
Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – November 2008

Knottingley Park

On 16 October the planting of the first trees for the Russian Tree Grove at Knottingley Park took place. The Chief Executive Officer of Nutritek Oleg Ochinsky, Olga Prior, Interpreter, Stuart Prior, ex Ambassador to Russia, Perer Lavery NZ Dairies Board Chair, His Worship the Mayor J Coles, Chief Executive Officer, T Alden, G Watts Parks and Reserves Manager all joined with Councillors, Council staff, Friends of Knottingley Park members and the general public to support this venture.



This area will eventually have up to 30 trees and will become an attractive asset for Waimate.

Waitaki Lakes

A record number of tickets were sold for Labour weekend. The position of Supervisor for the Camping sites has been advertised, these close on 28 November 2008.

The Te Akatarawa East new toilet block is nearing completion with the foundation down and the block walls in place. It is hoped to have this finished by the end of November.

Victoria Park

Planting of the main gardens is underway for the main summer display. Unfortunately there has been some trouble with a small group of youths on their bikes riding through the gardens and off the stone walls. These young people have also been abusive to some other park users. Staff has been called out on Friday and Saturday nights to deal with cases of misbehaviour. It is also concerning the amount of broken glass found in the Park. These incidents are to be reported to the Police.

General

Spraying of weeds around shrubbery is continuing in all reserve areas, and mowing is continual with the grass growth at the moment.

Bark chip mulching has been applied to gardens around the town area, Eric Batchelor Place sub-division and in Kennedy Cres.

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