
Planning & Regulatory Manager's Report – August 2007



Building Control Authority Accreditation

Council has now received its documentation review from International Accreditation New Zealand.

The purpose of the document review is to establish that the documented system complies with the requirements of the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006, i.e. that Council has identified in its documentation its response to the requirements of each clause, and sub clause of the regulations. The review makes no judgement as to the technical content of documents, this will be assessed prior to, and during, the on-site assessment by a technical expert member of the assessment team.

Only four corrective actions at this stage are required, as follows:

- Define and document how Council decides whether it has enough staff or needs to secure more.
- Identify the number of copies of each publication held and document how the library is kept current.
- Amend some cross referencing between index and regulatory compliance.
- Provide a copy of TS-06 which deals with consultant procedures.

I have already complied with the above actions and now await the in-house assessment, which will include field audits.

Also, the Minister for Building and Housing introduced into Parliament a proposal to extend accreditation and registration of Building Consent Authorities from 30 November 2007 to 30 June 2008.

Environment Enhancement Funding

Environment Canterbury's Environment Enhancement Fund and the Honda Tree Fund are now open and close on August 31. Grants are available to individuals, landowners, and groups to recognise, encourage and assist voluntary projects that protect or enhance Canterbury's indigenous biodiversity.

The funds provide grants for up to 50% of a project's cost, to a maximum of \$5,000.

Projects funded in the past have included protective fencing around areas of native bush, fencing and/or planting of wetland areas, fencing and enhancement of riparian zones and native plantings in public reserves.

If Councillors know of any individuals or groups that would be interested in funding, advise them to contact Ecan at 03 365 3828, 03 688 9069 or view the website www.ecan.govt.nz.

Dog Registration

As at 9 August 2007, of 3,000 known dogs, only 960 dogs in the Waimate District were registered for the 2007/08 year. There are still a large number of dogs not registered for the current year. To ensure a 50% penalty is not added to each dog's registration fee, owners must have their dogs registered by 31 August 2007.

Council Elections

A lot of behind the scene work is being undertaken such as:

- Supplying nominations forms and information, such as in the LTCCP and Annual Plan to potential candidates.
- Entering information into the VOTEX software system (used for printing of voting papers and candidate profiles).
- Liaison between the other Electoral Officers.

At the time of writing this report I have only received one mayoral nomination. I ask that all candidates not leave their nomination applications until the last moment. The reason why is I have to complete some checks, and if a mistake is made e.g. a nominator in the wrong ward, it could be too late in securing another nomination in time.

Civil Defence Co-ordinator

Mr Jed Keenan has been employed as Council's Civil Defence Co-ordinator starting mid-September.

Jed was born in Oamaru and has two children. His parents live near Waimate, at Arno. His hobbies include hunting and coaching junior rugby. Jed has spent many years in the military and also oil exploration in South East Asia.

Resource Consents: July 2007

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

RM070034	Subdivision into five residential lots G.J. & K.L. Morgan Gorge Road (State Highway 82) Waimate	12/07/07
RM070032	Subdivision into two rural lots R.F. Patterson 110 Molloys Road Waimate	16/07/07
RM070033	Outline Plan – Antenna installation to existing tower Kordia Limited Mount Studholme Road, Gunns Bush	18/07/07

RM070035	Subdivision into two rural lots The Ikawai Land Company Limited 1590 Pikes Point Back Road Ikawai	25/07/07
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