



Waitaki

DISTRICT COUNCIL

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WAITAKI

I hereby give notice that the
Assets Committee Meeting
will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Time: 9.40am
Location: Council Chamber, Third Floor
Office of the Waitaki District Council
20 Thames Street, Oamaru

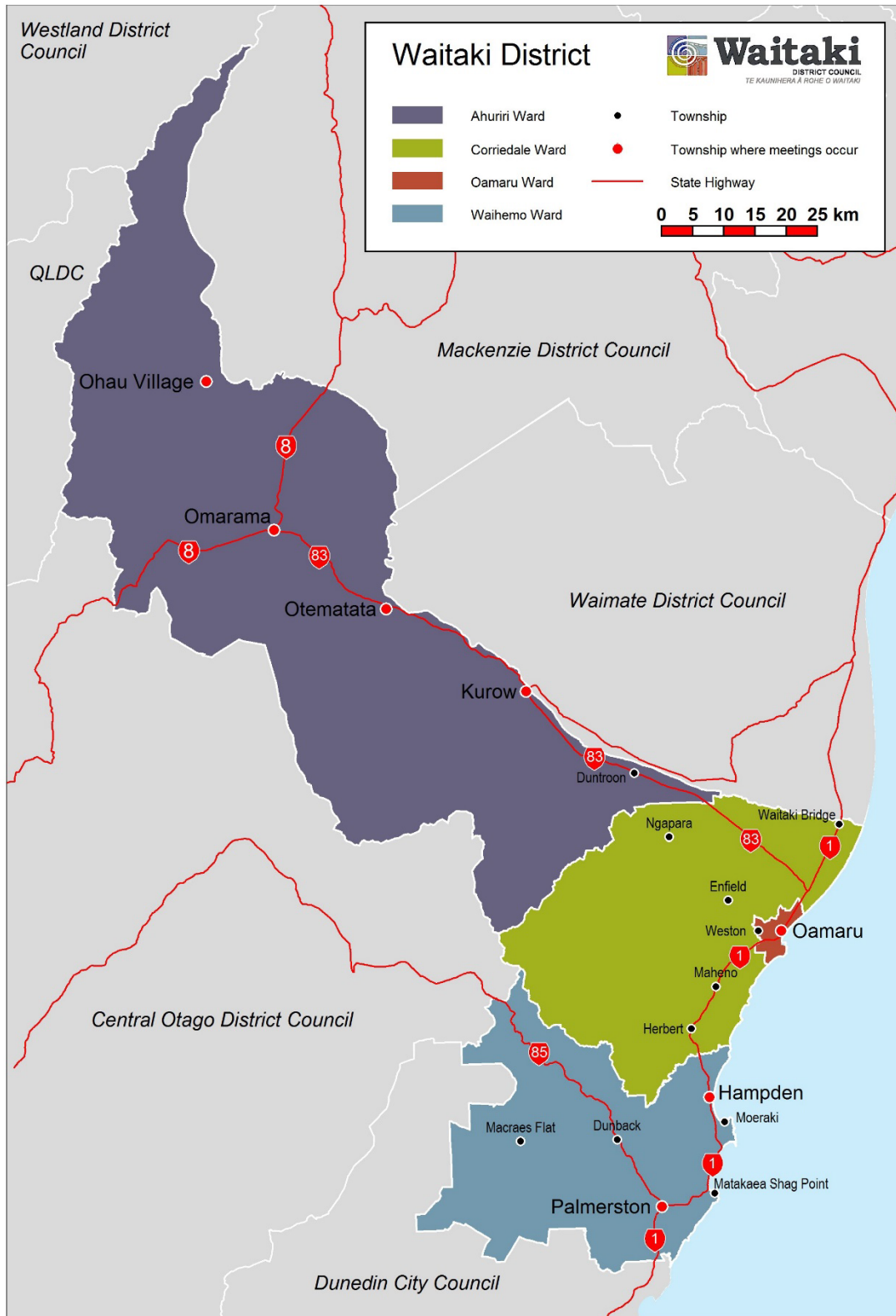
Agenda

Assets Committee Meeting 14 June 2022

Assets Committee Membership

Cr Bill Kingan	Chairperson
Mayor Gary Kircher	Associate Chair
Cr Jeremy Holding	Member
Cr Guy Percival	Member
Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale	Member
Cr Jim Thomson	Member
Cr Kelli Williams	Member
Cr Colin Wollstein	Member

Alex Parmley
Chief Executive



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- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE ASSETS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2022

Author: Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

Authoriser: Lisa Baillie, People and Culture Group Manager

Attachments: 1. **Public Minutes of the Assets Committee Meeting held on 26 April 2022**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Assets Committee confirms the Public Minutes of the Assets Committee Meeting held on 26 April 2022, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**OF THE ASSETS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR,
OFFICE OF THE WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL, 20 THAMES STREET, OAMARU
AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO-CONFERENCE
ON TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2022 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Kircher (Chair), Cr Bill Kingan (via Zoom), Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Guy Percival (from 9.35am), Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale, Cr Jim Thomson, Cr Kelli Williams, and Cr Colin Wollstein

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Jim Hopkins (from 9.42am)
Alex Parmley (Chief Executive)
Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager and Acting Assets Group Manager)
Roger Cook (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager)
Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)

IN ATTENDANCE FOR SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS (VIA ZOOM UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)

Martin Pacey (Water Services Manager)
Michael Goldingham (Senior Assets Planning Engineer)
Mike Harrison (Roading Manager) – present in the Chamber
Erik van der Spek (Recreation Manager)

MEETING OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.00am and welcomed everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED AC 2022/005

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale
Seconded: Cr Jim Thomson

That the apology for lateness received on behalf of Cr Guy Percival be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE ASSETS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED AC 2022/006

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Jim Thomson

That the Assets Committee confirms the Public Minutes of the Assets Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2022, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4 DECISION REPORTS

4.1 ŌMĀRAMA DRINKING WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE – ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT

The report, as circulated, noted a shortfall in the budget for completing the Ōmārama Water Supply upgrade and sought additional funds to those allocated through the Government's Three Waters Reform Tranche One funding package.

Discussion focused on the escalation in costs, concerns about the level of debt funding going forward, and the degree of uncertainty for some elected members about the impact of the new drinking water standards on this project and similar ones. Key points are summarised below.

Previously, Councils had to produce water to a certain quality, but now they are required to have multiple barriers in place. For example, it was previously enough to have bores in place to meet the quality requirements, but those bores now had to be pumping through multiple filters.

The Water Services team had revalued and rescoped its capital works programme last year, but this project had not been included in that list because the tranche funding had already been received.

Reassurance was sought by elected members that what was being priced for these water projects would meet the new drinking water standards.

Officers clarified that most projects being brought forward were renewals and they had a set budget in the LTP which would be adhered to. For example, a pipeline renewals have a budget of \$1M so \$1M of pipes would be renewed. Where there are treatment plants involved (eg Ohau), there are a lot more unknowns and costs may need to be updated once the team has delved further to learn more about what is required.

A key question from elected members focused on some of the differences in costs being 'unsettling', and needing to know that, if Three Waters reform did not go ahead and Council had to cover the debt it was incurring for projects like this one, was it affordable? It was suggested that further assurances to Council may be needed along the way, and that it may mean more planning work is done earlier than actual construction so that Council knows that it is not going to end up with a lot of debt.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that the intent of the rescoped work programme had been to do a lot more of that advanced planning that that there was a fuller understanding of Council's commitments in terms of the work being undertaken to comply with the new standards, and to show some level of changed expectations in the waters space. The previous availability of more choice in how compliance was achieved had been replaced with this more prescriptive approach.

He also advised that Ohau was the last major upgrade that the team would be looking at; and that concerns about what will happen in the wastewater space in terms of what would be allowed to be disposed of and the costs associated with that meant that more planning would need to be done on that too so that there is as much warning as possible provided given the escalation of costs.

The Chair thanked members and officers for the valuable question and answer session and gave a message to the officer team that, going forward, providing a more accurate idea of what the actual costs are will be part of their planning and process to bring it to Council so as to avoid having every upgrade being faced with similar circumstances to this one.

When asked, Mr Pacey advised that consultants' reports were reviewed by his senior team members through a robust review process involving multiple sessions to make sure that the project is scoped correctly and covers every cost point.

MOTION

The Chair moved the report's recommendations with amendments in order to progress the prior discussion, namely: That the Assets Committee requests further information for this project and other projects and that subject to that, that Council [followed by the report's recommendations]. Cr Colin Wollstein seconded the Chair's motion.

Discussion on the motion:

The revised wording was queried, given that it was requiring additional information on all projects first before any action could be taken on this project. The Chair (as the mover) then reworded his motion, and following agreement to the changes from the seconder, he then put the motion to the meeting and the resolution is recorded below.

RESOLVED AC 2022/007

Moved: Mayor Gary Kircher
Seconded: Cr Colin Wollstein

That the Assets Committee requests further details on the costs for this project;
and, subject to that information, the Assets Committee recommends:

That Council:

1. Approves additional funding of \$1.62 million for completion of the Ōmārama Water Supply upgrade.
2. Agrees to loan-fund the additional \$1.62 million with long-term funding for loan repayment to be determined in conjunction with the 3 Waters Investment Programme 2022-24 projects.

and

3. Further to that, that the Assets Committee requests further assurance on the costs for Three Waters projects being proposed to be brought forward over the next two years

CARRIED

The Chair thanked elected members and officers for the discussion and the opportunity to ask and have answered the key questions.

4.2 WAITAKI WASTE MINIMISATION GRANTS APPROVAL PROCESS AND BRANDS

The report, as circulated, sought Council's endorsement of the transfer of responsibilities for Waste Minimisation contestable community grants from Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust (WRRT) to Council.

With regard to recommendation 2, it was suggested that the fund have a specific name; "Waitaki Waste Minimisation Fund" was put forward.

It was clarified that discussions would be held with the Moeraki iwi on the proposed branding to ensure it was representative.

MOTION and AMENDMENT

Cr Jim Thomson moved the report's recommendations. Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale seconded the motion proforma, with a request to add to point 3 the requirement to work with the runaka. The mover agreed to that addition, and the Deputy Mayor confirmed her seconding of the motion.

RESOLVED AC 2022/008

Moved: Cr Jim Thomson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That the Assets Committee recommends:

That Council:

1. Endorses the transfer of responsibility for the administration of Waste Minimisation community grants from Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust to Council;
2. Approves the addition of the proposed "Waitaki Waste Minimisation Fund" to the responsibilities of the Council's Grants and Awards Committee for its consideration of applications; and
3. Notes the Waste Free Waitaki branding and proposed ambassador/champion initiative and the need to work with the runaka to finalise that.

CARRIED

4.3 ROAD STOPPING - JAMES ROAD, HERBERT

The report, as circulated, sought approval to stop and dispose of part of a legal road currently not being used as formed road carriageway.

It was queried why the road stopping was only for a certain segment when it appeared to carry on and go through another private property. Group Manager Paul Hope advised that officers only act on a road stopping request, as the person making the request funds it.

A request was made that officers follow up with the other landowner to see if they wanted a road through their house or not. This was acknowledged for action. It was noted by another elected member that such roads were all over the district and this particular one could continue through several properties so it would be a better approach to take each one as it comes.

RESOLVED AC 2022/009

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Jim Thomson

That the Assets Committee recommends:

That Council:

1. Agrees to stop two portions of the road, as outlined in Attachment 1, and transfers the land to the adjoining owners; and
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate and undertake the necessary actions for the disposal of the land.

CARRIED

5 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

5.1 ŌAMARU STREET LIGHTING CONTROLS

The report, as circulated, informed the Assets Committee of the Streetlight Central Management System that will manage and control the street light operation for Ōamaru and Weston.

Roading Manager Mike Harrison highlighted the benefits of this initiative, in reducing the cost of maintenance and of power usage. The challenge was to find an appropriate place for the transmitter.

The importance of this in the context of the whole roading network was questioned. Mr Harrison advised that it was an important part of completing street lighting in the future, as it would prepare everything so that upgrades could be done in the future. It would also allow some lights to be on whilst others were turned off; and for testing of the dimming of some lights to occur.

The need to respond to light spillage and lights on people's properties, and whether there was a need for a policy on such matters, was also a likely discussion outcome from this system.

It was noted that control could come down to individual lights, and streets. Software would continue to be updated. There would be some maintenance costs in the future, but the biggest cost would be cleaning.

It was further clarified that:

Road safety and community safety overall would be taken into consideration.

Council had approved the budget for the LED changeover which had happened, and this was not part of that project. A decision report to a future meeting was suggested, because it would provide an opportunity for Council to discuss how the savings on the project could be spent for wider community benefit. It was noted that the Waka Kotahi component of this system was 85%.

Community benefits could be identified, but there might also be some aspects (eg fixtures on lampposts) that would need consultation with the community.

MOTION

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale moved the report's recommendations and Cr Colin Wollstein seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion

Savings on project costs were acknowledged, as were the very good implications for people in the future in relation to safety issues.

Policy work around the system was identified as very important. However, caution was also raised about seeking to ensure that the introduction of red tape may translate to not all of the community benefits envisaged by the system's full potential being able to be realised.

RESOLVED AC 2022/010

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Colin Wollstein

That the Assets Committee receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

5.2 CRASH RECORD FOR WAITAKI 2021

The report, as circulated, informed the Mayor and Councillors of the crash record for the Waitaki district in 2021.

Roading Manager Mike Harrison noted that there had been some 'very sobering' crashes around the country over the Easter weekend, including one in Waitaki. A network-wide response needed to be created. The report highlighted that some records did not come through as quickly as desired, but Coroner findings could cause such delays. After a very bad period of crashes in 2016, Waitaki was now on quite a steep downward trend but that could easily level off and the trend shows that the number of crashes could go up again in around two years' time. Overall, the district was not making any significant reductions.

Asked about a current policy or practice to monitor intersections for overgrown vegetation and obscured signs, Mr Harrison advised that he had a process in place with his team and contractors to check matters like that.

It was noted that the crash record report was only recording reported crashes, and there were likely to be more than had gone unreported (eg minor ding and no injuries). Giving more publicity to reminding people to record even minor crashes was suggested. It was noted that Council's Road Safety Officer promoted Snap Send Solve as one tool for this purpose, and that the Government's Road to Zero initiative was now focusing on serious and fatal injuries (rather than crashes).

The meeting was advised that new speed limit rules were passed by the Government the previous week, with discussions being held about making urban roads 40 kms per hour and rural roads 80 kms per hour, and the need for consistency of speed limits around schools. A report would be brought to Council once the details were known.

RESOLVED AC 2022/011

Moved: Cr Jim Thomson

Seconded: Cr Guy Percival

That the Assets Committee receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

5.3 ROADING CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2022-23

The report, as circulated, informed the Assets Committee of the Capital Projects supported by Waka Kotahi Transport Agency (WK) for completion in the 2022/23 financial year.

Roading Manager Mike Harrison highlighted that projects had been slower to get moving this year due to contractor availability, contractor resources now being available, and the like.

Asked about how carried forward projects from 2021/22 could be accommodated in the 2022/23 year under such circumstances, Mr Harrison advised that some projects were able to be extended through to the next financial year because the Waka Kotahi funding was also being carried forward (based on a three-year allocation approach), and by extending contractor timeframes to fit in with their availability.

In response to a query about whether there was a hierarchy of roads or -if not – whether one should be developed, Mr Harrison advised that it was part of the forward plan for the team to look at roads through the lens of the transport plan so that work was being guided by both.

The systemic nature of delays across the board – for roading and waters projects – was raised as a concern by an elected member, who suggested Council needed to debate whether some things should be taken out of work programmes or programme timelines should be amended accordingly.

In response, Group Manager Paul Hope highlighted that officers were responding to the rapid pace of change in the market by looking at ways to be more flexible in their approach to procurement. For example, bundling up projects, having arrangements with contractors that allowed them to fit Council work in around other priorities, and trying to move away from the limitations of the annual plan process where everything had to be done in 12 months. There was a need to be flexible with the parts of the work programme that could accommodate flexibility so that projects could still move forward. This was acknowledged by the meeting.

RESOLVED AC 2022/012

Moved: Cr Jim Thomson
Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That the Assets Committee receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10.20am and reconvened at 10.35am.

5.4 ASSETS GROUP ACTIVITY UPDATE

The report, as circulated, highlighted work undertaken by departments within the Assets Group since the previous Assets Committee Meeting.

Group Manager Paul Hope highlighted that officers were now reaching the stage where some projects could not proceed because there were no contractors available to do them. A current focus was on how best to advise Council on the implications of those situations.

Key discussion topics were as recorded below.

Private property inspections – there was a need to develop a policy on this, given that there are responsibilities for private property owners under the Act.

The survey of sealed roads – it was queried whether this could be used as a tool to identify to Waka Kotahi why Council prioritised certain roads over others and whether it could be used to source additional funding.

Changing Worksafe Rules – it was advised that they would have an implication on costs for councils but there was no detailed information available yet on those or how the new rules would work in practice.

Regarding the Alps 2 Ocean signage matter discussed in the agenda report, this was noted as a problem with doing things at the national level. Alps 2 Ocean had its own branding, and the Geopark also had separate branding. It was suggested that there was a need to push back, so that local artists, including from Ngai Tahu, could be engaged. Recreation Manager Erik van der Spek acknowledged that he shared the same concerns and that they had been passed on to both NZCT and MBIE. Unfortunately, MBIE had contracted NZCT to do the work and consultation on it had been lacking. He did not believe there would be much success if Council were to push back on size, style, and the colour of the signs, but location may be more successful as DOC shared Council's concern about having one of the proposed signs at the beginning of the trail. In response, it was suggested that a combined approach by Council, DOC and the runaka should be taken to push back on all aspects of the proposed national signage, because unless it was tried, there could be no opportunity to get a better result. Mr van der Spek acknowledged this but noted that the signs will have been commissioned and constructed already and any pushback could mean that Council would have to incur the costs of different signage or risk losing funding from MBIE.

Other elected members shared the view that a group approach should be attempted.

Contractors' removal and replanting of flower beds ahead of ANZAC Day was discussed briefly. It was noted that timing of that activity had been affected by supply constraints.

Elected members were pleased to note that the Holmes Wharf redecking project was underway.

RESOLVED AC 2022/013 CHECK NUMBER

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That the Assets Committee receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.58am.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Assets Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14 June 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

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4 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

4.1 ASSETS GROUP ACTIVITY UPDATE

Author: Joshua Rendell, Assets Operations Manager

Authoriser: Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager

Attachments: 1. Assets Group Activity Report - June 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Assets Committee receives and notes the information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the attached report is to highlight work undertaken by departments within the Assets Group since the previous Assets Committee Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Stoneburn water supply continues to have a boil water notice in place. This boil water notice is due to the presence of an algal bloom in the storage dam. Algal blooms affect the ability of filters to appropriately filter water and react with chlorine within the network, giving no surety of appropriate treatment having taken place. This algal bloom has been present for a longer period than is usually the case.

Work continues on a number of projects, notably the Palmerston dispersal field extension, the Lakes campground water main connections, the rehabilitation of Solway Street, the drainage improvements in Kakanui, and the re-decking of Holmes Wharf.

Consultation on the future of Forrester Heights has been undertaken, with a strong showing by the community through the consultation process. Over 900 submissions were received, with hearings and deliberations conducted on 30 and 31 May.

Contractor and material availability continue to be a significant risk to programme delivery. To counter this issue, Officers are working closely with contractors to plan forward work programmes. Officers are also ordering items with long lead-times well in advance of their need to ensure material is available when it is required.

Many items that would traditionally be available in storage with local suppliers are now no longer available within New Zealand and are needing to be shipped in from around the world. The Water Services team has placed a number of orders for critical spares to ensure business continuity if breakdowns were to occur.

Several of these issues have led to an under-delivery of capital programmes. The current forecasted carry forward of work programmes is in excess of 25% of the planned capital delivery programme. This is also in part due to higher forecasted expenditure on some major projects in the first year of their project lifecycle (Sports and Events Centre) that have not yet required significant expenditure. With both a high number of projects to carry forward, and an ambitious forward works programme forecasted in the 2022/23 Annual Plan, Officers will need to continue to prioritise the project resources available to deliver on Council's ambitions. The alternative is to consider increasing project resources.



ASSETS GROUP

Activity Update – June 2022



Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide insight into recent work undertaken by the Assets group departments.

3 WATERS

GENERAL

Staffing

Water Services is excited to welcome Cara Wilkinson to the role of Compliance Analyst. With the introduction of the revised Drinking Water Standards and Quality Assurance Rules from 1 July, Cara's extensive experience will be invaluable to the team.

The role of Technical Operations Engineer – Reticulation will soon be re-advertised following a withdrawal from the process by the preferred candidate.

Interviews are currently underway for the roles of Hydraulic Modelling Officer and Asset Planning Engineer. These roles will be pivotal in assisting the Planning and Systems portfolio to identify problem assets and prepare forward renewal and upgrade programmes.

POLICY AND PLANNING

3 Waters Investment Programme 2022-24

The team is making good progress with the 2021/22 projects and scoping and planning continues for a number of 2022/23 projects.

Officers are currently reviewing allocated project budgets. A workshop is being scheduled to discuss project budgets with Elected Members.

Backflow Prevention Inspection Programme

The inspection programme has been finalised and officers are now in the process of notifying property owners as per the Communication and Engagement Plan.

Compliance Software

Officers recently procured a new compliance software package called Infrastructure Data. This software will streamline compliance reporting to Taumata Arowai and the Regional Councils, which is critical as requirements continue to increase. Compliance data will all be held in the one repository and will be easily transferable to a report template. This process is currently very manual, time-consuming, and not easily repeatable.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Boil Water Notice

A boil water notice remains in place for the Stoneburn Water Supply following an algae bloom in the storage dam in late January 2022. The eight treated water reservoirs were successfully cleaned in April and the raw water storage reservoir has recently exhibited signs of improvement. However, chlorine residual levels in the network are still not sufficient to lift the notice. Work will soon commence on an issues and options assessment for the future upgrade of the supply to meet the revised Drinking Water Standards.

Conserve Water Notice

A conserve water notice was issued for the Enfield Zone of the Ōamaru Water Supply in early May after the reservoir failed to refill following a planned water shutdown. Unfortunately, the situation is unresolved, and it is suspected that unauthorised taking of water is occurring somewhere in the network. As such, the team is arranging for SouthRoads to check, and if necessary, replace all restrictors in the zone over the next two to four months. The Compliance team will carry out further investigation for any missing or tampered with restrictors, in accordance with the Water Supply Bylaw 2021.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Ōamaru Water Main Renewals

SouthRoads has completed installation of a new watermain on the first section of the 550m of Till Street to be renewed. The new watermain replaces an old steel water main and will provide a significantly better level of service for residents and minimise disruptions to the water supply. SouthRoads will move to Stuart Street to renew a 200m section of watermain that has failed several times recently, before returning to complete the remainder of Till Street.



Figure 1 Till Street renewals

Wastewater Main Renewals – Ōamaru and Palmerston

HydroTech has been awarded the contract for renewal of wastewater mains in Ōamaru and Palmerston. Project commencement has been significantly impacted by delays in sourcing materials due to supply issues worldwide. The start date is now likely to be in July. Some parts of the work, including inspections of the pipes planned for renewal, will be carried out in conjunction with the wastewater mains CCTV inspection and cleaning contract.

Wastewater Mains CCTV Inspection and Cleaning

This contract was also awarded to HydroTech and work is expected to commence in early June.

Waihemo and Ahuriri Water Filling Stations

The Waihemo Community Board has endorsed the installation of a water filling station in Palmerston. The unit will be installed on Gilligan Street in mid-July.

Feedback is being sought from the Ahuriri Community Board on potential locations for a water filling station in the Waitaki Valley. Officers' preferred location is adjacent to the existing campervan dump station in Ōmārama.

Three Waters Reform Tranche One Funded Projects

Otematata Campground Water Supply Upgrades

Work has commenced on connecting four of Council's campgrounds in the Otematata area to the Otematata Water Supply. This will ensure campground users have access to potable water. The first stage of the project involves mole ploughing a new water main from Loch Laird to Otematata. Pipe jacking of a 225mm sleeve has been successful at two locations under State Highway 83. This is a great result, as officers were uncertain if ground conditions (large rocks) would impact the installation.



Figure 2 Parsons Rock state highway crossing and Figure 3 New PE watermain pipe prior to being installed through campground

Weston Watermain Upgrades

Specialised Services Group will complete watermain upgrades in Charles Street in the coming weeks. The work involves installing a new 200mm diameter PVC watermain and an additional rider main, replacing the old asbestos cement pipe prone to failure and service disruption for consumers. This completes the first stage of the Weston project.



Figure 4 - Charles Street Weston

Palmerston Water Mains Renewal

This project was extended with the addition of replacement of service lines along SH85 (Brough Street to Tiverton Street), which are now installed. Commissioning of the new water mains is expected in the coming weeks.



Figures 5 and 6 – Trench shield and excavation for hydrant installation

Otematata Watermain Replacements

Except for some minor works and reinstatements, this project is now complete.

Palmerston Wastewater Dispersal Field Improvements

Specialised Services Group Limited is progressing well. All new irrigation pipelines, valves, sprinklers, cables, and conduits have been installed. A new pump station building complete with new pumps, valves, pipework, and control panel is established onsite ready for commissioning in the coming weeks.

ROADING

Operations and Maintenance

The Kerb, Channel and Footpath renewal in Solway Street was completed in early May. Solway Street was the final site in the kerb renewal programme for the financial year. The site has now been handed over to the road renewal team who is presently onsite through to mid-June. The footpath renewal crew has now established in Palmerston and made a start on planned maintenance of the chip seal footpaths in the township.

Planned maintenance works continued over April and May, with seal road repairs on major roads including Reed Street, Tokarahi-Duntroon Road, Whiterocks Road and Waianakarua Road. Grading and metalling of the unsealed network continues with a focus in the Corriedale ward prior to moving into the Ahuriri.

The team received a request for a minor spruce-up of River Road in Kakanui to provide the recently established 'biking school bus' a suitable route through to Kakanui School via this road. The vegetation was trimmed back, the surface evened out, and a fresh layer of gravel placed. Local residents are very pleased with the outcome.



Figure 7 River Road, completed works

The Kakanui Stormwater Project is progressing well, with the first stage in Stirling Street displaying the new shape drainage swales without deep water channels. The completion of the first section has received positive feedback from local residents. It was hoped to have the second stage along Semple Street completed with the system operational by mid-June.



Figure 8 Kakanui Stormwater Project, Stage One Stirling Street

Capital Work Programme

The capital programme is in the designing and procurement stages. Currently on the road, there is business as usual although there are few physical works to see. However, it has been busy in the office preparing for the tenders and/or projects that will be constructed over the next 18 months.

The team has had discussions with the contractors about their workloads/availability, what is pushing costs up, and other changing issues such as traffic management. It was notable that traffic management is fast becoming a significantly higher project cost than what has been seen in tender pricing previously.

The following are projects with preliminary works, and procurement processes currently in progress:

- Weston Ngapara Road Seal Widening – released 11 May 2022
- Seven Mile Road intersections and Seal Widening – released 17 May 2022
- Intersection Bundle – Georgetown Ngapara, Island Cliff, Settlement Road intersections – released 24 May 2022

Below are future tenders to be released:

- Essex Street and Gardiners Road intersections – due for publication on 31 May 2022
- Whiterocks, Fortification and Springhill Road intersections – due for publication on 8 June 2022
- Pavement Rehabilitations – Nore Street and Ribble Street Rehabilitations – due publication on 14 June 2022
- Shortland and Redcastle Road intersections – TBA – design completion
- Tutu Hill Road seal extension – TBA – design completion
- Gilligan Street Intersection – TBA – design completion

Works in progress due to commence:

- Whitestone Contracting Limited for the intersection upgrades on Reed Street, Wansbeck Street, Usk Street, and
- District Road and the Orwell and Eden Street pavement rehabilitation contracts
- Lower Eden Street road reconstruction
- Coastal Erosion Protection

Works in the initial design phase are:

- Footpath improvement work in Palmerston
- Ardgowan Road pedestrian and bike path.

There are continued delays to works this year as contractors struggle to cope with the effects of increased workloads, COVID, and delayed material supplies.

The annual bridge maintenance works have been largely completed, with final component replacements remaining. Bridge inspections are undertaken throughout the year.

SouthRoads Limited is applying the final touches to complete the rehabilitation of Solway Street which is due for completion on 10 June 2022.

The Intersection upgrades are Road 2 Zero (R2Z) funded activities and will commence in June starting with the Whiterocks - Westview intersection, then District and Weston Road, which will be followed with Wansbeck Street intersections and then Reed Street in July.

Whitestone Contracting was recently awarded the Weston Shared Path contract to construct a shared path along Weston Road between house number 42 and Essex Street. This project was approved in the 2021-24LTP and is due to commence 1 July.

The Weston Footpath construction works have recommenced, with Whitestone Contracting now having available resources. London, Argyle and Essex Streets footpaths completed the original planned site works.

Lower Eden Street's road pavement is to be reconstructed, and the tender for this work has been awarded to Downer Limited which intends to start in September.

The Annual Bridge maintenance works have been completed and includes rock rip rap protection, vegetation removal and component maintenance.

Road Safety Collaboration

Waitaki District Council continues to strengthen its road safety relationships with surrounding councils. Waitaki, Ashburton, Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie District Councils collaborated to deliver a great MediaWorks radio campaign bringing a consistent message to drivers in these districts over the Easter period.



The campaign focused on reminding drivers to make good choices, with a competition where people chose to have a chocolate egg or hot cross bun.

Along with the radio advertisements, nearly 10,000 people were reached through Facebook, and those entering via text received a bespoke return message focused on road safety.

Figure 9

The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022

The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 has been approved by the Minister of Transport and came into force on 19 May 2022. This new rule replaces the previous 2017 “Setting of Speed Limits Rule” and implements a more coordinated approach to speed management planning on New Zealand’s roads.

The costs for delivering Speed Limit changes is a co-invested work programme with Waka Kotahi. However, there is no current programme of work and the programme costs, together with the availability for co-investment funding have not been quantified. While the setting of speed limits will now be a national rule-setting decision, consultation will remain with the local Council-led process every three years.



Figure 10

The main changes centre around a requirement to set speed limits on a regional basis, bringing consistency and the ability to alter speeds quicker and easier. All speed limits are now recorded in a National Speed Limit Register, rendering the existing Speed Limits Bylaw obsolete and eventually revoked. It also introduces standard speed limits around schools throughout New Zealand providing consistency. All schools will be classed as category 1 meaning the surrounding roads must eventually have a 30 km/h speed limit. A process will be available to reclassify a school to a category 2. However, the Road Controlling Authority (RCA) will need to justify the decision and a speed limit can be no higher than 60km/h.

The Waitaki district has two RCAs, with Council responsible for local roads and Waka Kotahi responsible for State Highways. The Government’s aim is that, by June 2024, 40% of schools are to have an agreed speed limit and the correct signage in place, with all schools to be complete by December 2027.

The Roding Team has already started the planning work while waiting for the official guidance from Waka Kotahi. This work includes pulling together traffic data, crash data and boundary overlaps. This work will give us a view (not a decision) on a suggested way forward for each school, which can then be used as a starting point for when we consult with the community and stakeholders.

Of interest at the currently suggested 500m boundary of a school, 15 out of 22 schools have a boundary with a State Highway. This means the team will be working in partnership with Waka Kotahi to work with the community around the safe and appropriate speed for these schools.

Update – Coroner’s Report – 2019 Ashburton Crash Recommendations

The Coroner report on a fatal crash in Ashburton district identified the intersection controls and visibility were contributors to the crash. Responding to the report, staff have commenced identifying similar rural intersections in the Waitaki district, with an estimated 50 intersections requiring assessment. These safety inspections will be carried out during June and July, building on intersection improvements started in 2016.

Upcoming events

RYDA

Due to COVID, the road safety day for year 12s had to be cancelled. A rearranged date has been set for 23 June for both Waitaki Boys' High School and St Kevin's College, while East Otago High School and Waitaki Girls' High School will be sometime next year.



Figure 11 RYDA

Clued up kids

The dates have been set for 3 and 4 August for the Clued-up kids, with even more schools than before booked to attend. It is anticipated that there will be around 350 kids in attendance over the day and a half.

Asset Management

The team has been busy with the following:

- The Roding Unit has successfully renewed the global resource consent for roading maintenance and renewals which includes culverts and bridges in the waterways. Application was made in 2019 and was only approved at the end of April 2022. The process was long-winded; has multiple stakeholders that Council must notify; and has a total of 74 conditions for compliance. The unit has been assessing the conditions to ensure that the unit can respond appropriately at the right time.
- The road condition rating survey on sealed roads in the district has been completed. This information is used primarily for populating data on the road deterioration model which will run within the next year to support the next Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) request for investment with Waka Kotahi.
- Work has begun on undertaking deterioration modelling for sealed pavement renewals, ie resurfacing and pavement renewals. This gives us a high-level strategy to support our request for investment in the 2024-27 Regional Land Transport Plan. From this deterioration modelling a four-year detailed breakdown of sites for pavement renewals each year will be constructed.
- WSP was engaged to provide specialist input into Council's Roding Business Case and Asset Management Plan. It has now provided a comprehensive programme and timeline to meet the August 2023 deadline for submission of Council roading maintenance and renewals to the 2024-27 Regional Land Transport Plan.

- The asset management team is currently developing a programme tracking tool which will be available to the Roding team for management tracking of all activities with values over \$5,000. We are currently improving and automating this process in partnership with the Finance and Information Services (IS) teams.
- The Roding Unit has engaged Open Plan (a business unit of Christchurch City Council) to provide a forward works viewer commencing 1 July which will allow Council to coordinate forward works across Council including Water Services as well as utility companies like Network Waitaki. Road closures and temporary traffic management will also be displayed on the viewer. This viewer will be accessible to users within Council and other asset owners. We are investigating whether this viewer can be used on Council's website to inform the public.

Staff

The vacancy for the Engineering Officer's role has been filled, with two new staff starting early in June. The new team members will join the Roding team in strengthening the onsite presence for inspections, programming, and quality for both the Maintenance and Capital Work Programmes.

Unfortunately, the current Roding Assets Planner has tendered a resignation, although she will leave with the team a solid foundation of Asset Planning systems and data records.

Work Site Safety

There has been very little communication about the changing Temporary Traffic Management Rules. WorkSafe is currently undertaking a review, with consultation in progress. There will be a very short lead time to the rules being in force. The rules will affect everyone who works on the road. The uncertainty over future requirements is coming across at the tender table, with increased prices for temporary traffic management being seen.

State Highway

The issues in the Thames Highway pavement works at the North End remain under investigation, and patching continues.

Waka Kotahi's proposal to raise the highway at Maheno triggered a Resource Consent process which is currently on hold while Waka Kotahi consults with affected submitters. The community and council assets at Maheno are at the forefront of a Council submission to this consent. The benefit that the Kakanui River bridge provides to State Highway resilience has been recognised through this discussion and we look forward to the next round of communications.

Kiwi Rail

Kiwi Rail has reviewed the road / rail crossings throughout the country from a risk perspective. There are 17 crossings that Kiwi Rail is proposing to close, committing to consulting with communities before doing so. Two of those crossings are in the Waitaki District and staff are working with Kiwirail to understand and address the issues they have raised. In addition, KiwiRail are proposing a level crossing agreement document with definitions on risk, responsibility, and liability. The proposed agreement is being reviewed by council's lawyers.

RECREATION

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Alps to Ocean (A2O)

New Zealand Cycle Trail (NZCT) trailhead signage

Following feedback from the previous Asset Committee meeting, officers met with NZCT to raise Council's concerns. The signs are a national branding initiative driven by MBIE to showcase the Great Rides. The aim is for each of the 22 Great Rides to have the same signs installed to create a national Great Rides brand with consistency throughout the country. For this reason, each district cannot apply their own district's look and feel or branding to them. The design of the signage is not able to be changed and NZCT will not force any of the trails to install the trailhead signs. The decision of whether to install and where to install is ultimately Council's decision. However, it is important to understand that this is a national branding initiative driven by MBIE to be marketed nationally – of which Waitaki would benefit. It is also a privilege to be part of the Great Ride family and receive the MBIE funding. NZCT has presented to the A2O Joint Committee on this topic and representatives intend to discuss further with their respective organisations.

Department of Conservation (DOC) concession variation

The DOC concession agreement has been reviewed and an application made to DOC to vary the concession activity description to include the addition of transport and aircraft activities, and to include 'fit for purpose' health and safety clauses. On receipt of this, the concession agreement will be able to be fully implemented, including the issue of sub-licenses to official partners.

Business case

Work on the business case to take the remaining sections off-road has recommenced. This application to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) seeks funds from the NZCT fund to complete the vision of a completely off-road trail from Mt Cook to Ōamaru. Concurrently, work has commenced on a Visitor Experience Development plan (VEDP) that seeks to give a road map for all aspects of development that flow from a complete trail. The business case and VEDP are key planning documents underpinned by the overall trail vision and strategy. From the VEDP flows the marketing plan, while the business case informs annual funding and trail development work plans.

Trail usage

The trail is well used and is being enjoyed for single-day as well as multi-day trips. Operators have had good seasons with strong domestic tourism markets, and word of mouth continues to be the greatest marketing tool. Forward numbers for next season are also understood to be looking good.

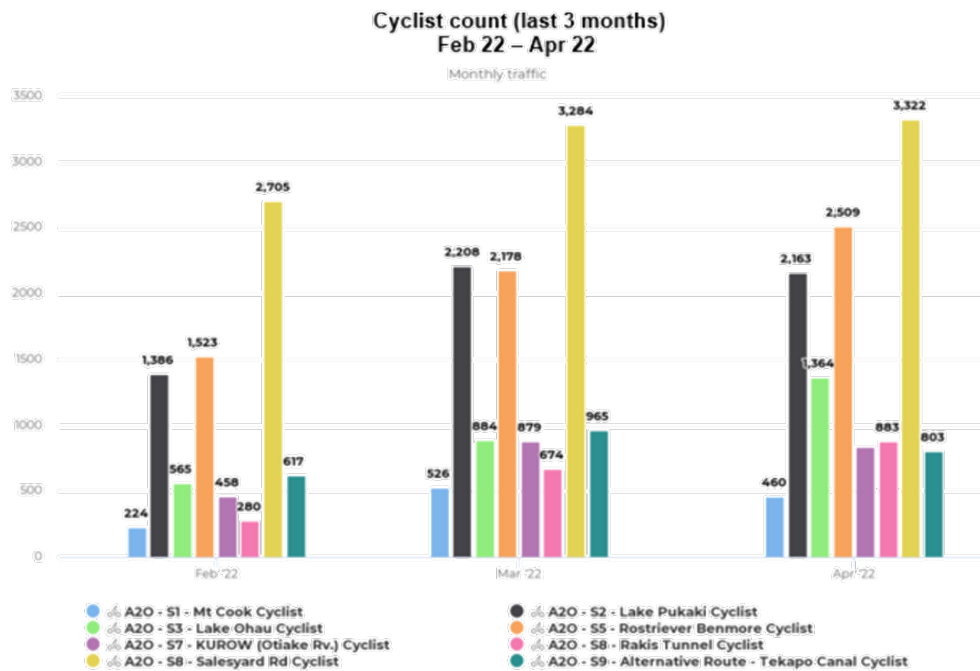


Figure 12

Maintenance

Maintenance contractors have been busy getting in the last spray before winter. Recently, the portaloos that were at Bog Roy station were taken to the Windsor tennis courts in response to complaints from the community about cyclists using the area as a toilet. Council's contractor for section 8 will be cleaning and checking this toilet on a regular basis.

Camping Grounds

The Water Services team has started work on installing the town supply into the Loch Laird and Wildlife campgrounds. There has been only one issue encountered so far with the water line being unexpectedly cut. The camp manager has now left a portaloos onsite while Whitestone is working in this area in case the water is shut off again.

The camp manager has been lifting the willows in the boat harbour at Sailors Cutting and will be doing the same around the boat ramp at Parson's Rock.

An arborist had done an assessment of some trees at Loch Laird. It was aimed to complete remedial work over winter. Most of the campers left after Easter.

Simon and Theresa Fox, Council's current camp managers, have kindly donated another picnic table for the Loch Laird campground for the public to use. It has been placed by the swimming area, which campers are very pleased with.



Figure 12 New picnic table at Loch Laird

Aquatic Centre

School holidays and Term 2 have started well, with the highest use and learn to swim registrations the centre has had since COVID. School use has also continued, with a positive number of bookings throughout the term.

The additional Lifeguard recruitment that was completed in April was a great help over the busy school holiday period, but there were some resignations received from Lifeguards and swim instructors over the last weeks. This, combined with the increasing impact of COVID on staff, has resulted in the Centre being unable to maintain normal operating hours.

A review of the current operating hours is underway. The impact of COVID has changed people's habits and the centre's operating hours do not currently reflect the community's usage patterns.

An overhaul of the spa and main pool filters is still being planned but has been hampered by key staff having to cover other roles due to sickness or absenteeism in order to maintain operating hours.

Staff continue to receive verbal and physical abuse from customers unhappy with the current COVID restrictions as well as generally unhappy members of the community when staff address their socially unacceptable behaviours. Currently there are a number of outstanding incidents that are being worked through involving physical and verbal abuse.

The Ōamaru Mail has recently run a couple of articles on the success of our squad swimmers at the recent Division II National champs as well as highlighting our new Migrant 'Swim Safe' initiative.

Term 2 Parent and Child water confidence and safety courses have benefitted from staff getting out and promoting to local childcare and Plunket. As a result, there has been an increase in numbers in the programme.



Figure 13 Parent and Child water confidence class

Duntroun War Memorial



Crombie Monumentalist has fixed the lead lettering at the Duntroun War Memorial. The community is very pleased with the work, which was completed in time for ANZAC day.

Figure 14 Refurbish Duntroun War Memorial

Ōmārama Cemetery



One of the stone pillars at the Ōmārama cemetery has been repaired by Dooleys Masonry. A large piece of slate that had detached from the pillar has been reattached.

Figure 15 Ōmārama Cemetery Pillar

Ōamaru Public Gardens

Plantings proposed include a commemorative tree planting organised by the library for the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee around Queen's Birthday weekend. Other plantings planned throughout the gardens are to bolster the existing themes.

Following reports of a near miss involving cyclists travelling at speed, officers are pricing the cost of a judder bar installation in hazardous areas as required to slow cyclists.

The ears on the Panda have been repaired and rebroken twice. There are no plans to carry out further repairs at this stage.

Moeraki Walking Track

The gate leading from the Moeraki Esplanade to the Lookout has had a new gate installed and a section of track has been graded and gravelled to make the section between Millers Bay and Cleddy Street more pedestrian-friendly.

Moeraki Rabbits

The Otago Regional Council (ORC) has received submissions from KiwiRail and DoC for rabbit control. The extra time for various parties such as Waitaki District Council, KiwiRail, and DoC to secure funding, has provided smaller landowners the opportunity to devise plans along with their neighbours. Officers have received an offer of service with a methodology that includes fencing for reaching compliance. The preferred method of control is an application of Pindone on carrot in paddock situations, Pindone bait stations throughout the township, with follow up shooting. Confinement fencing will be a later consideration. Officers hope to receive additional offers of service in the near future.

ORC is going to undertake its own 'trial' of Pindone bait at just one location for now. ORC has no tool to require properties in the urban landscape under 0.5ha to meet compliance (reduce their rabbit populations), so reinfestation from neighbouring properties is highly probable.

Palmerston Mountain Biking

The local group of volunteers developing Mountain Bike Tracks in Council's Brough Road forestry area have completed several tracks. With the digger exposing sites that were used to dump rubbish in the past, deposits of clay from the town's water upgrades have been utilised to cover the exposed debris. Craig Alter, who is managing this project, has been working diligently along with a few others to develop further tracks.

Dunback to Domain route

Signs have been installed to complete the identification of the start/points at either end. The wear on the track surface will be used as a guide to the route's popularity. Local walkers and volunteers have been making gradual improvements to the trail and have asked for Council support with improvements.

Memorial Oaks

Network Waitaki is planning to undertake work on the Duddridge Memorial Oak.

Wood from the Aitkin and Addison oaks has been put into storage for the families and associated parties to utilise. The replacement oaks have survived the first six months and are being well attended by the neighbours.

Palmerston Streetscape

A number of Kowhai trees throughout this landscape have come to an early demise, with five being poisoned and several more cut down recently in broad daylight. It has been a reminder to us all that wearing high visibility clothing does not mean the work is authorised. The Waihemo Community Board will need to decide what it would like the Kowhai trees replaced with.

Ross Park

Recent digging by kids to make jumps were 'tolerated' over the past two holiday periods as a distraction from other anti-social behaviours that were having a negative impact on the town. Now that the Brough Road Bike Park has some jumps constructed, the parks team will have this area reinstated. A recent arborist report has recommended significant amounts of tree work for the preservation of Ross Park. Ross descendants have also requested what can be put in place to preserve this area as intended.

Sportsgrounds

Sports field renovations have been completed. Line marking was undertaken on fields in preparation for the winter season. The annual assessment of the fields by an independent agronomist was undertaken. A report will be on the assessment is forthcoming.

Playgrounds

The Recreation team is replacing the spinner at the Southern Reclamation Reserve. Casa Nova Park is getting a new piece of equipment (Casa Nova only has two pieces of equipment) as well as installation of a path linking Fleet Street to Taward Street. A section of pipe on the slide at the Friendly Bay Playground has developed cracks and Whitestone Panel and Paint completed plastic weld repairs.

**PlatinumPlay JT570 V7
1.8m high deck**



Figure 16 New play equipment for Casa Nova

Solid Waste

WasteMinz Conference (9 – 11 May)

The Solid Waste Manager attended the annual WasteMinz conference. The conference was facilitated online. The conference consisted of several workshops and presentations. The following is a summary of those attended.

1. Council Waste Officers forum – The forum received an update from the Ministry for the Environment on the waste levy. This levy is collected from landfills, with 50% of the levy being given back to councils on a per capita rate. This money must be spent on Waste Minimisation activities. The levy rate is increasing over the next three years resulting in an increase to WDC from \$70k p/a to \$400k p/a. The other 50% of the levy collected is distributed through a contestable fund process. MFE indicated that:
 - Share of increased levy collected will still be distributed to Territorial Authorities on a per capita basis
 - The waste levy contestable fund will be extended to assist councils with infrastructure development based on any changes necessary from the implementation of the Transforming Recycling consultation

2. Contaminated Land – WDC relevancy is the 2 Beach Road and Hampden landfill sites currently under review for remediation. WDC also has 14 closed landfills.
 - Consenting requirements. There are no impacts for WDC closed landfills
 - Site management and responsibilities of the landowner – WDC has some closed landfills on private property. As WDC is the consent holder, it must ensure the landowner either meets the consent requirements or allows WDC access to do so. We have good relationships with the landowners and have access to all the sites as needed.
 - Proposed legislative changes (no impact on WDC contaminated site projects)
3. Waste Minimisation Workshops
 - Iwi engagement – the importance of engaging with Iwi as early as possible
 - Behaviour change – case studies were presented on successful resident engagement relating to contamination in recycling
 - Designing out waste in manufacturing and construction – A presentation from a consultant who advises manufacturers on how to reduce waste at the design phase of a product development
 - Introduction of an organics collection – three councils presented on their successes and pitfalls when introducing a kerbside organics collection
4. Address from Minister Parker
 - The Ministry has no desire to inherit costs to remediate old landfills
 - Confirmed financial support for councils developing infrastructure as part of any outcome from the Transforming Recycling consultation
 - Confirmed the current waste levy distribution to councils will remain as the levy collected increases. It will take a change of the appropriate legislation for any changes

Landfills

Palmerston, Hampden (closed) and Otematata (closed) landfills had good results from the quarterly water sampling in April and remain fully consent compliant.

General

Planning is underway for the review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, with an adoption date of 1 July 2023.

Peer review of Palmerston Landfill upgrade recommendations by the Morrison Low Better Business Case for the remediation of exposed landfills confirms that, at a minimum, a varied resource consent will be required, but most likely the proposed upgrade will require new consents. The process has been started with ORC to determine the required consent outcomes.

The Solid Waste Manager attended a public meeting in Glenavy on 19 May. The meeting was run by a group in opposition to the proposed Waste to Energy plant in the Waimate district. The group has engaged an environment lawyer for advice on the consent process.

Waste Minimisation

Waste Free Waitaki branding

Iwi was consulted regarding the Waste Free Waitaki branding and has expressed that they are happy with the logos. These will now be rolled out across all waste minimisation activities.

WDC waste brainstorms

The team is slowly working through waste brainstorms with Council teams. These seek to look at what waste the organisation generates, what to do with it, and what improvements can be made in waste minimisation. Suggestions about what other measures staff would like to see are also collated. These sessions are between 40 and 60 minutes and are interactive and fun.

Waste Free Waitaki Ambassador programme

The WDC waste brainstorms are an important part in the lead up to launching our Waste Free Waitaki Ambassador programme. The brainstorms have trialled the process and will also form part of the communication plan for the launch, to be able to showcase to the community that the organisations are making a commitment to doing waste minimisation. The Ambassador programme is proposed to be voluntary, not award-based, and as such will not be assessed. It will be a self-commitment by external parties to waste minimisation, and where applicable, a commitment to be transparent and communicative about processes to their customer base. The programme is intended to be launched mid-July.

Waste Free Wednesday tips

A soft launch of the Waste Free Waitaki branding will commence soon, with Waste Free Wednesday tips on the social media platform. Lucianne White and the wonderful communications team are working on templates and content currently.

Waitaki Waste Minimisation grant

We propose to open this fund on 1 September 2022 for four weeks, with a six-week community engagement lead-in, commencing in conjunction with the Waste Free Waitaki Ambassador launch. Lucianne and the communications team are currently working on the marketing and the information collateral for the fund.

Website refresh

Part of the branding, ambassador and fund launch will also be the completion of the website landing page refresh, leading with a strong waste minimisation focus and education resources.

Rural recycling hub signage refresh

The team is currently working with Brackens on a refreshed signage for the three rural recycling hubs located at Herbert, Enfield and Papakaio. The new information panels and bin signage will give clear instructions on how to use the site, including the Waste Free Waitaki branding; will have some key waste minimisation information; and will utilise the bilingual waste symbols resource from WasteMinz.

Illegal dumping and littering

Discussion is underway with the Regulatory team over streamlining the process for dealing with incidents and future campaign work to educate the community. It was intended to front-foot the education and awareness around this as, with increased landfill fees, it can be expected to see an increase in illegal dumping and littering.

Workshops

With organics being banned from landfills, a likely scenario will be faced shortly; the team is looking at hosting composting workshops in collaboration with external organisations later in the year. With no commercial composting operations in Waitaki, the organisation will need to be encouraging and upskilling the community to deal with organic waste at home.

Enviroschools

With looser restrictions on school visitors this term, Lucianne has been conducting one on one planning meetings with lead teachers. Lucianne and three of the Waitaki lead teachers also attended the Dunedin teacher hui in Waitati.

Monthly cluster meetings are going well, with increased attendance and planning is underway for a Waitaki Teacher Hui in July.

Facilitator networking sessions with facilitators across the motu continue to be a valuable source on learning, inspiration and sharing.

PROJECTS

A20

Access to Rakis tunnel is difficult, with previous attempts at bringing in concrete proving unsafe. A new plan has been devised with concrete scheduled to be poured mid-June.

The surveyor has completed the first two surveys for establishment of easements. These are being checked and cross-referenced with the titles, and registration forms are being prepared.

Beautification Lighting

Officers are in the process of investigating locations for a potential lighting project. These include the trees in Thames Street, the Ōamaru Gardens, and various monuments.

Duntroon Tourism-related Toilets and Road Safety Improvements

This project is scheduled to begin after Matariki, around last week of June.

Events Centre

A productive meeting was held with the Advisory Group with many comments received on the concept plans. Additional peer reviews, including an accessibility report, have been completed. The results are being reviewed, along with the latest cost estimate by the project board.

PROPERTY

Holmes Wharf

The deck replacement is progressing well, with just under 3,000 metres of new decking and sub-decking timber installed, which represents 22% of project completion. There is minimal salvageable timber being removed from the wharf due to extensive rot evident to most boards. Sub-structure timber investigations are occurring whilst decking timber is removed, which has not revealed any unexpected surprises to date. The project is on schedule and on budget.



Figure 17 Decking replacement on Holmes Wharf

Community Housing

Three units are currently being refurbished – two in Palmerston, and one in Usk Street, Ōamaru. The College Street and Reed Street, Ōamaru refurbishments have been completed and one in Palmerston is nearing completion. There are ongoing issues with contractor and material availability.

Breakwater

The rock armouring installed over the past three years is being closely monitored and has performed very well during recent heavy sea swells of up to four metres. No maintenance work is required at this stage. The next lidar survey is scheduled for September 2022.



Figure 18

Forrester Heights consultation

The Forrester Heights consultation closed on Monday, 16 May and officers are happy to see the level of engagement from the community with this consultation process.

The volume of submissions presented some logistical challenges in uploading the submissions for Council consideration. The 1,037 submissions were received in several different formats. Some submissions were incomplete or received in duplicate, triplicate or in even greater multiples. The submissions were then cross-referenced, and the incomplete and multiple submissions were removed. Any of the incomplete submissions were contacted via an email and were invited to complete their submission. All submissions, including submissions that were received as a multiple, were provided to Council. This left 904 written submissions for Council to consider.

There were 81 individuals and groups that initially indicated they wished to speak at the hearing. After removing duplicates/triplicates and contacting each applicant to schedule a time, 69 were scheduled to present. A number withdrew after being scheduled, with approximately 45 members of the community providing presenting over two days.

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