



## WATER/WASTEWATER

### Urban Sewer

There were two incidents of sewer main blockage along High Street, between Shearman Street and Queen Street during heavy rainfall over the last one month. A large quantity of gravel and shingle was flushed out during the cleaning operation to clear the blockages, underlining the fact that there is significant infiltration into the sewer system.

The treatment plant operations continued without any problem.

#### **Timaru Road Sewer Extension:**

Milward Finlay Lobb Ltd are contracted to conduct the engineering survey and prepare the layout and estimate for Stage 1. The work is to be finished by mid-September.

### Water Schemes

#### The Urban Water Scheme

The Utilities Servicing Unit replaced three aged valves along Queen Street that were leaking. The work was carried out during a Sunday to minimise disruption to traffic and business.

The Public Health Risk Management Plan for the scheme has now been submitted to the Ministry of Health for review and approval. The intent is to progress this toward a subsidy application for required upgrades.

#### Rural Water Schemes

##### **Otaio-Makikihi**

Unintentional damage to scheme pipes during construction activities by landowners without consulting the USU staff to locate the pipes prior to digging, has been a problem for the scheme recently. There was one such incident during the last month also, causing minor disruptions to supply in some areas.

The scheme did not have any major problems in the network or water quality.

##### **Hook Waituna**

The intake continues to have problems with excessive turbidity during heavy rainfall, requiring frequent visits by USU staff to clean the strainer and to keep the water flowing.

No major problems in the network or water quality.

##### **Waikakahi**

The weekly testing of raw water samples from the intake continues to show presence of E-Coli and total coliform bacteria, but low levels of nitrates. There has been an increase in micro-organisms after the heavy rainfall last month, as indicated by the higher chlorine demand.

ECan are still finalising the consent conditions for the GSI Trading dairy conversion application, following final submission points from the Waikakahi RWS Committee.

**Cannington-Motukaika, Lower Waihao, Waihaorunga and Downlands**

No major issues / problems to report.

## ROADING

### Work Completed

#### **Drainage**

Culverts installed on Parsonage Road (2) and Youngs Road  
Shoulder Drainage Parsonage Road

#### **Pavement Repairs**

Tawai-Ikawai, Glenavy Tawai, Foleys, Parsonage, Waimate Hunter, Maytown Roads and Bluecliffs Road in progress

#### **Storm Damage**

Tawai Ikawai Road Ford repair  
Youngs Road repair to Ford and rock protection at bridge abutment.  
Parkers Bush Road Ford Repairs  
Backline Road Ford Repairs  
Clear Otaio River Fords  
Cleared Slips on Dog Kennel and Cliffs Road.  
The steep gravel cliff on Cliffs road at Cliffs Bridge is unstable. Material is falling on to the road berm. A no stopping resection has been placed on a short section of road leading onto the bridge.  
Hakataramea Pass Road Clear Snow

#### **Metalling**

Spot Metalling on Upper Hook, Linnfield, Brownleas, Flemmings and Waihaorunga Roads.

#### **Unsealed Roads**

A hollow has been filled on Daledew Road and a culvert installed.

#### **Point Bush Road**

Metalling of the turn around area for vehicles at the end of Point Bush road.

### Work Programmed

#### **Pavement Repairs**

Pavement and Drainage repairs are completed on road on programmed for resealing

#### **Drainage**

The installation of three replacement and two additional culverts on Hillboro is in progress,

### Resealing Contract 2008-09

Roading staff are inspecting roads for the preparation of this season's resealing contract. Tenders will be advertised this month.

## NZ Transport Agency Audit

NZ Transport Agency has completed an audit of Council Financial and Contract records relating to Roothing Assisted Works Programmes, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08. The Audit report is still to be received, and some minor costs are likely to be challenged.

## Road Closure Requests

The South Canterbury Car Club (Inc), to hold a closed road motor sport Bent Sprint event, has requested the Pareora Gorge road be closed from Evans Crossing Road to Limestone Road on Sunday 2 November 2008 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

The road will be open to ordinary vehicular traffic after each competitive run but delays of approximately 30 minutes are expected. Detours are available via Craigmore Valley/Timaunga and Limestone Roads

### Old Coach Road (Kowhatu Road to Kaiwarua Station Woolshed)

The unmaintained section of the Old Coach Road will be closed from October to November, to prevent stock disturbance during lambing. This was requested by property owners. This closure was also approved last year.

## Mud on Roads

There is a growing problem with stock and farmers' tractors and trailers carrying large amounts of mud onto the road creating a traffic hazard. When the ground is wet, mud from tractors and other vehicles is easily tracked from paddocks onto roads. When a layer of mud forms on the road the surface becomes slippery and road markings are obscured, creating a safety hazard.

We request all property owners and Contractors whose stock or machinery are causing a mess on the road to be aware of their responsibilities, arrange their operations to minimise the dropping of soil on the road, and to clean the road if required.

Property owners are also reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that all vehicle accesses to the District's roads are constructed and maintained so they can be used in all weather conditions and have no adverse impact on the road.

A couple of typical examples are included in the following photographs.



Flemings Road



Pakihi Road

## WASTE

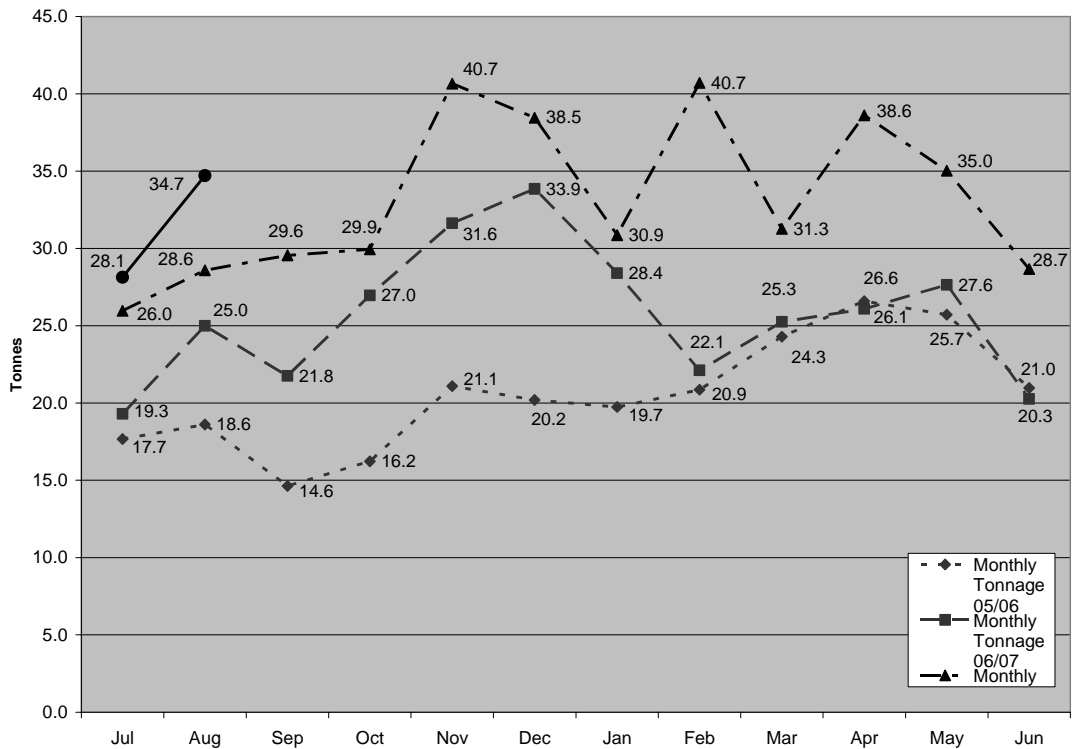
### Monthly Tonnage for Recycling Collection

The tonnage of recyclables collected for July and August 2008 was 28.1 and 34.7 tonnes respectively, exceeding last year's comparable months of 26.0 and 28.6 tonnes.

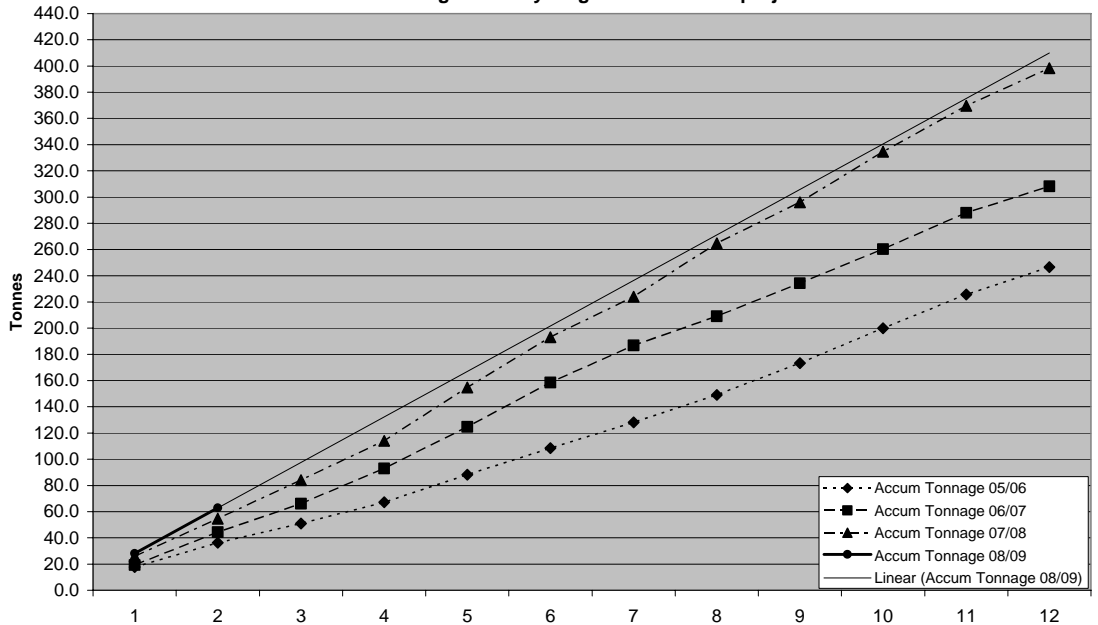
Tonnage from the recycling collection for the first two months of this financial year totalled 62.8 tonnes compared to 54.6 tonnes for the comparable period last year, a 15% increase. The continued increase in tonnage, after three years of recycling is pleasing.

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

**Monthly Tonnage from Recycling Collection and Drop-off Sites Since July 2005**



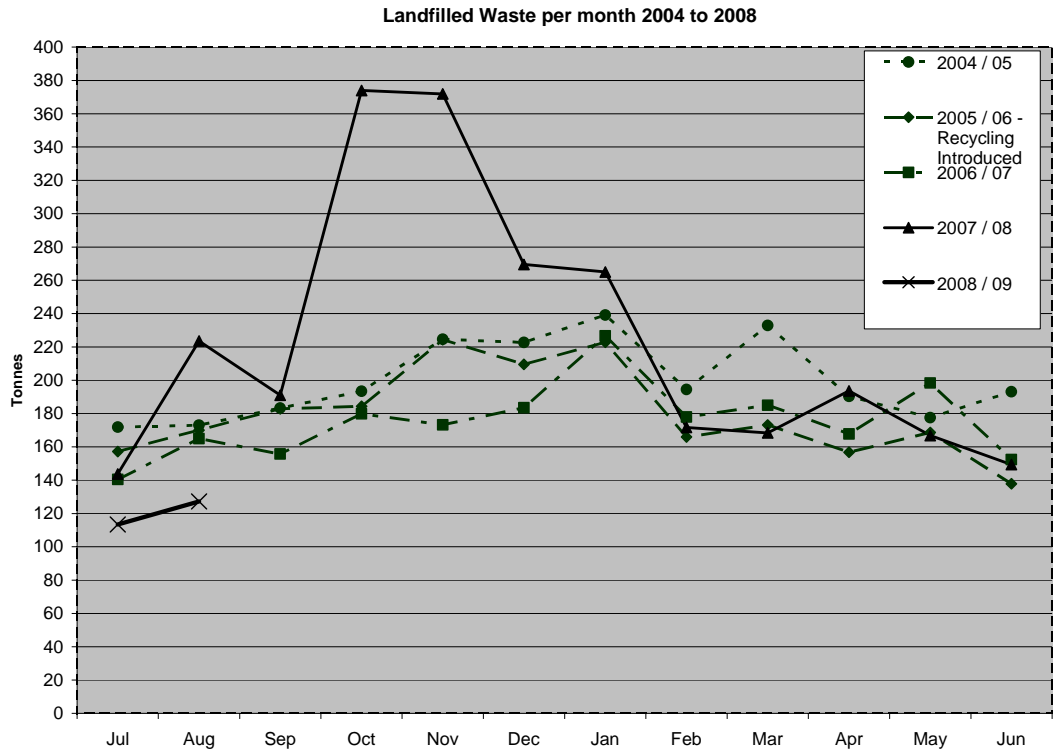
**Accumulated Tonnage for Recycling Collection with projection**



**Tonnage to Landfill**

Tonnage to landfill for the month of August 2008 was 127.32 tonnes, compared with 223.49 tonnes for the comparable month last year, as recorded by the Timaru Landfill. Factors leading to the large reduction are: - (1) NZ Dairies LTD operations increasing the August 2007 figure and (2) some direct billing to commercial entities by Timaru District Council Landfill, reducing the August 2008

figure. By extrapolating these reductions throughout the 2008 / 2009 financial year, an estimated total of 1800 to 1900 tonnes will be landfilled for the July 2008 – June 2009 period, from services provided by Waimate District Council.



### Transport Contract for Waste From RPP to Redruth Landfill

Negotiations have been concluded with the contractor, Transpacific Industries, to limit cost increases in the short term. Staff are actively addressing a consultation/tendering process to reshape all waste contracted services and have facilitated an agenda item on the subject.

## GENERAL

### **The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), as outlined in the Land Transport Management Amendment Act.**

The Ministry of Transport policy staff gave a presentation at ECan in Christchurch on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008 of the current state of the "Next Steps" evolution of the combining of the LTNZ and TNZ into the NZ Transport Agency to provide more regional say in transport planning. This was attended by Councillor M Balchin, Roading Engineer Rob Moffat, and myself. The next phase is now called "Stepping Forward", and I would hope that the following phase isn't called "Tripping Up"! Technically, the new agency came into being on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008, and Regional Managers for the 6 new regions are in the process of being appointed currently. Also of specific note, is the fact that the Minister, the Hon Annette King, is not going to change the FAR (Financial Assistance Ratio) in the next three years. The NZTA is busy assisting the set up of the new regional review committees which will review future priorities, as well as preparing guidelines and planning manuals. Support materials are to be easily reviewable/searchable and available on the web.

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