

Parks and Reserves Manager's Report – March 2009

Victoria Park

The recent rainfall around 250mls or nearly 10 inches has increased the lawn mowing and weeding maintenance. This much needed rain has spoilt the flower display of petunias and marigolds.

Propagation is well underway with bagging up of polyanthus and transplanting seedlings into boxes for the spring display. Pruning of ornamental shrubs and trees has been completed.

Victoria Park Camp and Cabins

Bookings are well up compared to last year and frequently fully booked. Bookings have been taken right through to mid April with weekends being the most popular. This is due to events like March Hare, Edwardian Weekend, Golf Club visit, Horse show and Motor Cross meet.

Urban Reserves

Shrubs and trees around the Local Government Centre have been tidied up. The area behind the Mokihi display has been levelled and ready for sowing grass seed.



Robb Flett, Driver –Gardner spreading soil for sowing of grass and native plants.

Manchester Park

Fields have been mown ready for the start of rugby season; the recent rain has helped with grass growth.

Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

School staying in the District have enjoyed their visits to the pool. Local school sports have been held with a few having to be postponed due to the weather. We are looking to close on Sunday 22 March depending on numbers and weather.

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