
His Worship the Mayor's Report – February 2009



Timaru Road Sewer Line Extension

There has been a good response from residents wishing to connect to a new sewer line that will service the Timaru Road area.

As at the time of writing, there have been thirteen residents who have agreed to sign up to connect to the Council's new sewer line.

Council's Water Engineer will now put together a contract which will be tendered for by contractors interested in carrying out the work.

I would like to think that this work would be done within the next few months, and anticipate that we may have good interest from contractors.

With interest rates falling there is a good chance that Council will get a loan at a very favourable rate, which Council should pass onto those people connecting to the scheme at this time.

I would like to thank all those who have responded positively, to make this sewer line extension happen in the Timaru Road area of Waimate.

Water Use in Waimate

For the first time in eight years, the Waimate water supply has been under severe pressure with the pumps working twenty four hours per day.

As the demand for water increased and the summer days became hotter, this necessitated water restrictions to consumers on the urban water supply.

Some months ago Councillors were informed of the large increase in water usage over previous years. Staff pointed out that some residents are, on average, using much more water per head of population than is normal.

Staff has encountered some people who have been abusing water use, by irrigating when they are not entitled to, and they may get a shock when receiving their accounts for metered water use. Council is also aware there are water losses in the reticulation, and if anyone is aware of such losses, please inform Council staff.

Overall, Council's water schemes, whether in Waimate or in the rural areas, are posing real concerns about how long it will be before we will have to find other sources of water to supply the growing demand.

Glenavy Garage

There has been a new proposal put forward which is gaining favour with the garage owner, and the residents of Glenavy who do not want heavy trucks driving down Parker Street.

The proposal is to block off the garage end of Pyke Street to allow trucks to turn 180 degrees to better align with the fuel pumps and safer entry onto State Highway One.

Sergeant Mike Van de Hayden is working with the garage owner and residents to get agreement, which Council can then implement by widening Pyke Street at the state highway intersection.

Hakataramea Meeting

On 4 February a meeting was held at the Hakataramea Gun Club which was chaired by Deputy Mayor Peter McIlraith and attended by myself, Chief Executive Officer, Tony Alden, Roading Engineer, Robert Moffat, and Civil Defence Co-ordinator, Jed Keenan from Council. Mr Robin Stevenson from Chorus, and about ten local residents were present.

Civil Defence discussion was around the snow event in 2006, and Jed Keenan, explained there is a low key approach being taken by Council towards civil defence at the present time with wardens being regularly kept up to date with developments, but no public meetings being called.

Roading matters were discussed, including a request that the grader keep the shingle from filling a cattle stop, and also a ford near a bridge should be able to be used by heavy trucks and heavy rollers which can damage bridges with weight restrictions.

Meetings and Functions Attended

South Canterbury District Health Board
 Aoraki Development Board AGM and Murray Cleverley farewell
 Strawberry Fare – Mayor & Mayoress
 Waimate High School – Trevor Storr
 Waimate District Council Meeting
 Councillors & Management Dinner – Mayor & Mayoress
 South Canterbury DHB Meeting in Timaru – Cr Rayner, Cr Abraham and CEO
 Waimate Health Developments Christmas Luncheon - Mayoress only
 Staff BBQ – Mayor & Mayoress
 Mayors and CEOs of Timaru, Mackenzie and Waimate – Timaru
 Peter Caley Fine Arts Opening – Mayor & Mayoress
 Carols in Seddon Square – Mayor & Mayoress
 Amanda’s Bridal Services – Official opening – Mayor & Mayoress
 Transpower – Peter Griffiths & Gordana Brkljaca
 HMNZS Canterbury – Cocktail Party – Mayor & Mayoress
 Timaru 150th Strathallan Arrival & Dinner – Mayor and Mayoress
 Meridian, Irrigators, Mayors and CEO Waimate and Waitaki
 Waimate Medical Centre Directors
 Vendetti’s Entree - Official opening – Mayor & Mayoress
 Lou Robinson, Cr Rayner re Empress Flour Mill
 Caledonian Society 133rd Sports – Mayor & Mayoress
 Friends of Lister Home meeting - Mayoress
 Council Workshop
 Meeting with Hakataramea Residents

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