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# Planning & Regulatory Manager's Report – March 2007

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## Elections 2007

Work is now starting in preparation for this year's Local Government and Health Board elections.

It is my intention to process in-house, our election this year. The counting and processing of the South Canterbury Health Board votes is to be discussed with the other TA electoral officers in the near future.

Currently I have:

- Answered queries etc from the public
- Printed the ratepayer qualification pamphlets for distribution with the next rates instalment
- Received quotes for the printing of the voting papers
- Arranged necessary election insurance cover

## Wasps

Waimate and its environs are currently experiencing a major wasp outbreak. Animal Control staff have dealt with at least 20 wasp nests over the last few weeks.

## Resource Consents - February 2007

Since the last report, the following resource consents have been granted by the Manager: Planning and Regulatory under delegated authority:

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| RM070001 | <b>Land Use – Establish Boarding Kennels</b><br>A. & I. Porter<br>870 Waimate Hunter Road,<br>Waimate | 01/02/07 |
| RM070002 | <b>Subdivision – Create Two Rural Lots</b><br>M.B. & B.W. Young<br>122 Bluecliffs Road,<br>St Andrews | 08/02/07 |

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| RM070003 | <b>Subdivision – Create Two Residential Lots</b><br>Amdala Limited<br>11A Exeter Street,<br>Waimate     | 08/02/07 |
| RM061267 | <b>Land Use – Relocated House</b><br>Ashbury Vets Limited<br>Corner White Street and S.H. 1,<br>Glenavy | 22/02/07 |

## Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987

The Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 is being overhauled by the Department of Building and Housing. Changes will come into force in 2009

In the interim to alleviate some of the concerns, NZS8500-06 has been released as an alternative solution for compliance with the Act. This will allow people with spa pools to apply before Council, for a special exemption certificate for the use of a lockable lid instead of a swimming pool fence.

Additionally, NZS8500-06 details many different types of fence that were previously unacceptable for use. These too can be placed before Council, as they are classed as an alternative solution to the Act.

## Dog Control Policy and Practices 2005/06 Year

Pursuant to the Dog Control Act, every TA each year has to provide a public report. Council's report is as follows:

- a) *The number of registered dogs in the territorial authority district as at 20 June 2006: 3302.*
- b) *The number of probationary owners and disqualified owners in the territorial authority district: Whole year, 0.*
- c) *The number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as dangerous under section 31 and the relevant provision under which the classification is made: Whole year, 0.*
- d) *The number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as menacing under section 33A or section 33C and the relevant provision under which the classification is made: Whole year, 0.*
- e) *The number of infringement notices by the territorial authority: Whole year, 12.*
- f) *The number of dog related complaints received by the territorial authority in the previous year and the nature of those complaints: Whole year 225, and are as follows:*

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|------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Animal welfare</i>        | 16         |
| <i>Barking dogs</i>          | 23         |
| <i>Wandering dogs</i>        | 135        |
| <i>Aggressive dogs</i>       | 9          |
| <i>Rushing/attacking</i>     | 8          |
| <i>Stock and dog attacks</i> | 11         |
| <i>People attacked</i>       | 6          |
| <i>General enquiries</i>     | <u>17</u>  |
| <i>Total</i>                 | <u>225</u> |

*The Waimate Dog Control Policy and Waimate District Council Dog Control Bylaw were last reviewed and updated in December 2005.*