



Asset Management Unit Report

December 2008

WATER/WASTEWATER

Urban Sewer

Operating well with only minor blockages which were detected early by routine manhole inspection.

Sewer extensions

Beca consultants have submitted a proposal to undertake Consent changes with regard to the Waimate Wastewater treatment plant. The proposal has been approved with work to progress in the New Year.

Timaru Road:

Council is preparing a letter to the property owners within the sewer extension catchment area requesting that they commit to connecting to the sewer extension. This letter is to be sent out prior to Christmas.

Upper High Street:

The final pipe route is still to be finalised between Roading and Water Managers.

Water Schemes

The Urban Water Scheme

High demand during a recent hot period again highlighted the need to be conservative with this precious resource.

Manchester Road bore is being used as the main supply with Timaru Road bore being used approximately 6 hours per day as a catch up.

Rural Water Schemes

Cannington-Motukaika

No major problems.

Hook Waituna

Filter clogging is being investigated with several ideas being assessed.

Lower Waihao

Four 150mm AC main breaks occurred throughout the month.

The newly installed main pump is functioning well.

Otaio-Makikihi

Operating well.

Waihaorunga

A new intake pump has been installed as a duty/standby.

One 100mm AC break caused minor disruption.

Waikakahi

Continuing communication problems have yet to be resolved.

The raw water is being sampled monthly to create a baseline for records. Coliform counts continue to be of concern at the source.

ROADING

Work Completed

Drainage

Replaced four Culverts Mt Harris Road

Replaced culvert Wainono Lake Road

Foleys Road - drainage maintenance in preparation for resealing.

Upper Hook Road surface water channel construction

Waimate Hunter Road side drain cleaning

Seal Pavement Repairs

Fisheries Road, Morven Glenavy Road and Point Bush Road

Intersection Upper Hook and Linfield Roads

Lower Hook Road sealed shoulder at concrete ford.

Hakataramea Valley Road in Progress

Safety Projects

Minor curve improvements Mt Harris Road

Intersection Control

A Give way sign has been installed at the intersection of Teschmaker Valley and Pakihi Roads.

A Give way sign has been installed at the intersection of Old Ferry and Pikes Point Roads and marking to keep traffic left of the monument.

Work Programmed

Pavement Repairs

Hakataramea Valley, Morven Area and Pareora River Road

Drainage

Creasers Road

Extend Culvert Mill Road

Safety Projects

The priority for our Minor project programme will be to widen seal at blind brows and complete the safety footpath work. There has been a number of serious crashes on narrow district roads.

Seal Widening Contract

Contract 8/2 has been advertised for seal widening to complete our seal widening and minor project programme. Tenders close 16 January 2009.

Widening of seal on blind brows:

Woolshed Valley Road

Pakihi Road

Mt Harris Road

Seal Widening:

Gumtree Flat Road (SH 1 to Green Hills Rd)

Roads deferred to 2009/10 programme:

Youngs Road (Wilson Rd to Hook School Rd)

Mill Road (Garlands Bridge to Kirks Rd)

Lyalldale Middle Road

Meetings Attended

NZ Transport Agency Procurement Review Road show

NZ Transport Agency Deficiencies Data base workshop

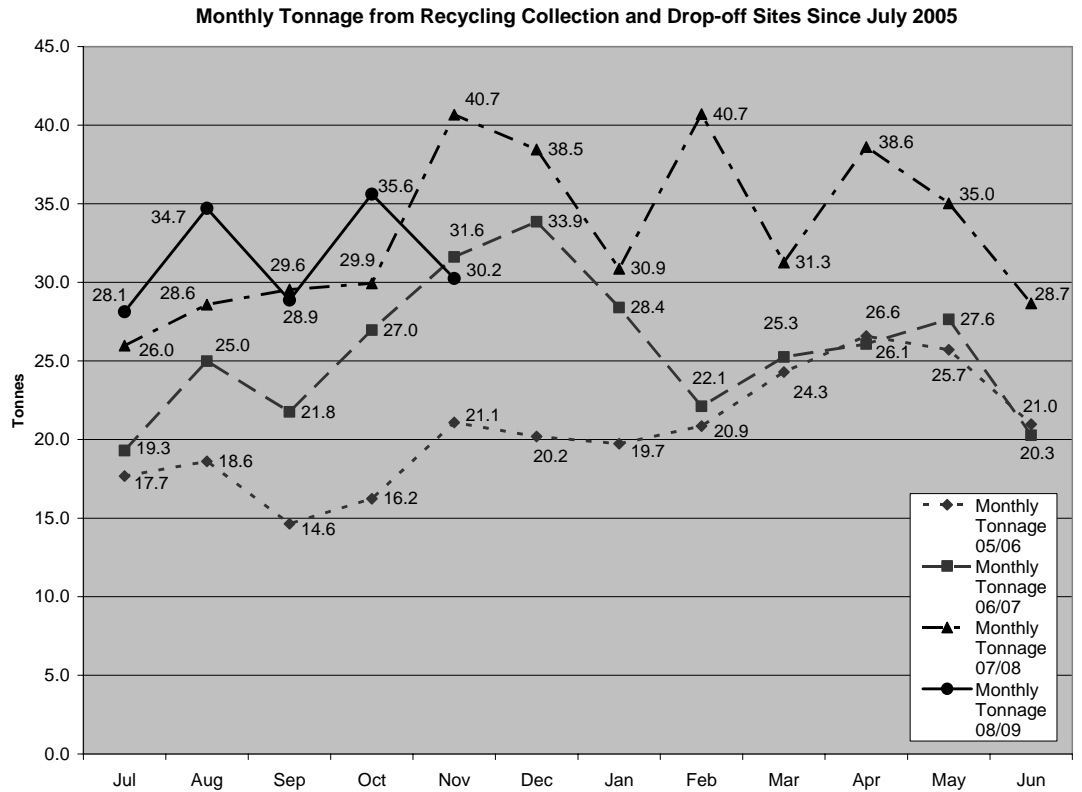
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WASTE

Monthly Tonnage for Recycling Collection

The tonnage of recyclables received via kerbside collection for October 2008 was only 30.24 tonnes, significantly down on last year's comparable month of 40.7 tonnes. Kerbside Collection accounts for approximately half of the tonnage of recyclables received by Whitehorse Recycling Trust, with the remainder being either delivered by or collected from business.

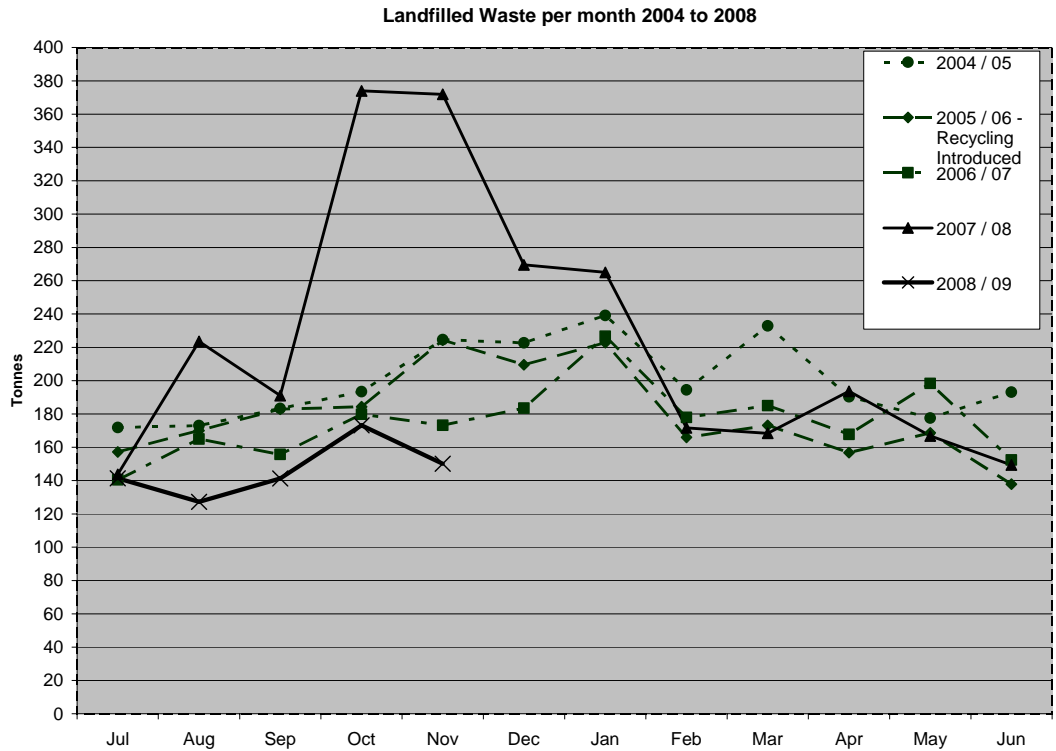
The charts below compares the monthly and accumulative tonnages for the forty one months the recycling collection has been operating:



Apart for the lower weight from kerbside collection, issues currently effecting the recycling collection and processing are: tops left on bottles, bulky or non recyclables items put out for the kerbside collection and rubbish, unclean or wrongly sorted recyclables dropped off at the rural recycling sites.

Tonnage to Landfill

Tonnage to landfill for the month of November 2008 was 150.11 tonnes, compared with 371.91 tonnes for the comparable month last year, as recorded by the Timaru Landfill. If waste from Council services only is compared, by removing waste data from NZ Dairies etc, there has been a marginal decrease for the month from 172.76 tonnes in 2007. If waste patterns continue similar to 2007/08, a projected annual tonnage of under 1850 tonnes to the end of June 2009 would result. If achieved, this 22.5% reduction from 2396 tonnes (2004/05) to 1850 tonnes (2008/09) would represent solid progress in waste diversion.



Retender of Waste Collection Services

Staff have been tasked with preparing tender documents for the Request For Proposal (RFP) for refuse / recycling services, following the decline of the proposal for service from the consultant. The tenders will be used to provide priced options for public consultation. It is hoped that the process will be complete in time for the contractor to start operations from 1 July 2009.

Whitehorse Recycling Trust

Whitehorse Recycling Trust has reported to Council on the impacts the global financial crisis is having on markets for recyclables. A request for additional funding is the subject of an agenda item.

GENERAL

The new Water and Waste Manager, Mike McTigue, will commence employment on 12 January 2009.