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# Asset Manager's Report 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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## WATER/WASTEWATER

### Urban Sewer

The system was flowing near capacity at some sections of the network during the recent prolonged rain, indicating stormwater entering the system.

### Water Schemes

#### The Urban Water Scheme

The new chlorinator is now fully operational at Manchesters Road (no. 3 bore) with automatic dosing and SCADA monitoring. There was one mains repair of a 100mm cast pipe.

#### Rural Water Schemes

A boiled water notice was issued across all Rural Water Schemes for the one week period from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2008, because of the heavy rainfall and its effect on chlorination.

#### **Cannington-Motukaika**

No major problems noted.

#### **Otaio-Makikihi**

Teschmaker Bush Extension:

The new line to Gregan's is operational.

Repairs on the 80mm AC Mains line continue to be a problem.

#### **Hook Waituna**

The scheme was turned off for 3 days due to poor quality of water. There were few complaints.

#### **Lower Waihao**

A new suction pipe for the No 1 pump improved flow and stopped cavitation. There is now a new spare main pump in place, awaiting wiring.

#### **Waikakahi**

Recent heavy rain caused turbidity problems. The old duty pump was run during this period.

Consent application for dairy effluent discharge GSI Trading:

The Rural Water Scheme (RWS) Committee continues to consider the implications related to this dairy conversion proposal, and to seek professional advice on this matter, prior to resource consents being issued. The prime concern is to seek assurance of water quality being maintained at the RWS intake, downstream of this farm.

#### **Waihaorunga**

The main duty pump failed and new improved models are being investigated.

**Downlands**

Nothing to report on the Downlands scheme.

**Water Tampering**

Two instances of blatant water tampering have occurred on rural water schemes in the last month. These occurrences have been fully documented, the system restored, and charges levied for illegally consumed water together with recovery of labour costs.

## ROADING

**Work Completed****Drainage**

Waimate Hunter Road replaced culvert near Guns Road  
Youngs Road shoulder drainage

**Pavement Repairs**

Foleys, Haymans, Morven Glenavy and Lindsays Roads

**Metalling**

Verity, Patersons, Davidsons, Wilsons, Youngs, Mitchells, Slaughteryards, Horgans, Uretane and Dicksons Roads  
Frenchmans Gully: shoulder repair

**Minor Safety****Safety Footpath.**

High Street (End of Kerb & Channel to Browns Road)  
The section from the Kerb & Channel end to Victoria Street, will be completed with the planned sewer extension.  
Browns Road (High Street to Bakers Road) in progress

**Intersection Improvement**

Minor realignment and Stop control at the intersection of Sodwall and Tavistock roads.

**Point Bush Road**

A turn round area for vehicles has been constructed at the end of Point Bush road.  
Metalling has still to be completed

**Work Programmed****Pavement Repairs**

Parsonage, Waimate Hunter Roads and Bluecliffs Roads

**Unsealed Road Metalling**

Complete the maintenance metalling of unsealed roads is in the Deep Creek Area.

**Drainage**

Hillboro Road: - install three replacement culverts

**Footbridges**

A Rough order of cost for the provision of the following footbridges has been obtained from our Bridge consultant.

Point Bush Bridge Footbridge, Point Bush Road:- \$ 51,000 to \$66,000

Sansons Bridge Footbridge, Waihao Back Road:- \$ 34,000 to \$45,000

## Sign Damage

There has been further vandalism of signs with some road name signs and warning signs stolen. This activity creates a hazard for road users and an increasing cost to Council. If the people responsible can be identified, costs will be recovered.

## Heavy Rain 31 July 2008

The coastal area experienced the worst of heavy rain on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008, with reports of between 60 mm to 90 mm rainfall received. Most coastal roads were affected by flooding, with some fords closed. The following roads were closed due to extreme flooding: - Hornsnells, Maori, Bradshaws, Byrnes, Carrolls and Fisheries. The roading network received minor scour damage and a river ford required clearing.

## LTNZ Audit

The Dunedin based Auditor for LTNZ will perform a week long audit review of related roading financial assistance programmes in the Land Transport Disbursement Account, commencing w.b. 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2008.

## New Zealand Transport Agency.

This agency started business on 1 August 2008, under Chief Executive Paul Dangerfield. It brings together the functions of LTNZ and TNZ to provide an integrated approach to transport planning, funding, and delivery. The Agency is being designed to deliver on four key outcomes: -Integration; Safety; Sustainability; Value for money.

## WASTE

### Monthly Tonnages

The tonnage of recyclables collected for July 2008 was 28.1 tonnes, exceeding last year's comparable month which was 26.0 tonnes. The volume of recyclables is continuing to increase 25-30% per year.

From 1 July 2008 staff are only able to report on tonnages to landfill that originate from Council services i.e. Kerbside Refuse Collection and the Resource Recovery Park. From this date Timaru District Council is billing the other collection contractors working in the Waimate district directly, at the commercial rate, and hence their waste data will be unknown. This arrangement will lead to generally lower volumes of waste being reported by WDC, that may be of benefit when the waste minimisation levy is eventually introduced.

Tonnage to landfill for the month of July 2008 was 141.33 tonnes, compared 143.72 tonnes for the comparable month last year, as recorded by the Timaru Landfill.

## **Waste Management AMP and Valuation**

Maunsells have completed the Valuation and are now assisting with Levels of Service and Performance Measures that will become part of the 2009 to 2019 LTCCP and Solid Waste Asset Management Plan. The AMP is required to be complete by the end of August 2008, as part of the triennial requirement for Audit NZ.

## **Transport Contract for Waste From RPP**

The contractor, Transpacific Industries, has indicated that payment provisions under the long-term contract to transfer residual waste from the Resource Recovery Park to Landfill are insufficient to cover operational costs. Following legal advice, negotiations are in progress to limit cost increases in the short term, while staff actively address a consultation/tendering process to reshape all waste activity contracted services, to deliver the long-term goals of lower costs and reduced waste to landfill.

## **Waste Minimisation Bill**

The latest information to hand is that the Bill is in the second reading with amendments.

Environment Minister Trevor Mallard is calling for nominations for members to form a new Waste Advisory Board.

The Board is one of the initiatives under the Waste Minimisation Bill. The role of the Board will be to provide advice to the Minister and Ministry for the Environment on waste minimisation issues.

Members of the Board must collectively have knowledge, skills and experience relating to the Waste Minimisation Bill, community projects for waste minimisation, industry (including the commercial waste industry), local government and tikanga Māori.

The nominations period runs from 6 August until 7 September 2008.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/waste>

## **Greenwaste Contract Concluded**

A 3 year contract to receive and process a proportion of the greenwaste dropped off at the Resource Recovery Park has been signed with Billiza partnership.

## **Whitehorse Recycling AGM**

The AGM of the Whitehorse Recycling Trust will be held on Tuesday 19 August 2008 at the Senior Citizens Rooms commencing at 8pm. An open invitation has been received for Council to outline future plans for the waste activity.

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