 2005



WATER/WASTEWATER

Waste Water

Urban Sewer Network

There were no problems or blocked drains reported, and no new connections made.

Wastewater Plant

The WWTW continues to operate satisfactorily. The pond levels have held stable, and the Dissolved Oxygen (DO) levels are holding up well despite poor weather and with one aerator working. Disposal to irrigation fields is an ongoing task.

Water Schemes

Rural Water Schemes

The target rates for all water schemes have been assessed and forwarded to the Chairmen of the water committees for comment/approval. Virtually, all the scheme rates are in need of increases to stay abreast of inflation and to reduce overdraft costs to a sustainable long term basis. This process requires conclusion by 2 June 2005.

Lower Waihao Water Scheme

The new chlorinator will be installed in the next two weeks.

Hook Waituna Water Scheme.

The new gallery and weir that were rebuilt a few months ago are working OK. Several small supply lines have been replaced.

Otaio

The new lines and the upgrade seem to be working OK.

Cannington

Flood damage repairs have been carried out on the main intake line. The new booster pump has been purchased for Pratts Rd

Waihaorunga

There have been some flow problems from Tavendales intake.

Waikakahi

Water levels have been fluctuating at the intake which has caused some turbidity problems. This is being regularly monitored.

Downlands Water Scheme

The scheme continues to be administered and serviced by Timaru DC. A complaint on the recent appointments to the water committee by Timaru DC has been registered with the Ombudsman's Office.

Urban Water Supply

The Manchesters Rd bore continues as the main supply for the town and operates some 18 hours per day.

Ten laterals have been replaced in Naylor St in readiness for new kerb and channels.

Ongoing maintenance of laterals and toby repairs, and the taking of water samples.

A new 50mm line for Kirks Rd has been finished by contractors.

ROADING

Work Completed

Drainage Maintenance

Parkers Bush Rd, Centrewood Park Rd,
Kaiwarua Rd, full and pipe drainage swale to improve approach to Lanes Bridge.

Minor Safety Projects Sealing at Intersections

Highway Rd, Kingsbury Rd, Rodgers Rd, with SH 1
Mill Road (Parkers Bush Rd)

Unsealed Roads

Metalling is in progress in the Hakataramea Ward

Minor Safety Projects Sealing at Bridge Approachs

Parkers Bush Road – Sutherlands Bridge
Moorland Farm Settlement Road - Peters Creek Bridge and McHenrys Road -
Hurstlea Bridge in progress

Bridge Accident Damage

Hand rails and posts have been damage on Robinsons Bridge Pakihi Road and Big McKay Bridge Hakataramea Valley Road. Repairs have been completed.

Area Wide Pavement Treatment Granular Overlay

Serpentine Valley Road— Start Zig Zag Rd for 230m

Seal Widening

Serpentine Valley Rd—Zig Zag Rd to Wahaorunga Rd 900m Work in progress

New Culverts

Serpentine Valley Road
Armstrongs Road
Waihaorunga Back Road

2004/05 Resealing Contract

Resealing contract has been completed.

Kerb and Channel Replacement - Contract 04/3

This contract is for the construction of Kerb and Channel and Footpath on Naylor Street has been let to Whitestone Ltd. Work is in progress.

Work Programmed

Complete Unsealed Roads Metalling programme
Drainage Hakataramea Valley
Corrigalls Road Concrete, Ford Reconstruct ford and install box culvert.
Placing of Rock Rip Rap at Bridge Abutments for river protection.
Installation of edge marker posts on Molloys, Waihao Back and Hakataramea Valley Roads.

Realign footpath William Street SH 82 intersection to provide a safer crossing point. This will include construction of pedestrian kerb crossings on William Street and Gorge Road.

Road Closure Request

The South Canterbury Car Club (inc) to hold the Rally of Aoraki, have requested the following roads are closed on Saturday 2 July 2005. This was advertised for public comment, no comments were received and the request has been approved.

From 8:00am to 11:30am

Linnfield Road
Limestone Hills Road
Parkers Bush Road from Limestone Hills Road to Mill Road

From 9:00am to 12:30pm

Alanholme Road
Quambys Road
Waihaorunga Road from Quambys Road to Armstrongs Road
Armstrongs Road

From 9:15am to 12:45pm

Clarksfield Road

From 10:00am to 1:30pm

McHenrys Road
Meyers Pass Road

From 11:30am to 3:15pm

Backline Road from Sodwall road to Motukaika Road
Motukaika Road from Backline to Galways Road
Galways Road

An additional request for the following roads has been received, this has been advertised for public comment. Parkers Bush Road and Limestone Hills has been withdrawn from the original request.

From 7:15am to 11:00am

Scotts Road
 Pleasant Valley Road from Scotts Road to Cairds Road
 Cairds Road from Pleasant Valley Road to Andersons Road
 Andersons Road
 Davisons Road from Andersons Road to Sidey Road
 Sidey Road
 Mile Cutting Road

State Highway Minor Safety Projects 2005/2006

Opus International Consultants have advised on behalf of Transit NZ proposed State Highway Minor Safety Projects for 2005/2006.

Projects in Waimate District
 Thackery Street intersection St. Andrews improvements.
 Otaio River Bridge SH1 Guardrail Bridge
 Waihao River Bridge (South) Guardrail Bridge

Staff support this proposal

WASTE

Resource Recovery Park (RRP)

Figures to the end of April show a little over 8% increase in patronage at the RRP over last year. However because of the gate charge reductions, income for the period was \$18,997, down from \$30,081 excluding GST.

Figures also suggest separation of waste, by the public, may be less than desired. It is anticipated that with the introduction of more comprehensive recycling services and more education, the trend to negative behaviours will reverse

The Recycling Operation

New Recycling Services

In preparation for the implementation of additional recycling services, the following aspects are reported:

1) Kerbside Collection Recycling Contract

At time of writing tenders have been received for this contract and are being evaluated.

It is hoped the successful contractor will be geared up to start from 1st July 2005.

2) Whitehorse Recycling Contract

Final details are being negotiated with Whitehorse Recycling Trust. Wim Bevers has been appointed Manager / Supervisor and has met with staff.

It is expected that the final document will be ready for execution about the time of the meeting.

3) Recycling Crates

A local school is being employed to distribute the crates to all residences within the serviced area, before implementation date.

60 litre recycling crates, made of 50% recycled material, have been ordered and will arrive before 24 June. The larger size ensures enough capacity for the average households.

4) Public Education

A programme of public education has been prepared with Promotions staff, in consultation with Whitehorse Recycling Trust.

This will run over most of June and early July. Detailed information on the service and use of the crate will also be supplied at time of delivery.

BIZEASSET

Computer software has been purchased and installed to enable simpler tracking of assets, including additions, disposals and replacements.

This will allow staff to perform their own valuations of some assets in future. This is especially useful with infrastructural assets such as water schemes.

Some initial training of core staff has been undertaken on 25/26 May 2005, with fuller implementation and reporting from 1 July 2005. The software is flexible and easily integrates with existing systems.

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