
Asset Manager's Report – May 2005



WATER/WASTEWATER

Waste Water

Urban Sewer Network

There were no problems reported and one new connection made.

Wastewater Plant

The WWTW continues to operate satisfactorily. The pond levels have held stable, and the Dissolved Oxygen (DO) levels are OK with just one aerator operating. A new DO meter has improved the process of reading the DO levels. Work has been done on some grounds maintenance.

Water Schemes

Rural Water Schemes

Staff continue to remain vigilant in the testing and monitoring of rural water schemes for E-Coli contamination. This is an ongoing challenge, as tests have noted transgressions at Cannington, Otaio, and Waihaorunga over recent weeks. Detection results in re-testing and fine tuning of chlorination systems immediately this is noted.

Downlands

An information meeting on the Downlands Water Scheme was held at Waimate LGC on 21st April 2005. The Mayors of Waimate DC and Timaru DC were in attendance, together with the CEO's of Mackenzie DC and Waimate DC, together with the Asset Managers of all 3 jurisdictions. The target rate for this scheme is unchanged from last year, and recently installed flow meters are being monitored to identify areas of water loss. Work is well in hand to remove all illegal high pressure connections and the significant irregularities in the restrictors. The Timaru DC have stated their commitment to ensure adequate future supplies of water for this scheme and also of their perceived need for a new direction of governance for this committee. Timaru staff advise that their Assessments Study for this scheme will not be completed before November 2005.

Lower Waihao Water Scheme

A new chlorinator for the intake has been ordered and is still some weeks from delivery.

Hook Waituna Water Scheme

The triennial meeting of the scheme was held at 8pm at LGC on 7th April 2005. The adjacent farmer was recently found to be grazing this roadside site, and was asked to remove the cattle from the ROW immediately.

Urban Water Supply

The Manchesters Rd bore chlorinator has been repaired and is now serving as the main supply for the town. While the Timaru Rd bore was used for the primary supply for some weeks, some smell and taste problems were reported.

One new connection was made and ongoing maintenance to laterals and tobys was pursued.

ROADING

Work Completed

Drainage Improvements

Studholme Settlement Road
Horseshoe Bend Road (Tavistock Road end)
Braddon Street (Railway Crossing)

Culvert Repair

Pentland Hills Road Twin 1200mm dia. pipes concrete invert.
Pakihi Road repair damage to culvert headwall.

Minor Safety Projects Sealing Railway Crossings and Intersections

SH 1 (Lyalls Rd, Braddon St) Braddon Street Railway Crossing
Settlement, Hogans intersection with Waihao Back Road sealed

Waterway Maintenance

Backline road at concrete fords (Waimate End)
Halls Bridge

Area Wide Pavement Treatment Granular Overlay

Tawai Ikawai Road – Between Old Ferry and Ikawai Middle Rd 130
Ikawai Middle Road -- West of Cock & Hen Rd 220m

New Culverts

Teschemaker Bush Road
Backline Rd near Stanleys Road (two culverts)
Stanleys Road

2004/05 Resealing Contract

Resealing is in progress. This work should be completed in April, weather permitting.

Work Programmed

Unsealed Roads Metalling
Road Marking

Work detailed in the last report.

Speed Limit Bylaw

Submissions on the proposed bylaw closed on 24 March 2004.
Eleven submissions have been received, two in support and nine requesting changes.

A report on the submissions will be presented to the May Environmental Management Committee Meeting.

Road Closure Request

The South Canterbury Car Club (inc) to hold the Rally of Aoraki, have requested the following roads be closed on Saturday 2 July 2005. This request will be advertised for public comment.

From 8:00am to 11:30am

Linnfield Road
Limestone Hills Road
Parkers Bush Road from Limestone Hills Road to Mill Road

From 9:00am to 12:30pm

Alanholme Road
Quambys Road
Waihaorunga Road from Quambys Road to Armstrongs Road
Armstrongs Road

From 9:15am to 12:45pm

Clarksfield Road

From 10:00am to 1:30pm

McHenrys Road
Meyers Pass Road

From 11:30am to 3:15pm

Backline Road from Sodwall road to Motukaika Road
Motukaika Road from Backline to Galways Road
Galways Road

Contract For tender

Kerb and Channel Replacement Contract 04/3.

This contract is for the construction of Kerb and Channel, & Footpath on Naylor Street.

WASTE

Resource Recovery Park (RRP)

The metal and greenwaste processing contractors remain overdue. The greenwaste activity has benefited from an educational brochure on composting that has been prepared by Hook Bush Nurseries. This brochure has been issued to customers these past weeks. The sale of compost at the RRP will follow in a few weeks, as an additional service. The RRP has had a major tidy up. Some flood damage has been repaired in the Waimate Creek.

The Recycling Operation

Draft Recycling Contracts

It is intended to bring these draft contracts before Council at the next meeting.

Discussions are being held with Whitehorse Recycling representatives to progress these contracts.

Waste Management Plan (AMP) and Asset Management Plan

The Waste Management Plan is currently intended for consultation as part of the LTCCP process, as required under LGA 2002. The AMP is being finalized with the consultant in reflecting staff input at this time.

STAFF TRAINING

Steve Bailey attended the STMS course for road safety management of on/adjacent road construction activity, in Timaru on 21/22 April 2005.

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