



Planning & Regulatory Manager's Report – December 2005

Resource Consents Granted

Since the last report, the following resource consents have been granted:

RM051185	Erect dwellings within 500m of pig farm W. & D. Bevers Waihao Back Road, Waimate	08/11/05
RM051199	Subdivision – boundary alteration J.C. Studholme and Pyne Gould Guinness Ltd Parkers Bush Road, Waimate	10/11/05
RM051181	Subdivision into five rural lots M. Hynes Waimate Highway (Horseshoe Bend), Otaio	22/11/05
RM051200	Subdivision into two residential lots N.E. & L.A. Shortus 196 High Street, Waimate	28/11/05
RM051201	Subdivision into two rural lots A.G. & S.J. Ayers and A.W. Ayers Lyal Road/Lyalldale Middle Road, St Andrews	30/11/05

Environmental Health Update

Spiders

Members of the public have been bringing in white-tail spiders for identification and there seems to be a fair sized resident population in the area, although I have not heard of any one being bitten. Further information, and live spiders, are available if required for viewing.

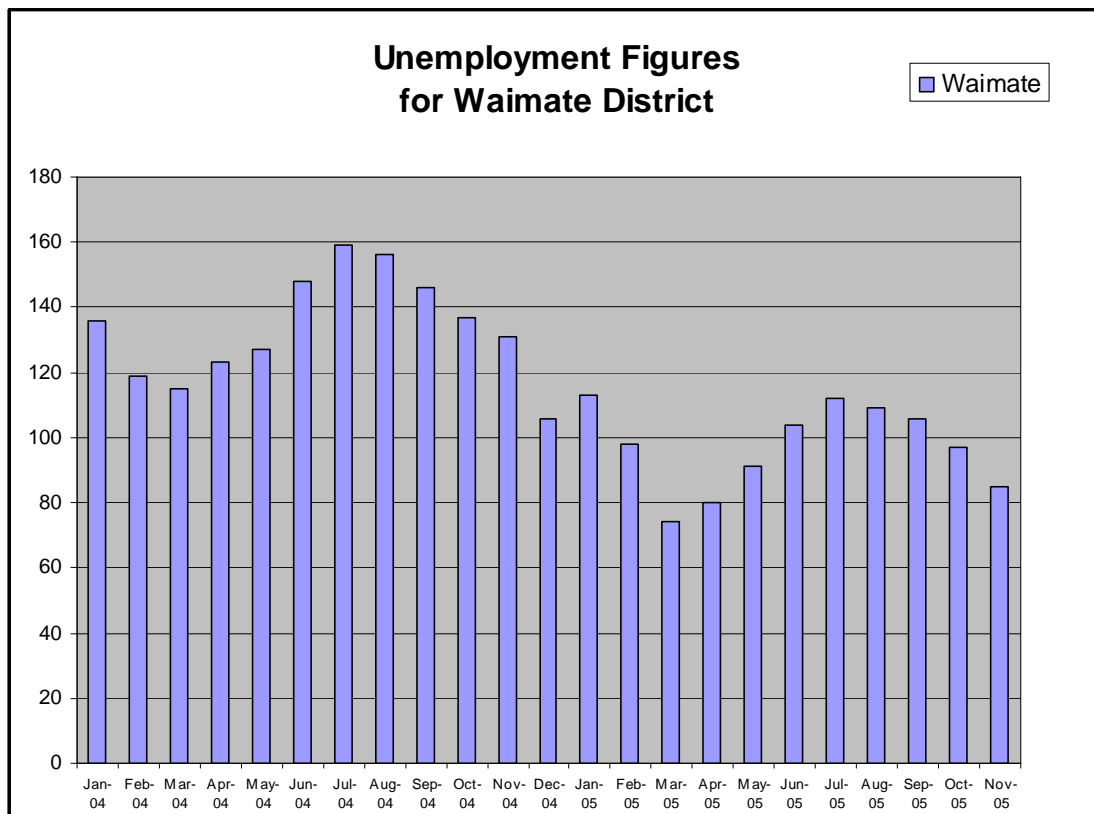
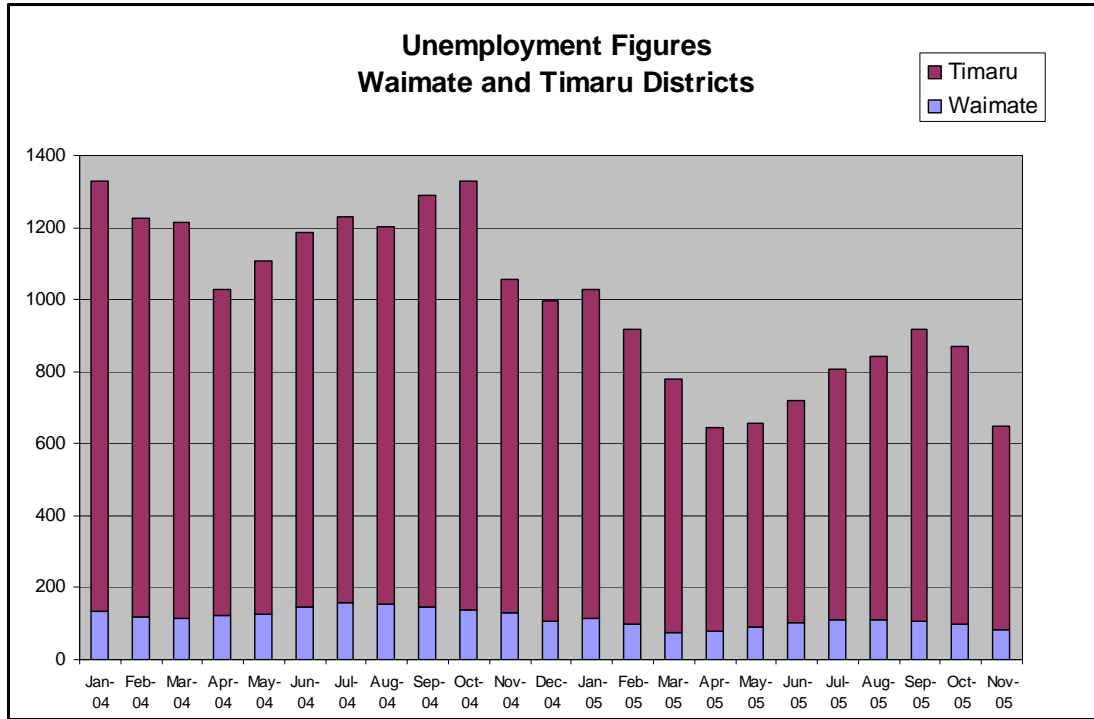
Hazardous Substances

David Lawrence attended a hazardous substances course at the Department of Labour Office in Manukau. The object of the course is to familiarise staff with substances which may be encountered in emergencies etc. Other subjects such as Clandestic drug labs, Explosives, Chemicals, Flammables and Oxidisers, Toxic and Corrosive materials were covered by a range of speakers.

Recreational Water Sites

ECan have started test bathing sites in preparation for the summer, and so far all sites in the District are showing bacterial levels below the single sample limit.

Unemployment Statistics



Civil Defence Co-ordinator

The main activities for the last month have been:

- Pandemic planning is progressing well. Meetings to discuss pandemic planning have already been held with the emergency services and local health providers, and a public meeting is scheduled next week.
- A successful display was held at the A & P show with the considerable assistance of Jim Rayner and his team. Public response was positive and we should have more educated community members when disaster strikes.
- The education program is increasing family readiness across the district. Student interest seems high and some of the students have put in a large amount of work.
- Operations kits are being rolled out to sector posts as the maps roll off the presses.

Over the next month Civil Defence is concentrating on staff readiness as most communities will not want extra meetings over Christmas and New Year.

Building Control Officer

I am happy to welcome Angie Leckey as Council's new Building Control Officer. Angie is a local Waimate resident.

Angie comes to us from Timaru District Council. Before this she worked at Christchurch District Council for 3 years. She has also worked as a Building Inspector for British Waterways in England for 5 years previous to that.

Angie's interests include historic buildings, water colour painting, organic farming, walking and campervanning.

Angie will join Councillor's for morning tea at the February Committee meeting.

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