



# Waitaki

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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## Notice of Meeting

and

## AGENDA

of the

### *Waihemo Community Board*

Waihemo Service Centre, Tiverton Street,  
Palmerston

**6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Monday 13 August 2018**

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**Waitaki District Council****Waihemo Community Board**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES of a Meeting of the  
Waihemo Community Board  
held in the Waihemo Service Centre, Tiverton Street, Palmerston  
on Monday 2 July 2018 at 6.30pm**

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<b>Present</b>	Kathy Dennison (Chair), Heather McGregor, Ken Brown, and Cr Jan Wheeler
<b>Apologies</b>	Carol Watson, Paul Roy; and Mayor Gary Kircher
<b>In Attendance</b>	Cr Colin Wollstein (rostered Councillor) Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager) Ainslee Hooper (Governance Advisor) Bill Campbell (Media – East Otago Review)

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.35pm, and welcomed everyone present.

**1. Apologies**

RESOLVED  
WCB 2018/037

Cr Jan Wheeler / Heather McGregor  
That the Waihemo Community Board accepts apologies from Carol  
Watson, Paul Roy, and Mayor Gary Kircher.

CARRIED

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Forum****Speaker 1 – Peter Lawson:**

He had recently travelled to Oamaru to discuss some matters with the Roding team. He believed Council needed to be supervising contractors more closely to oversee work. The new grader driver had done an excellent job, but then the gravel was scraped off by others coming along behind.

On a different matter, he had been called twice recently and invited to be part of a poll. For one asking how often he visited the parks and used the library, he was informed that he was “too old” to complete the poll, so his younger wife had done it instead. The caller was located in Hamilton; Mr Lawson questioned why the survey had been outsourced. For the second survey, he and his wife did not qualify again, because they were not young enough. Again, the caller was from out of the district.

A third issue that Mr Lawson raised was gravel being washed away. There was a piece of road near his gate which he fixed himself, because he could not be bothered putting in a CRM for 20 feet of gravel.

Discussion on points raised:

- In response to questions, Mr Lawson explained that he was not sure where the boundary was between Waihemo and Waikouaiti, and therefore he was not sure who was doing what. He confirmed that his house was 1.5kms up from the bridge. The piece he wanted graded was owned by the mines, not Council.

- Council was required to conduct a residents' survey. Some Board members were concerned that ratepayers were being told they were "too old" to contribute. It was suggested that those conducting the survey should explain to the ratepayers they were calling why they had to speak to those within a certain age bracket rather than simply pass judgment.

**ACTION: Group Manager Paul Hope to pass on the information**

- At the request of the Chair, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that Council contracted Key Research (which was based in Hamilton) to undertake surveys of resident ratepayers each year. They needed to try and get a statistical representation of the population, and would continue to ring to talk to enough people within the required age bracket for the subject matter. It was quite difficult to reach younger people.
- Mr Lawson said he appreciated all of those points, but was still concerned about the outsourcing.
- With regard to **roading matters**, the Chair suggested Mr Lawson continue to talk to the Roothing team. Mr Lawson noted that he did not have a problem with staff at Council; it was just the system that he found fault with.

#### 4. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED  
WCB 2018/038

Heather McGregor / Ken Brown  
That the Waihemo Community Board confirms the minutes of its previous meeting held on 21 May 2018, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

**REMINDER:** The recommendation previously left lying on the table for the Gilligan Street works was once again left there, to await receipt of the results of the road counters which were being installed.

#### 5. Assets Update July 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, sought to update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Waihemo Ward since the last Board meeting.

RESOLVED  
WCB 2018/039

Ken Brown / Cr Jan Wheeler  
That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

#### 6. Recreation Update May 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, sought to update the Waihemo Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects for the period 3 May to 14 June 2018.

Discussion points included:

- Heaters in public toilets
- A Tourism Infrastructure Fund application had been submitted for Katiki Straight – it was good to see this was being progressed.
- Palmerston showgrounds – Board members were keen to see any work that needed to be done being pushed along, including roading drain options.
- Forward progress on the bike park and Hampden streetscapes – this was also good news.

RESOLVED  
WCB 2018/040

Cr Jan Wheeler / Heather McGregor  
That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

## 7. Building Consents Issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of May 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, provided the Waihemo Community Board with a list of building consents issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of May 2018.

Discussion points included:

- There is a considerable amount of activity in the area and also district-wide.
- There is still a national shortage of building inspectors, especially experienced ones. That situation is unlikely to improve any time soon because of the length of time it takes to be trained in that role.
- Cr Wollstein noted that it was good to see Council is receiving letters of thanks from the community about the high levels of service in the building department recently. Board members were grateful for being informed about such things in meeting agenda reports.

RESOLVED  
WCB 2018/041

Heather McGregor / Ken Brown  
That the Waihemo Community Board receives the information.

CARRIED

## 8. Waihemo Community Board Financial Update – July 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, sought to update the Waihemo Community Board on the balances of separate rate accounts, movements in and out of the community funding budget, and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

Discussion points included:

- With regard to the **community grant to the Palmerston Museum**, it was noted that that was being held in reserve for that museum and did not go into the general museum fund within Council.
- With regard to the **loan balance for Waihemo water**, it was noted that that would need to be an item to a future community board meeting, and would be recommended as part of the separate rate balances in the 2019 annual plan.

RESOLVED  
WCB 2018/042

Cr Jan Wheeler / Heather McGregor  
That the Waihemo Community Board:

1. receives and notes the schedule detailing balances of separate rate accounts within the Waihemo ward; and
2. receives and notes the report detailing movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

CARRIED

## 9. Waihemo Community Board Discretionary Funding Request – Palmerston and Waihemo A&P Association Incorporated

The memorandum and attached letter, as circulated, sought the Board's approval of a donation of \$3,000 (excluding GST) to the Palmerston and Waihemo A&P Association Incorporated for advertising associated with the Otago Field Days event in October 2018.

Discussion points included:

- The Board provided the Association with \$2,000 last year; some members thought it should be \$2,000 again (not \$3,000).
- Re the exclusion of GST request – Group Manager Paul Hope clarified that that would mean the Association would receive the full amount, and Council would pay the GST and then claim it back. He also noted that the payment to the Association would be a grant, not a donation.
- The question was asked whether the Board would be able to view the Association's financial documents in relation to the grant. In response, Mr Hope advised that, if the Board wanted such accountability, it would need to request it and include reference to it in the meeting resolution in response to the Association's request.

An amended motion was then put to the meeting, and resolved as follows:

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/043

Ken Brown / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board approves, subject to accountability consistent with Council's general community grants, a \$2,000 grant (excluding GST) for advertising of the Otago Field Days event to be held at the Palmerston Saleyards on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 October 2018, payable from the Waihemo Community Board Discretionary Fund.

CARRIED

## 10. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson took her report as read. During the ensuing discussion, the Chair requested a good attendance at the Friday 13 July Community Boards Workshop on the Representation Review 2018. She also highlighted her recent meeting with Mayor Kircher, who had been extremely supportive of the Waihemo community's visioning.

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/044

Kathy Dennison / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the Chairperson's report.

CARRIED

## 11. Community Board Members' and Councillor's Reports (verbal)

**Heather McGregor:**

- Attended the AGMs of Puketapu Radio (19 June), Hampden Hall Committee (20 June), Bowls Palmerston (24 June)
- 22 June Palmerston Bike Park meeting with the Board and Mark Burgher
- There is some dissatisfaction amongst Palmerston ratepayers regarding the new Palmerston landfill prices increasing on 1 August.
- The Lions Club of Palmerston assisted with the Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust planting at the Tavora Reserve near Bobby's Head on 27 June. This was a great effort by the Lions Club.
- Waihemo Waste Busters has achieved 10 years of recycling in Palmerston and to celebrate this, the company has offered \$5,000 from the funds raised in the Re-Use Shop as a Community Grant Scheme for local groups to apply for funding.
- The Pink Ribbon Morning Tea held in May raised \$6,807.80, giving a total raised in the Palmerston Community over the last six years of \$24,170.83.

**Carol Watson (provided via email ahead of the meeting):**

- I have had a very quiet time since the last meeting.
- We had an informal meeting regarding the bike park (22 June).

**Paul Roy: N/A**

**Ken Brown:**

- Held a lot of informal discussions with ratepayers about what's happening around town. The bike park (primarily); town clock, and the i-site were key issues raised.
- Other than that, very quiet.

**Cr Jan Wheeler:**

22 May Council's Long Term Plan 2018-28 Deliberations  
 29 May Council Meeting and Workshops  
 30 May Mid-term meeting with Mayor Gary Kircher  
 2 June Council Workshop  
 5 June Committees Day Meetings  
 12 June Finance Committee Meetings and Workshops  
 14 June Promotion of Palmerston Meeting  
 19 June Committees Day Meetings and Workshops  
 23 June Community Board workshop re Bike Park  
 26 June Council Meeting (including Intern presentations)  
 27 June Attended Tavora Reserve Matariki Tree Planting Day – with Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust, DOC, and Palmerston locals, Lions Club, and Waikouaiti Club members and locals

**RESOLVED**

WCB 2018/045

Kathy Dennison / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the update reports from Community Board Members and the Councillor.

CARRIED

## 12. Information Report – Mayor, Chief Executive, and Health and Safety Updates

The Information Report, containing updates as set out below, had been circulated with the agenda and was taken as read:

- Mayor's and Chief Executive's Report to the 26 June 2018 Council meeting
- Health and Safety Update to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, 12 June 2018.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that the Long Term Plan 2018-28 had been adopted at the Council meeting the previous week. It had been a large, collective effort that occurred every three years. The result had been an average rate increase of around 3.5%.

Cr Colin Wollstein spoke about the editorial in the previous Saturday's (30 June 2018) Otago Daily Times which reported the rates spend of other councils around the country and the consequences of rates spending. He highlighted that Christchurch's rates had increased by 4.3%; and Mackenzie's by 8%. Waitaki District Council's increases of 3.64%, 4.05% and 3.08% over the next three years demonstrated that it was being frugal with its level of debt and that it had a moderate increase compared to its neighbours.

**RESOLVED**

WCB 2018/046

Ken Brown / Cr Jan Wheeler

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the Information Report.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending including the members of the public who had participated in the Public Forum, and declared the meeting closed at 7.21pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Waihemo Community Board meeting to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018 at the Waihemo Service Centre, Palmerston.

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 Chairperson

# Waihemo Community Board

## Memorandum

**From** Assets Group Manager

**Date**

13 August 2018

### Assets Update

#### Recommendation

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

#### Summary and Purpose

To update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Waihemo Ward since the last Board meeting.

#### Roading

Waihemo has been experiencing a lot of rain with some events with localised flooding. CRMs have risen reflecting this but the extra metalling applied to the majority of the unsealed roads has proven beneficial.

<b>Community Board Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Road Traffic Counts – see Appendix 1 attached.</li> <li>Council officers have met with Dena Henderson who lives on North Dunback Road. She is having trouble accessing the footpaths and getting to the Medical Centre. Attached is a map of the route she takes (attachment 2).</li> <li>Works are progressing on Lincoln Street in Hampden; hopefully these will be completed in the next two weeks and SouthRoads will commence the work in Palmerston after that.</li> </ul>
<b>Bridges and Structures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Auskerry Footbridge works have been delayed as the weather is not suitable enough for the special three-coat paint required to complete the refurbishment. Contractors will be back on-site when conditions allow.</li> </ul>
<b>Road Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Very Rural Roads Project finished recently with lime aggregate being placed on Golden Bar Road. The Project also allowed the addition of Munro Road and Horse Road.</li> <li>Council crushed 5,200m<sup>3</sup> of aggregate at Shark Hill and applied this to shoulders and unsealed roads. More crushing is planned later in the season, to complete more shoulders and planned road aggregate renewals.</li> <li>Six culverts on Fleming Road have been cleaned.</li> <li>10m of culvert on Galbraith Road has been replaced.</li> <li>16.9m of edge break has been worked on Eason's Road, Macraes Road, and Hyde-Macraes Road.</li> <li>154.4km of grading work completed.</li> <li>17m of edge break work completed.</li> <li>10 signs replaced.</li> <li>Stormwater drains cleaned 806m.</li> </ul>
<b>Township Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council had a liaison meeting with NZTA who indicated that a slurry cape seal is to be applied to State Highway 1 (SH1) through Palmerston some time during the sealing season. This will complete upgrade works in the township.</li> <li>Bins have been emptied.</li> </ul>

<b>Road Rehabilitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently looking at potential rehabilitation sites. Tenby Street Seal Widening Contract is due to go out for tender shortly.</li> </ul>
<b>Street Lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing with LED Upgrade Programme. Work in Waihemo area is scheduled for October.</li> </ul>
<b>Planned Road Closure for Event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council has received advance notice from Ultimate Rally Group of the 2018 Targa NZ Rally. This year it consists of three categories: Vintage Time Trial, Touring, and Competition (approximately 110 vehicles overall).</li> <li>Goodwood Road and Horse Range Road are planned to be used as start and end routes. They will start at Goodwood Road at 7.20am on Thursday 25 October and finish back there at approximately 6.50pm the same day, after travelling through the district.</li> </ul>
<b>Footpaths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No work was undertaken for this reporting period.</li> </ul>

## Water

### Water Supply

#### *Hampden-Moeraki*

SouthRoads will be connecting existing service laterals and branch lines to the new main that was installed along SH1 earlier this year, and the old 100mm AC water main will be abandoned at the completion of these works. The works will be completed during the first two weeks of August, although any unknown pipes may require tracing and follow up works.

#### *Stoneburn*

Officers are working on upgrading the alarm system between the intake shed and the treatment plant. The intent is for the system to be expanded to cover more types of fault, and therefore improve timeliness of attending to problems at the intake pump shed. This work will also include revision of the call tree (ie who gets notified and in what order).

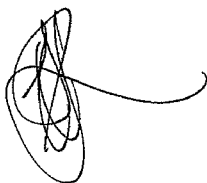
### Waste Water

#### *Hampden*

Progress on the cleaning of private septic tanks has been slow, and the project is now expected to be completed in October/November. The coloured areas outlined on the attached plan are the areas of Hampden that had not been completed at the end of June.

#### *Palmerston*

Investigation of the Palmerston waste water and storm water systems will be undertaken, as it appears there is storm water entering the sewage system whenever it rains. This is impacting on the ability of the ponds and disposal area to cope with the volumes coming through the system.



Neil Jorgensen  
**Assets Group Manager**

### Attachment

Appendix 1 – District Road Traffic Counts  
Dena Henderson – access route to Medical Centre  
Targeted Cleaning Areas Hampden  
SouthRoads Summary Report for June 2018

## Appendix 1 – District Road Traffic Counts

Information collected from 9 – 22 May 2018

Count Site Location	The Medical Centre (approximately)
Vehicles Counted	4622
Average Daily Volume	404
Weekend Volume	222

### Findings:

- Cars accounted for (between) 89-96% of vehicles counted
- The largest vehicle was 1 x Class 12 (truck and trailer up to 9 axles)
- Next largest vehicles were 4 x Class 6 (heavy truck – no trailer)
- The highest speeds recorded were between 90kph and 100kph by two cars at 11pm
- The average speed was between 40kph and 50kph (45% of vehicles counted)
- The Class 12 vehicle was recorded at between 30kph and 40kph
- The Class 6 vehicles were recorded at between 40kph and 50kph
- The average mean speed between 6am and 6pm was 49.29kph

Count Site Location	Between State Highway 1 and John Street)
Vehicles Counted	2804
Average Daily Volume	258
Weekend Volume	174

### Findings:

- Cars accounted for 93% of vehicles counted.
- The largest vehicle was 1 x class 12 (truck and trailer up to nine axles).
- Next largest vehicles were 42 x class 6 (heavy truck, no trailer).
- The highest speeds recorded were between 80kph and 90kph.
- The highest speed was 83kph at 5.00pm.
- 68% of vehicles were recorded at between 40kph and 60kph.
- The class 12 vehicle was recorded at between 30kph and 40kph.
- The class 6 vehicles were recorded at between 20kph and 50kph.
- The average mean speed fell between 6am and 6pm and was 52.58kph.

### In Summary:

- The speed on District Road between SH1 and John Street is higher than the posted speed (by 45% of vehicles).
- The class 6 vehicles are most likely logging trucks carrying their trailers and most do not continue along District Road to the next count site.
- Vehicles slow from an average speed of 52-58kph to 49-29kph between count sites.
- Large heavy vehicles only account for 3% of vehicles at 1160 metres (six vehicles per day).
- It would be safe to install pedestrian medians at the proposed crossing sites based on this information. These would also help reduce speed even further.

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in good faith but its accuracy is not guaranteed. Waitaki District Council accepts no liability for any error.

**Access Route from 132 Dunback Palerston Road to Dictrect Road**



Great Footpath across the street from Dena's House. To access it she has to cross the highway just down the street from a bend. Fast moving traffic comes around the bend.



There is no easy access to the footpath so Dena ends up using the road shoulder.



No footpath outside 125 Dunback Palmerston Road.





Footpaths in bad condition



Gilligan Street & Dictrect Road Junction



Really Difficult Junction to Negotiate, no drop crossings and quite steep



### Gilligan Street & District Road Junction



Mobility Scooters have to use the road as they can't get onto the footpath, road can be busy and is quiet steep up to the Medical Centre. We need to make this junction safe as soon as possible.



PREVIOUS PROPOSAL FOR THE JUNCTION

**Note: This report is prepared and created by the SouthRoads Team for the purposes of reporting against the maintenance contract, primarily for the road team. It is provided as an "FYI" attachment to the Assets Committee report.**

Welcome to the June report, this month marks the completion of the first year of contract 642. A big thankyou to all those who have had an involvement in the contract and helped complete the maintenance on the network this year. It's been a big year and everyone one involved has help make it a very enjoyable year.

The footpath crew have completed some footpath repairs around Oamaru. The other siteworks crew have been completing a community project for Hampden, replacing the kerb and channel past the four square.

The drainage crews have been completing water table maintenance in the Goodwood, Duntroon, Moeraki and Hampden areas. In July the drainage crews will look to complete work in these areas before shifting onto the 2018/19 reseal sites. The remaining excavators have been completing dig outs and culvert replacements in the Palmerston, Ardgowan and Five Forks areas.

The Maintenance Metalling programme has been completed, having one truck in Palmerston, and two trucks shifted from Palmerston into the Herbert area. We also have had three trucks completing metalling the Omarama area.

The premix crew has been completing edge break and levelling work throughout the district. With a lot of work been done in the Oamaru, Ngapara and Fiveforks areas.

Our graders have been busy working on their monthly beats. The North grader has been working its way down from Duntroon and around the Oamaru plains. The South grader has been completing maintenance grading in the Macraes area is making its way back towards Goodwood.

Delta have been focusing on noxious spraying and township spraying. They have sprayed some Lichen areas around the townships which we are seeing dying off currently. Trimming of vegetation to fit within the road envelope has been started, and work will continue over the winter throughout the district

The signs crew has been busy replacing some old faded signs throughout the district. Old location signs have been replaced on our main roads throughout the district. A night audit is scheduled with the WDC for July to help identify areas where more signage may be required or where old signs may need replaced.

The stabi crew have moved onto shoulder widening, completing work scheduled on Macraes Rd and Livingstone Duntroon Rd. They will be heading to the Fiveforks area once some maintenance has been completed on their equipment.

## PERFORMANCE

			Last month	June
CRM's	Structures	Monthly	1	-
	Culverts/Side drains	Monthly	19	9
	Fallen Trees	Monthly	-	-
	Flooding Roads/Footpaths	Monthly	4	1
	Frost and Ice Response	Monthly	-	1
	Grading/Metalling	Monthly	41	42
	Kerb and Channel	Monthly	1	1
	Road Litter	Monthly	11	10
	Signs Missing/Damaged	Monthly	5	2
	Roadside Vegetation	Monthly	7	8
	Safety Road Condition	Monthly	3	1
	Sealed Road Failures	Monthly	1	2
	Potholes	Monthly	6	3
	Snow Clearing	Monthly	-	-

			Month	YTD
TEAM SAFETY	Medical Treatment Intervention - #	Monthly	0	1
	Lost Time Injury - #	Monthly	0	0
	Near Miss/IOF	Monthly	10	178
	Incidents	Monthly	16	106
	Safety Audits/Tours completed	Monthly	10	72

Item	Completed	Comments
Stabi's	73m <sup>2</sup>	15,060.33m <sup>2</sup> YTD
Maintenance Metaling (20,000m <sup>3</sup> )	12,923m <sup>3</sup>	38,687m <sup>3</sup> YTD
Grading (280km target)	344km (MTD)	2,397km (YTD)
Road Sweeping	17 (MTD)	361 (YTD)
Signs	Cleaned 13 (MTD) Straightened 30 (MTD)	292 (YTD) 299 (YTD)
Roadside Litter Collection	23 (MTD)	242 (YTD)
Wilding Trees	- (MTD)	161 (YTD)
Traffic Counts (300 per year)	15 (MTD)	384 (YTD) 128%

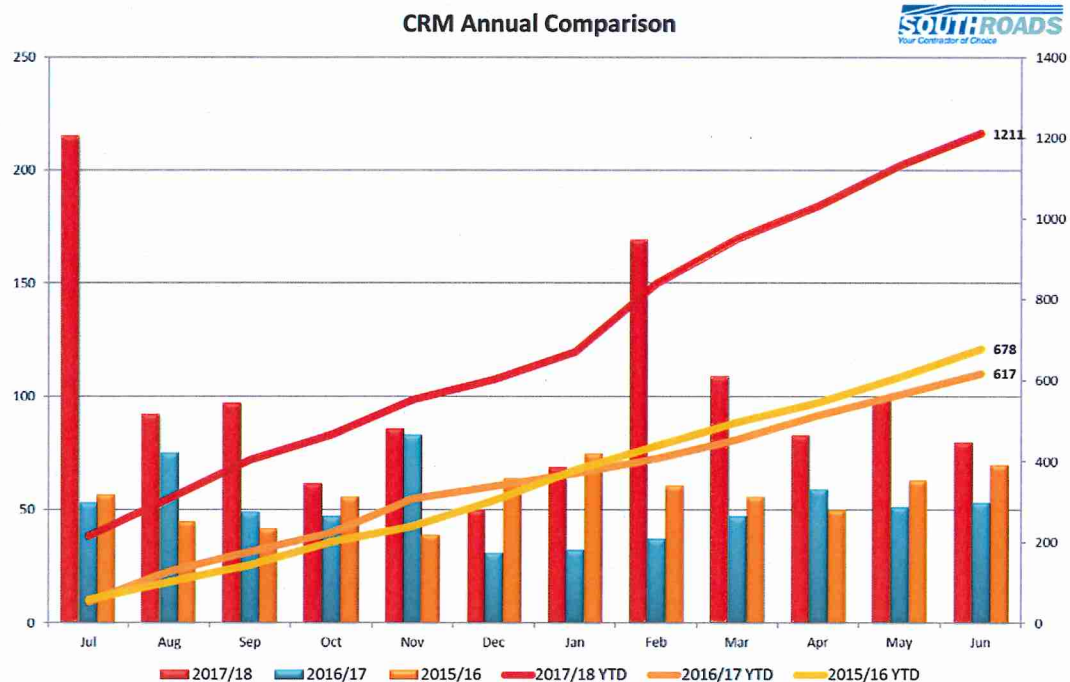
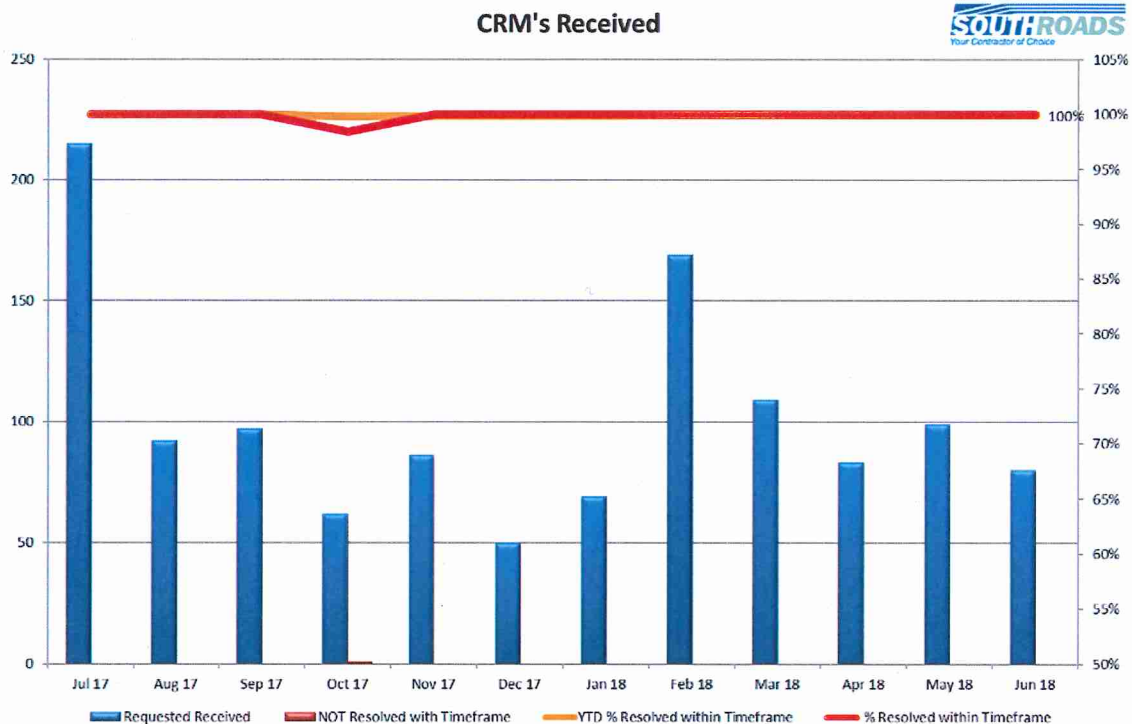
Activity	Completed MTD	Completed YTD	Remaining Quantity
Culvert Inspections (240/month)	160	2,607	273 (9%)
Bridge Inspections (15/month)	36	144	36 (20%)

## RISK & STRATEGY UPDATES

Identified Risks		Update
Roads	Henburn Road	This road has been metalled in June. We will monitor this over the winter to see how it holds up with the increased traffic volumes
	Coal Pit Road	Road is holding up still. Would pay to remove the hedge blocking the road from sunlight over the winter
	Waiankarua Road	Coastal erosion work has been completed in 2016. This section of road will be monitored for any other movements.
	Horse Range Road	More movement was detected at the slip sites in May 18. Levelling work has taken place in June to remove the immediate lip this has caused
Slips	Haven Street - Moeraki	Continually moving. This will continue to be monitored.
Strategic	RAMM Data	Pocket RAMM devices are being used to capture data in the field and programme repairs while onsite.
	Reseal sites	Reseal sites have been released for the 2018/19 season. These sites will then be inspected, and repairs programmed to get repairs underway before next season.

We received 80 CRM's for the month of June. This is down 19 on last month, majority of the difference is less drains blocked. This reflects coming out of the leaf drop and having less leaves to contend with around town, also we have completed a large amount of water channel cleaning over the last few months. The grading and metalling CRM's are still up which is a common trend we see this time of year. We have put three graders out on the network in July to help maintain the unsealed roads over the colder months.

## CRM GRAPHS



For June the Management Performance Measures we have scored a 85% compliance. Focus will be put into improving traffic count data as there is still some small issues around some data being sent through.

The Operational Performance results are at 81% compliance. Focus will be put into grading and spot metaling of unsealed roads, vegetation control around town and in surface water channels and to target pothole repairs to bring this score up.

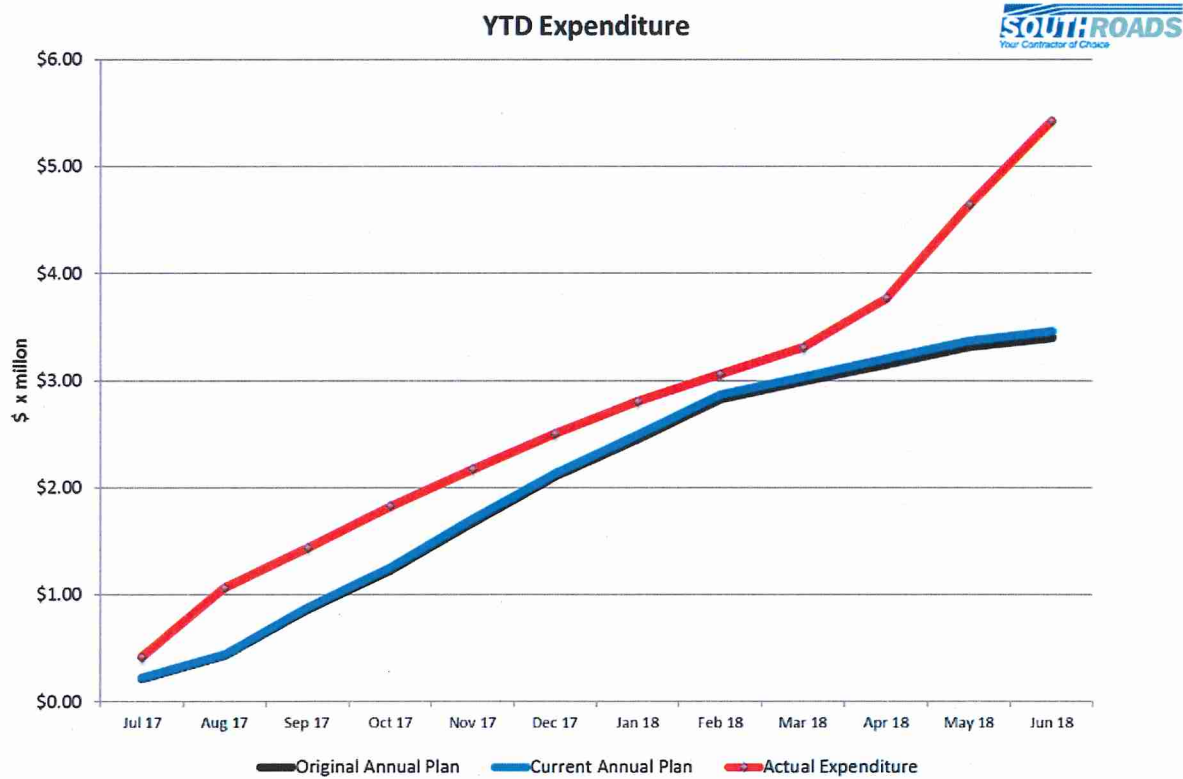
## GOLD STAR INITIATIVES

We have implemented the Mobile Roads phone app to complete sump inspections, recording the location of these and providing photos of the asset.

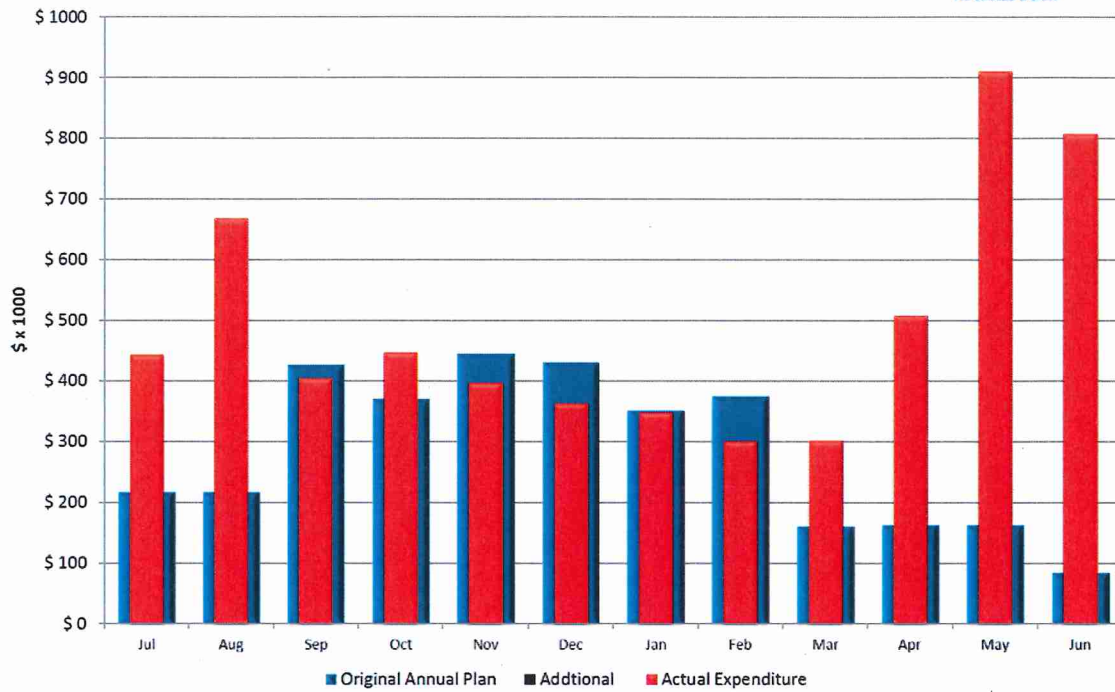
## TRAFFIC CRASH/DAMAGE REPORT

1. Horse Gully Rd – Mud on the road

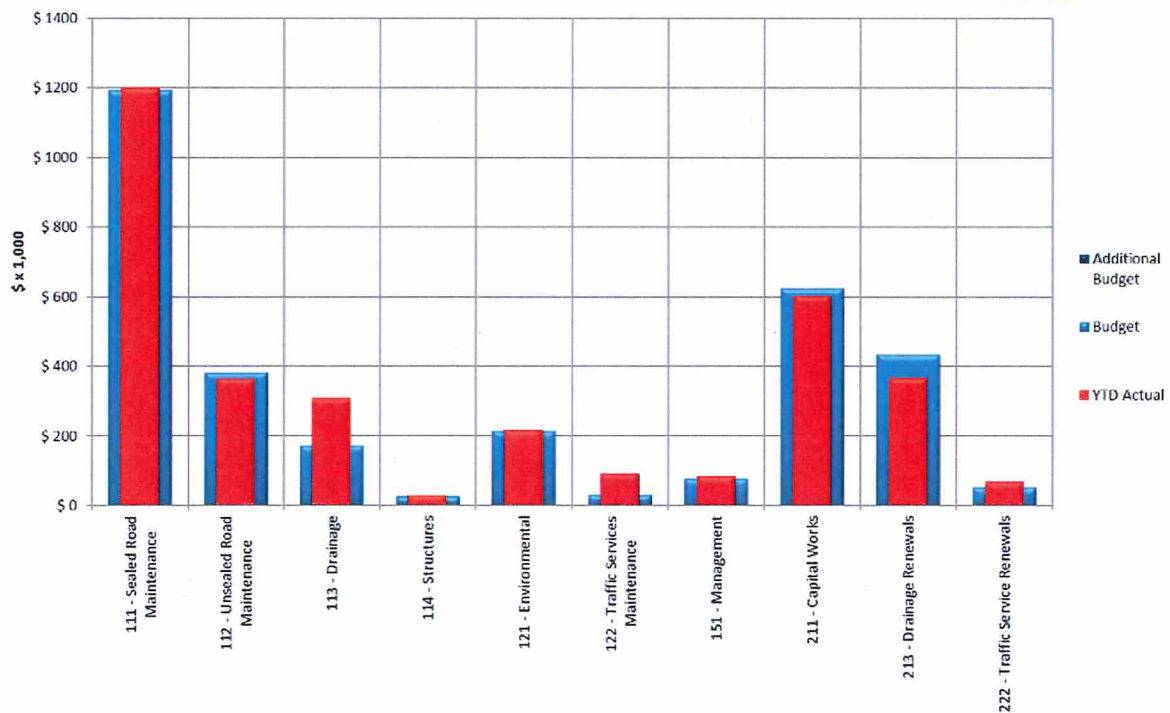
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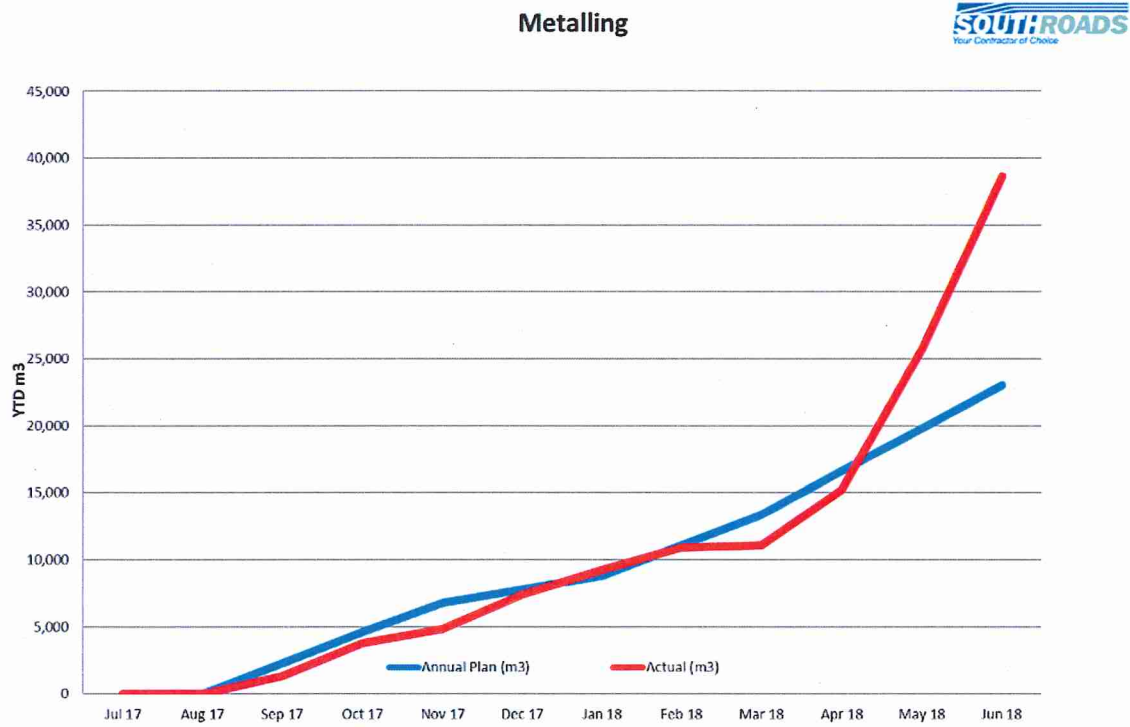
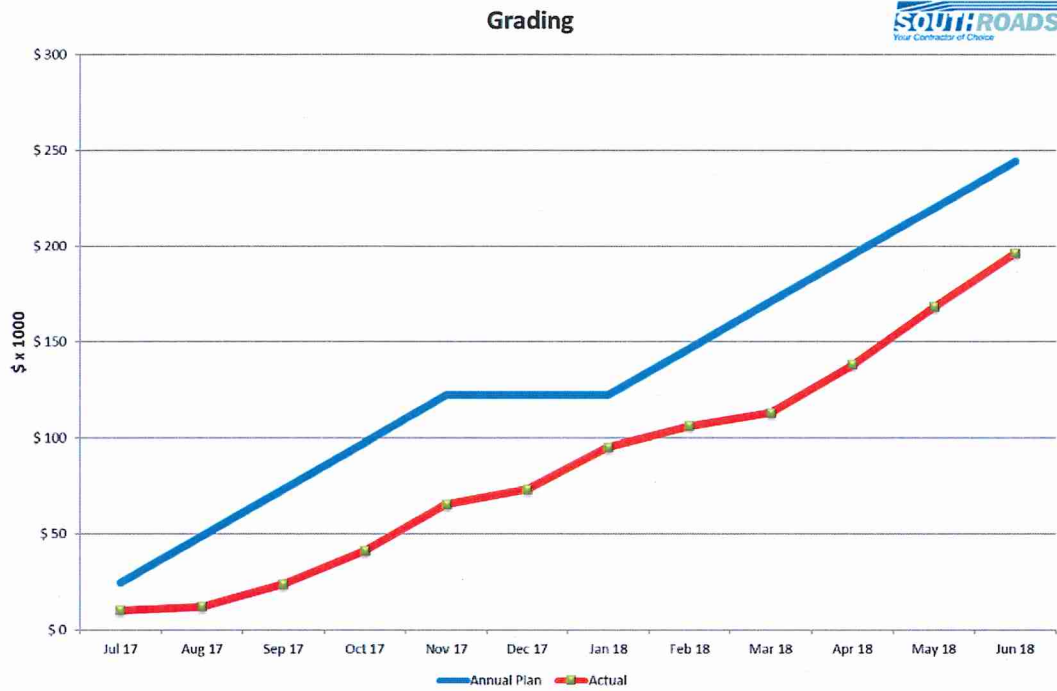


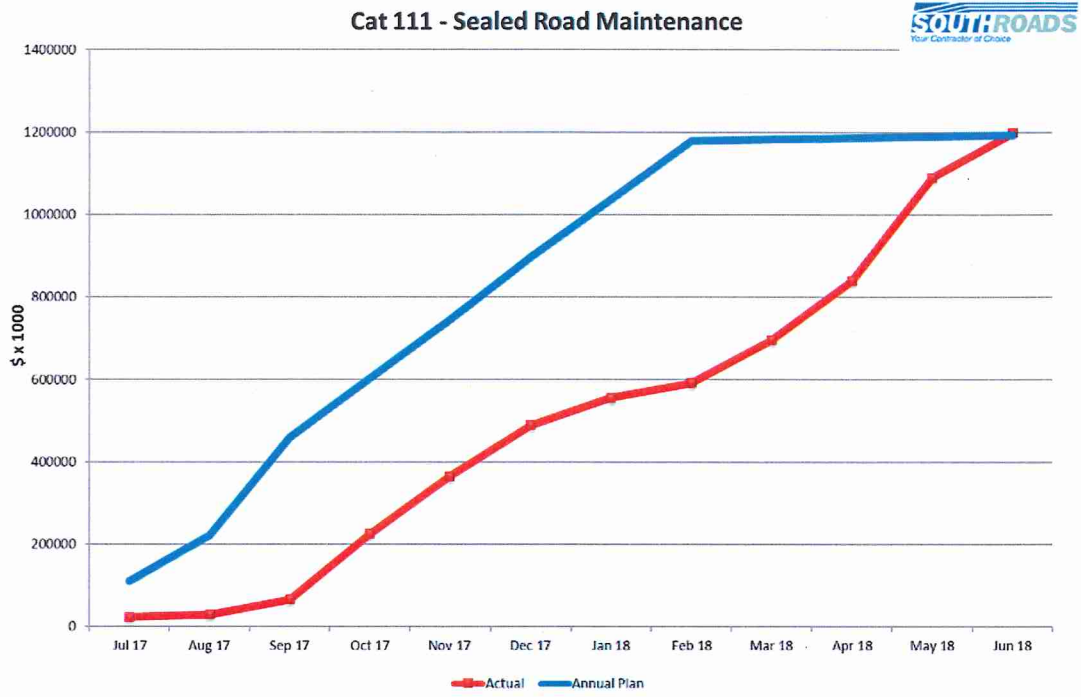
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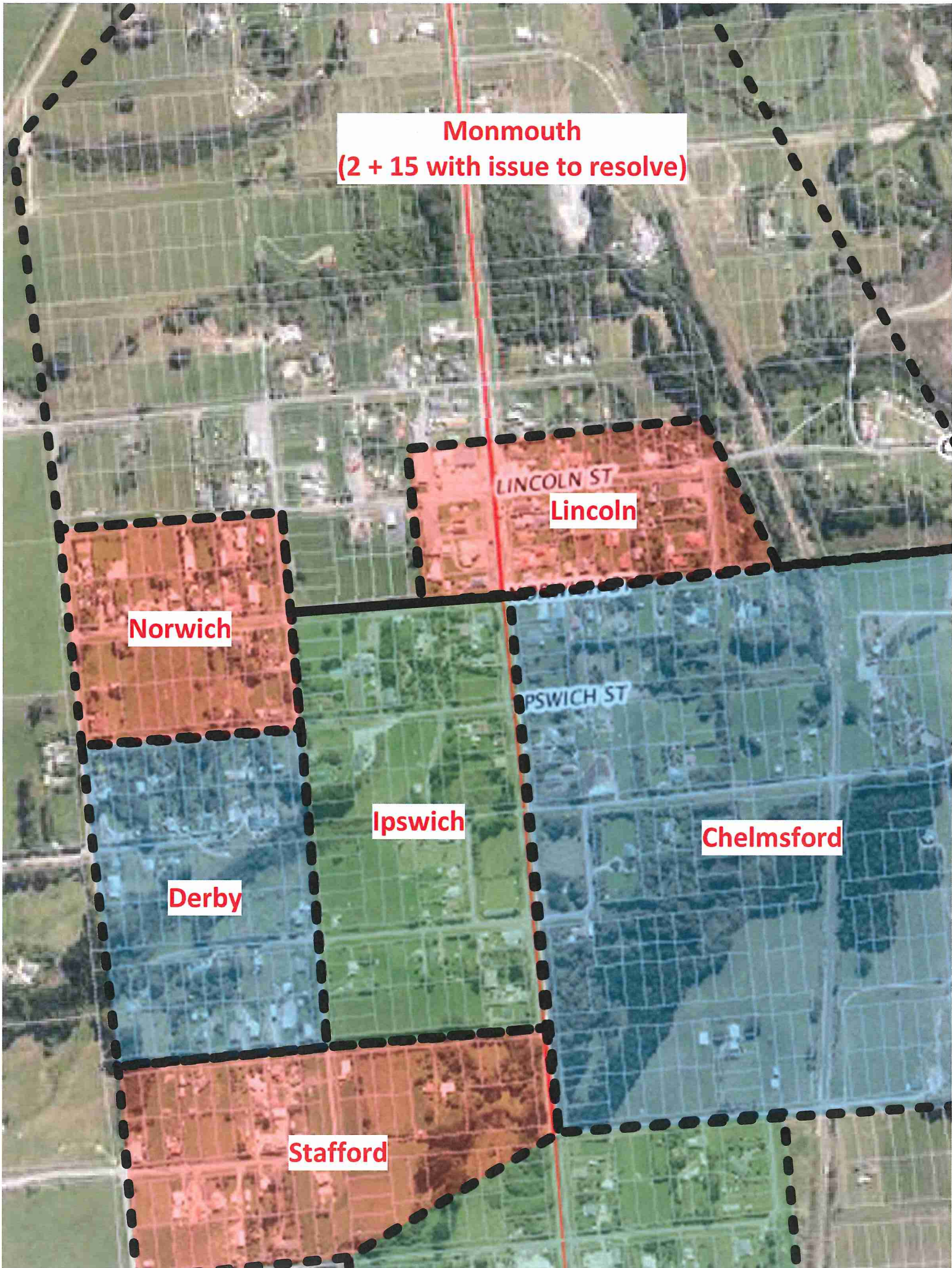


## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

All Works Summary	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Under(-ve)/ Over (+ve)	%age Under(-ve)/ Over (+ve)
Original Annual Plan	239121	239121	495910	447225	525158	459480	380797	404407	190450	185433	185433	106737	3859273		
Additional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Current Annual Plan	243926	243926	500715	452030	529964	464286	385603	409213	195255	190238	190238	111542	3916936		
YTD Revised Annual Plan	243926	243926	500715	452030	529964	464286	385603	409213	195255	190238	190238	111542	3916936		
Actual Expenditure	442946	668124	404827	447086	397688	363852	349034	300277	302528	508262	911398	807246	5903269	1986333	51%
Remaining Cyclic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tasked Forward Work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Projected Expenditure	442946	668124	404827	447086	397688	363852	349034	300277	302528	508262	911398	807246	5903269	1986333	51%

## FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

The year completed expenditure is \$5,903,269.00. The claim for the month was \$807,246.00(including township works) and consisted of mainly programmed works and maintenance activities.



# Waihemo Community Board

## Memorandum

**From** Recreation Manager

**Date** 13 August 2018

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### Recreation Update

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#### **Recommendation**

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Waihemo Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects for the period 14 June to 2 August 2018.

#### **General**

Waitaki continues to get frequent rainfall events. Met-service statistics record that, by the end of July, Waitaki received our annual average rain with five months of 2018 to go. These are not typical North Otago conditions, with parks continuing to be wet which causes difficulty in completing planned work without causing damage to the grounds.

#### **Toilets**

Officers have not heard back from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the following projects:

- Otematata toilet replacement
- All Day Bay and Katiki Straight (x2) toilets
- Palmerston campervan dump station
- Lindis Pass signs
- Trailer mounted porta-loos in response to freedom camping and Alps to Ocean Cycle Trail needs.

#### *Hampden Toilet*

With continuing rain, the condition of the soakage fields, which are currently laden, is being monitored.

#### **Parks**

##### *Bike Park*

Otago Community Trust representatives have advised that they would consider an application for a maximum of 10-15% of the project. If successful, this would leave a further \$40,000 to raise.

##### *Palmerston Walking Improvements*

Officers have discussed a boundary adjustment with a surveyor and neighbour that will benefit both parties and enable Council to construct an easy walking grade track between District Road and Ronaldsay Street.

##### *Hampden Streetscape Tree Planting*

Planting is near completion. The remaining planting requires NZTA to remove trees.

##### *Dunback Streetscape*

Planting has been delayed until mulch arrives.

##### *Hampden Beach Improvements*

Work has been completed.

*Palmerston Showgrounds*

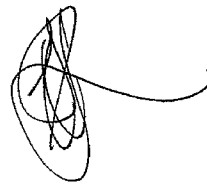
The showgrounds have had an issue with storm water disposal. The existing pipe that took water from District Road across the domain has collapsed and created a number of holes in the grounds. There are likely to be more holes imminent. Officers have widely discussed this issue with both stakeholders and the Council's Roading department. It has been concluded that the most effective solution is to replace the pipe, as this ensures all holes are identified and repaired along the way and the storm water matter is fixed in the most cost-efficient manner. It will be important to keep firm controls around the reinstatement.

*Macraes Domain*

A boggy patch between the pitch and pavilion has reappeared, so officers will proceed with a drain as previously planned.

**Waihemo Reserve Improvements Budget**

The improvement budget for this year is expected to be \$107,000, of which \$50,000 is allocated to the bike park, \$40,000 allocated to walkway connections, \$7,000 allocated to Hampden Beach Bollards along with rubbish bins and picnic tables (carried forward from last year), leaving \$10,000 to be allocated.



Erik van der Spek  
**Recreation Manager**

Neil Jorgensen  
**Assets Group Manager**

# Waihemo Community Board Memorandum

**From** Building Services Manager

**Date** 13 August 2018

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## Building Consents Issued in Waihemo Ward for the Month of June 2018

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### Recommendation

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

### Purpose

To provide the Board members with a list of building consents issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of June 2018.

45 Auskerry Street	Installation of a free-standing Woodsman ECR Novo woodburner and Heat Saver Flue	\$3,500
158 Puketapu Road	Amendment 2018/4380/2 - Move shed 15m to the south	\$0
254 Limekiln Road	Site 2 x 40ft containers with a canvas cover over the top	\$18,500
Macraes Road	Construction of a fabric clad, galvanised steel frame shelter	\$250,000
28 Mull Street	Construct a 7m X6m 100 Series Versatile garage	\$19,650



Roger Cook  
Building Services Manager



Lichelle Guyan  
Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager

# Waihemo Community Board

## Memorandum

**From** Building Services Manager

**Date** 13 August 2018

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### Building Consents Issued in Waihemo Ward for the Month of July 2018

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**Recommendation**

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

**Purpose**

To provide the Board members with a list of building consents issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of July 2018.

Cardiff Street	Installation of a freestanding Woodsman Brunner MKII wood burner and Flue	2,500
Nottingham Street	New three-bedroom relocatable dwelling with Metro Pellet fire connected to services	283,847
Hyde Street	New windows and doors to north elevation including creation of new trimmed openings, installation of new Yunca Monte Euro wood burner and flue kits with new hearth	120,000
Tenby Street	Installation of a free-standing Metro fire Tiny Rad wood burner and ECO Flue	3,000
Stromness Street	Remove fireplace and install free-standing Woodsman ECR Novo wood burner and Flue; remove section of wall	3,000
Stromness Street	New master bedroom addition to existing dwelling and removal of internal walls and installation of beam	45,000
Macraes Road	Three-bay farm shed	13,000
Lincoln Street	Installation of a free-standing Woodsman Tarras MK III wood burner and Heat Saver Flue	3,000
Lincoln Street	Construct new Versatile garage	31,000
Stromness Street	Reposition existing freestanding Woodsman ECR Novo Wood burner	



Roger Cook  
Building Services Manager



Lichelle Guyan  
Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager

# Waihemo Community Board Memorandum

**From** Accounting Manager

**Date** 13 August 2018

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## Waihemo Community Board Financial Update – August 2018

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### Recommendations

That the Waihemo Community Board:

1. receives and notes the schedule detailing balances of separate rate accounts within the Waihemo ward; and
2. receives and notes the report detailing movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

### Background

#### Separate Rate Accounts

These are maintained where Council levies a targeted rate for specific purposes, such as water and sewer systems, township amenities (including stormwater systems if applicable), community halls and Ward Services generally (including the operations of the Community Board itself, parks and reserves, etc).

Because several of those targeted rates relate directly to communities within the Community Board's oversight, it is appropriate that the Board is kept informed of their status. This information is updated quarterly, at 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June in each financial year. The information attached is current at the date appearing on the appended report (31 March), as year-end processing is not yet complete, meaning June balances are not available.

#### Community Funding

The annual budget for the Community Board includes amounts intended to enable it to provide a degree of additional financial support within its local community.

- **Discretionary Fund**

The Community Board has an annual budget to fund small community projects. As this budget is funded directly from rates, any balance remaining unspent at year end may be carried forward until spent. The current year's expenditure is detailed fully on the report.

- **Community Grants**

The Community Board has an annual budget allocation for "Community Grants", which includes \$5,000 specifically for the Palmerston Museum and, in the 2017/18 financial year, a further sum for general community groups. As with the Discretionary Fund, any unspent balances can be carried forward until spent.

### Conclusion

Any questions related to the information provided in these reports should be directed to Council's Financial Services unit via the Board's Chair.



Ian Wells  
Accounting Manager

Paul Hope  
Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

### Attachments

Appendix (a) Separate Rate Accounts, balances at 31 March 2018

Appendix (b) Funds Available for Distribution at 30 June 2018

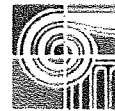
## Appendix (a) – Separate Rate Accounts at 31 March 2018

### Waihemo Community Board

Separate Rate Accounts 1 July 2017 - 31 March 2018

	Rate Account Balance 01-Jul-17	Rate Account Balance 31-Mar-18	Depreciation Reserve Balance 30-Jun-17	Depreciation Reserve Balance 31-Mar-18	Internal Loans Balance 30-Jun-17	Internal Loans Balance 31-Mar-18
<b>Ward Services</b>						
Waihemo Ward Services	360,536	415,546	148,918	171,634	(155,556)	(154,492)
<b>Specific projects to fund</b>						
Streetscape - Hampden		20,000				
Ward discretionary fund		20,000				
Waihemo reserve improvements		8,000				
Discretionary fund		7,576				
Community grants		31,465				
<b>Total committed</b>		<b>87,041</b>				
<b>Township Amenity</b>						
Hampden	92,009	113,212				
<b>Specific projects to fund</b>						
Septic Tank cleaning		73,339				
<b>Moeraki</b>	30,279	34,115	-	-	-	-
Palmerston	114,646	127,223	84,231	88,833	-	-
Shag Point	(3,297)	(2,172)	-	-	-	-
<b>Hall</b>						
Dunback	11,579	9,571	-	-	-	-
Hampden / Moeraki	27,297	38,559	-	-	-	-
Macraes	(379)	244	-	-	-	-
Moeraki	21,963	22,538	-	-	-	-
Palmerston	9,073	10,611	57,959	64,665	-	-
Waianakarua	5,411	5,834	-	-	-	-
<b>Water</b>						
Hampden	61,651	104,579	284,959	(100,165)	(147,701)	(132,866)
Stoneburn	76,002	75,497	166,239	180,994	-	-
Waihemo	(95,826)	(96,554)	(547,609)	(476,911)	(895,693)	(887,453)
<b>Sewerage</b>						
Moeraki	33,177	(424)	105,398	96,871	(524,812)	(527,982)
Moeraki Reticulation Loan	-	-	-	-	(53,633)	(33,677)
Moeraki Treatment Loan	-	-	-	-	(32,068)	(20,142)
Palmerston	83,312	76,419	512,591	548,597	(135,820)	(130,793)





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Waihemo Community Board

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Dear Kathy

Thank you for your submission to our 2018-28 Long Term Plan. Council has discussed all the feedback we received and have now finalised the Long Term Plan which came into effect on 1 July 2018.

In total we received over 170 submissions from people across the District and appreciate the effort you and others made to voice your views on what we should do over the next ten years. The feedback is very helpful including the feedback from the hearings held in May 2018 during which we heard from over 60 individuals and community groups. This has helped us reach our decisions and make sure we do our best to meet the needs of our community.

Council is committed to developing a Community Board Plan in conjunction with the Waihemo Community Board by December 2018. This plan will build on the initial visioning material developed about community aspirations, and set out objectives and priorities for the Board to assist with guiding Board decisions, action and future engagement with the community and Council. Council has increased the Palmerston amenity rate to \$30,000 per annum which can be used to fund amenities such as new footpaths, kerb and channelling and street lighting.

Council has allocated up to \$10,000 for each ward towards establishing an improved pathway network, to be funded from ward reserves. Council officers will also consider walkway realignment options at Puketapu.

Council officers will support the extension of the Hampden library and the upcoming 150th birthday celebrations.

Council has agreed to fund an additional \$150,000 per annum towards road seal extensions of unsealed roads. This includes the development of a seal extension prioritisation programme.

The Board's comments regarding the recycling stations were considered as part of Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24, which was adopted on 26 June. A document outlining the key decisions included in the plan is enclosed for your information. This includes a commitment to keep the recycling stations in Hampden and Herbert available for the community, and to continue making funding available for Waihemo Wastebusters.

A number of projects that we consulted on have been approved including improvements to Oamaru airport and Oamaru harbour, investment in improving our roads, pursuing the possibility of developing a UNESCO Global Geopark and applying for UNESCO World Heritage Status.

We also received a number of new requests including more funding for maintenance of unsealed roads, increasing the maintenance budget for the Alps to Ocean cycle trail and developing town concept plans to help manage future growth in Omarama and Otematata. Some requests have been accepted while others have been declined due to financial constraints.

Of particular importance is the affordability of the services and projects and we have now settled on a 3.8% rate increase that will help us grow the district at a modest rate without it being too much of a burden on ratepayers like yourself.

The full version of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan is available at <http://www.waitaki.govt.nz> . Again, thank you for taking the time to make your submission.

Yours sincerely



Gary Kircher  
Mayor for Waitaki



## Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24: Decisions on key issues and proposals



Council included proposals for 11 key issues in the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24, which went out for public consultation in March.

This document provides an overview of the final decisions made on these proposals, along with a summary of Council's planned approach to some of the other issues raised by submitters.

### ISSUE 1: Cost recovery at Rural Resource Recovery Parks

Council confirmed it will:

- **Increase charges for rubbish disposal at the Rural Resource Recovery Parks and Palmerston Landfill to \$120 per m3 from 1 July 2018 (effective 1 August 2018) to increase the level of cost recovery at these facilities**

This decision is consistent with Council's user-pays approach to rubbish disposal charges. Increasing charges to \$120 per m3 is expected to lift the total level of cost recovery at the parks and landfill from approximately 15% to between 25-30%. This will better reflect the actual cost of accepting and disposing of rubbish at these facilities and will bring cost recovery for rubbish disposal closer to Council's cost recovery policy of 40-60%. While district-wide ratepayers will still need to subsidise about 65-70% of the costs of operating these facilities, we think this is a fair compromise to keep the recovery parks sustainable and open for these communities into the future.

Council's reason for taking a user pays approach to rubbish disposal is to ensure the costs of waste are borne by those who generate waste, rather than by those who choose to minimise their waste. We have also considered item 10 of the New Zealand Packaging Accord 2004:

*'An essential part of the framework for sustainable development is a market that brings the true financial, social, and environmental costs of resource use and disposal to bear on producers, consumers, and waste system users. Central and local government have policy and regulatory opportunities to encourage market signals that will more accurately reflect environmental and social impacts.'*

The NZ Waste Strategy 2010 also notes that "getting waste disposal pricing policies right is crucial to improving waste minimisation. The Act [Waste Minimisation] helped change the price signals around waste by introducing the waste disposal levy and generating funding for waste minimisation initiatives through the Waste minimisation fund and territorial authority levy payments. The purpose of the levy is to increase the price of waste disposal to better reflect the cost of waste on the environment, society and the economy and to generate money for waste minimisation initiatives...for example, the introduction of the waste disposal levy has contributed to an increase in the cost of waste disposal, which may encourage more recycling and other waste minimisation activities."

Council incentivises recycling by taking a user-pays approach to waste disposal and providing free recycling facilities as extensively as possible. This means households and businesses can reduce their costs by minimising waste and recycling.

We take on board concerns from some submitters about a possible rise in illegal dumping resulting from increased charges and accept this is a possibility. We will continue to monitor this and take action wherever possible. Illegal dumping has always been a problem in our district, as it is throughout New Zealand, even where rates-funded kerbside collection services are offered.

## ISSUE 2: Green waste management at Rural Resource Recovery Parks

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Increase charges for green waste disposal at the Rural Resource Recovery Parks and Palmerston Landfill to \$50 per m3 from 1 July 2018 (effective 1 August 2018) to increase the level of cost recovery.**
- ▶ **Chip green waste on-site and make it available for use by the community free of charge**

Increasing charges for green waste disposal to \$50 per m3 will better reflect the actual cost of handling and disposing of green waste at these facilities. Greater screening of the green waste is likely to be required to ensure the end product is of decent quality.

If the community is unable to make use of the chipped green waste, we will most likely use it at local reserves - although this may increase handing costs and result in further increases to disposal charges.

## ISSUE 3: Planning for Palmerston and Hampden Landfills

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Investigate ways of maximising use of capacity and increasing revenue at the Palmerston Landfill, with the intention of closing it earlier than 2027 (when its consent expires)**
- ▶ **Transfer the contents of the Hampden Closed Landfill to the Palmerston Landfill if further investigation confirms this is the most cost-effective option and the required consents can be obtained.**

Council appreciates submitter concerns about the suitability of the Palmerston Landfill as a disposal site for the Hampden Closed Landfill waste. These will be addressed as part of the investigation process and we

will only proceed with a proposal if it is cost-effective for the community and can meet the environmental controls required by the Otago Regional Council and Ministry for the Environment.

## ISSUE 4: Waste Minimisation Education and initiatives

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Increase the proposed budget from \$21,000 to \$31,000 annually to fund a resource to undertake waste minimisation education and initiatives (\$21,000 will come from Ministry for the Environment levy funding, and \$10,000 will come from rates)**

Council wants to ensure households and businesses get the information and support they need to minimise waste and reduce their costs. Following consideration of submissions which supported Council's proposal to do a better job of educating and supporting the

community, the proposed funding was increased to \$31,000 per annum for the final plan. This funding is in addition the \$25,000 we have committed annually to the Enviroschools programme.

## ISSUE 5: Support for Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust (WRRT)

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue to provide support to WRRT to the value \$270,000 per annum, and will consider additional financial support on a case-by-case basis**

This decision recognises the high value Council places on the services WRRT offers the community and

provides scope for reconsidering the level of funding over the life of the plan.

## ISSUE 6: Support for other community providers

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Provide WRRT with annual funding of \$30,000 per annum to distribute to smaller community providers on its behalf, subject to specific criteria and conditions from 2019/20 onwards**

Small community groups play an important role in promoting and supporting waste minimisation in their communities. Council currently provides annual funding of \$24,000 to smaller community providers to support them in undertaking their waste minimisation activities. From 2019/20 onwards, we will provide this funding

(plus an additional \$6,000) to WRRT to distribute to community providers on our behalf. Providers will make proposals for funding to WRRT, who will consider each proposal on its merits and with consideration given to Council's funding criteria.

## ISSUE 7: Rural township and urban recycling bins

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue providing township recycling bins in Herbert, Enfield and Papakaio, but will review how these are operating in order to make the service more consistent across the centres**
- ▶ **Continue collaborating with WRRT to develop a phased programme for replacing existing litter bins in key public locations around the district**

The township recycling bins are valued and well-utilised by these communities, so Council is keen to see them remain available into the future. We will, however, be reviewing them closely over the next year or so to make sure they are delivering value for money and that service levels are consistent across the centres. We will also consider providing bins in other townships if this is cost-effective.

Council has recently worked with WRRT to provide recycling bins at areas like the Harbour and Public Gardens. Providing more recycling bins at key public locations will provide further opportunities for recycling.

## ISSUE 8: Collaboration with others

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue collaborating with WRRT and Waste Management NZ Ltd in accordance with the current Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) while also seeking opportunities for collaboration and service provision through other organisations or agencies in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) and as appropriate under the MoU. Council will also pursue opportunities for collaboration and shared services with other local authorities through the Otago Regional Solid Waste Section 17A Review Group, where appropriate.**

We think a more collaborative approach to waste management and minimisation is a cost-effective way to get better outcomes for the community.

Providing more recycling bins at key public locations will provide further opportunities for recycling.

## ISSUE 9: Waste Minimisation Levy funding expenditure

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Work to fully utilise levy funding available by funding the education resource and any other waste minimisation in accordance with the WMMP action plan.**

The Waste Levy is set and collected by the Ministry for the Environment and is then redistributed to councils based on population. In recent years, we haven't had a dedicated solid waste officer and have struggled to

fully utilise the funding available from the Ministry for the Environment. Having a dedicated education resource will ensure we can do this.

## ISSUE 10: Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue to leave kerbside collection of residual waste, recycling and green waste to the private market, and**
- ▶ **More proactively inform and educate the community on options for kerbside collection during the first year of the plan, and**
- ▶ **Undertake a community survey on kerbside collection in 2018/19 to review future options.**

Council has never offered rates-funded kerbside collection of recycling. We did offer a user-pays kerbside rubbish bag collection prior to 2009, however, rates funding was required to subsidise this service as only 17% of residents used it, with the rest opting to use private contractors to dispose of their rubbish at the landfill. After reviewing options for kerbside collection of rubbish and recycling in 2007/08, Council decided in 2009 to cease the rubbish bag service and to leave kerbside collection of rubbish and recyclables to the private market.

Since kerbside collection was left to the private market, we've had both positive and negative feedback about how well it's working for people. Submissions to the draft plan also reflected these opposing views, with some asking Council to provide a rates-funded service and others asking us to retain the current system.

Making changes to the system would have a significant impact on rates and what households and businesses pay for waste management. While some would pay less under a rates-funded system (particularly those who create a lot of waste), many others would pay more (especially those who currently reduce their waste as much as possible). For this reason, we want to make sure we have a more detailed understanding of what households are actually paying and how well the current range of services and facilities are meeting their needs.

In 2019, we plan to survey the wider community to see how many households are using the privately-run kerbside services, how much they're paying, and how well the services are meeting their needs. Feedback from the survey will help us work out if the system needs to be improved, and how this could be done.

## ISSUE 11: Solid Waste Bylaw

### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Review and amend the Solid Waste Bylaw following adoption of the WMMP so it better reflects the current waste situation.**

## Other issues raised by submitters:

### Service levels at Rural Resource Recovery Parks

#### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Retain current opening hours at the Rural Recovery Parks, with flexibility around how these are configured.**
- ▶ **Investigate options for a 24-hour recycling drop-off in Omarama and trial a preferred option in consultation with the Ahuriri Community Board at an estimated cost of \$5,000, to be funded through revenue from increased refuse disposal charges at the rural recovery parks.**

Council will retain the current number of opening hours at the parks but will be flexible around how these are configured – that is, opening days and times could change at any time to suit the community. Increasing the number of opening hours was considered, but as this would also increase operating costs and significantly reduce any cost-recovery gains made

through increasing charges for rubbish and green waste disposal (as discussed under Issues 1 and 2).

One change we are considering is providing 24-hour recycling at the parks. However, there risks and costs associated with this, which is why we are planning a trial at Omarama before confirming any changes.

### Zero Waste

#### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Acknowledge that the steps in the plan will lead us towards the goal of zero waste.**

In its 2010 update of the NZ Waste Strategy, the Ministry for the Environment states:

*'While the 'zero waste' vision of the 2002 Strategy was ambitious, many of its targets were unable to be measured or achieved. The revised Strategy enables a more flexible approach to waste management and minimisation through two high level goals: reducing harm and improving efficiency.'*

With consideration to this, instead of specifying zero waste as the plan's vision Council has set an objective to see the total volume of waste generated per person in Waitaki reduced over the 6-year life of the plan. This is considered to be more realistic, measurable and achievable.

### Provision and servicing of litter bins

#### Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Review and amend the Solid Waste Bylaw following adoption of the WMMP so it better reflects the current waste situation.**

The growing number of visitors to our district brings many benefits, but it also increases the need to improve core infrastructure and service provision to cater for this. Some submitters to the draft plan were concerned about a lack of litter bins and problems with

some existing litter bins overflowing at busy times. Funding has therefore been set aside to ensure litter bins are emptied more frequently and Council will continue to consider provision of additional bins in key areas where they are most needed.

## Illegal dumping and enforcement

### Council confirmed it will:

- **Continue to monitor illegal dumping and take enforcement action wherever possible**

Unfortunately, illegal dumping is an issue throughout New Zealand and something all councils are trying to tackle. It's something we take very seriously and while we would like to take a much tougher line on the dumpers, we can only issue infringement fees for illegal dumping fly-tipping in accordance with the provisions of the Litter Act, or in accordance with court-imposed fines in the case of a successful prosecution. Over the next six years our new education resource will look at ways to discourage littering and illegal dumping, and we may also consider installing signage and cameras at dumping 'hot spots' as a deterrent and means to identify the dumpers.

There were concerns expressed in submissions that increasing waste disposal fees will increase instances of illegal dumping. While this may happen in some instances, we don't believe it's an excuse for people to break the law. Unfortunately, there are some who will continue to dump illegally regardless of what services and facilities are in place, and how much they have to pay (illegal dumping was an issue in Waitaki even when the charges for rubbish disposal were low).

## The WMMP vision, goals and objectives

### Council confirmed it will:

- **Include the proposed vision, goals and objectives in the final WMMP with minor amendments (underlined) as follows:**

Goal 1: To keep Waitaki people safe and healthy and to minimise waste

Objective 1: Ensuring appropriate and accessible waste management and minimisation services, facilities and education programmes are provided

Council did consider other changes to the vision, goals and objectives but confirmed the vision, goals and

objectives proposed in the final plan as these were considered to be realistic and achievable.

## Product stewardship and packaging

Council doesn't have the authority or means to impose a packaging tax or levies on packaging however, we will look at developing specific local initiatives for packaging through the proposed resource for waste minimisation education and initiatives.

They will develop a plan for various waste minimisation initiatives based on local data and issues, in consultation with the Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust and other local waste minimisation experts.

## Product stewardship and packaging

The cost of waste disposal is always a contentious issue and getting the balance right between user pays and affordability is an ongoing challenge for all councils, including us.

Council has taken a user pays approach to waste disposal wherever possible, as discussed under Issue 1. However, our cost recovery policy of 40-60%

for waste disposal acknowledges that in some areas, such as the Waitaki Valley, it is more expensive to provide facilities and charging people in these areas the actual cost of waste disposal would be prohibitive. While this means district-wide ratepayers have to pay a bit extra to subsidise these areas, we think this is a fair compromise to ensure all people in the district have access to good quality waste facilities.

# *Waihemo Community Board Memorandum*

**From** Board Chairperson

**Date** 13 August 2018

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## **Chairperson's Report**

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### **Recommendation**

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

The Chairperson's report will be presented verbally at the meeting.

The content of the report will subsequently be included in the meeting minutes under the relevant agenda item.

**Kathy Dennison**

Waihemo Community Board Chair

# *Waihemo Community Board Memorandum*

**From** Waihemo Community Board Members

**Date** 13 August 2018

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## **Community Board Members' Reports**

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### **Recommendation**

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the Community Board Members' reports.

- **Community Board Members' Reports (verbal reports at meeting)**

### **To note:**

Councillor Jan Wheeler has registered an apology for this meeting, and will not be providing a verbal report.

# Waihemo Community Board Memorandum

**From** People and Culture Group Manager

**Date** 13 August 2018

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## Information Report to Community Boards – August 2018

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### Recommendation

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

### Summary

The following reports present information prepared by the Mayor, Chief Executive and Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager:

- Mayor's and Chief Executive's reports to the 31 July 2018 Council meeting
- Health and Safety Update to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, 10 July 2018.

### Purpose

The purpose of this information is to bring Community Boards up to speed with matters considered by Council over the preceding period.

Community Boards and Community Board Chairs may have already received this information.



Lisa Baillie  
**People and Culture Group Manager**

# Waitaki District Council Memorandum

From Mayor Gary Kircher

Date 31 July 2018

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## Mayor's Report

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### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information.

### Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors and the public up-to-date with a number of issues and happenings that have arisen since the last Council meeting on 26 June 2018.

### What's been happening?

It has been an opportunity to catch up on business, and to get ahead on some of the key activities that we want to progress before the end of the year. It is also the time of year for Local Government New Zealand's (LGNZ) annual conference, so I have included in this report a brief summary of that from me, and then attached (as Appendix 1) summaries of some of the speakers/sessions that have been written by the attending Councillors.

We have taken the opportunity to also get some reasonably significant training done for both elected members and senior management. This includes better governance training from LGNZ, and we have booked in experienced governance and directorship speaker Richard Westlake who will be visiting us later in August.

### LGNZ Conference 2018

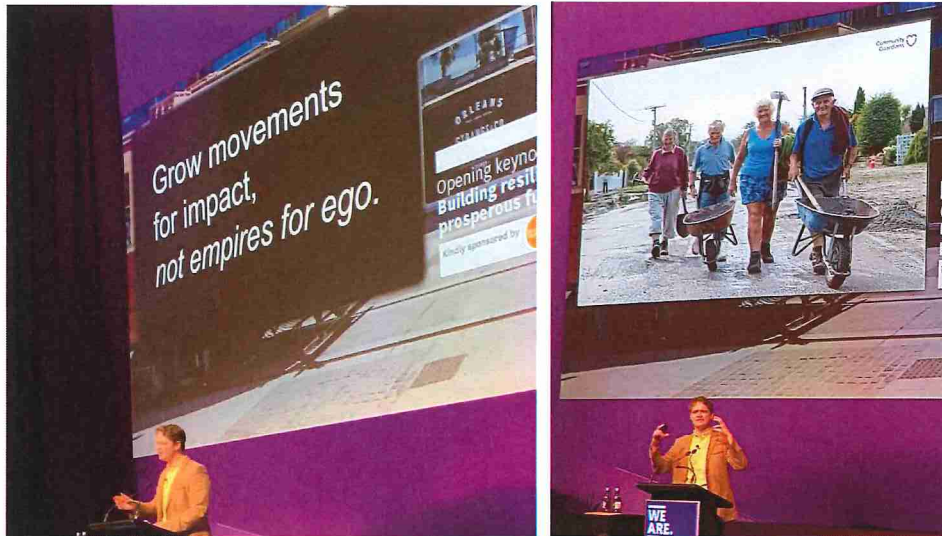
The theme for this year's conference, held in Christchurch, was 'Future-proofing for a prosperous and vibrant New Zealand.' Sadly, I do not believe the conference lived up to that title, and instead was a mish-mash of ideas, concepts, and commentary. Some of it was interesting, but too much of it was disappointing, drawn out, and simply too light in content for me, and for a good number of attendees who I talked to. A conference like this is an opportunity to go away, meet with like-minded people, get challenged and rejuvenated mentally, and come away with some great ideas and renewed enthusiasm. Unfortunately, that occurred in only a very moderate way.

The conference started with the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, with very good attendance by most Councils in New Zealand. The key business was the twelve remits to be discussed and voted on. They went reasonably smoothly, and almost all passed. Some we voted against because they were populist, damaging and/or ineffective, but most passed anyway. The one that did get voted down was the remit telling LGNZ to publicly call for banks to divest themselves of their investments in fossil fuels etc. One would think that some in the sector do not realise just what our roads and many other products are made of... The positive remits, in my opinion, that got voted through included improving the situation for heritage buildings in relation to earthquake legislation; strengthening the effect that Local Alcohol Policies can have on liquor licencing; reducing the use of copper in brake pads to reduce contaminants entering the environment; reducing the waste stream; and introducing a tyre stewardship programme.

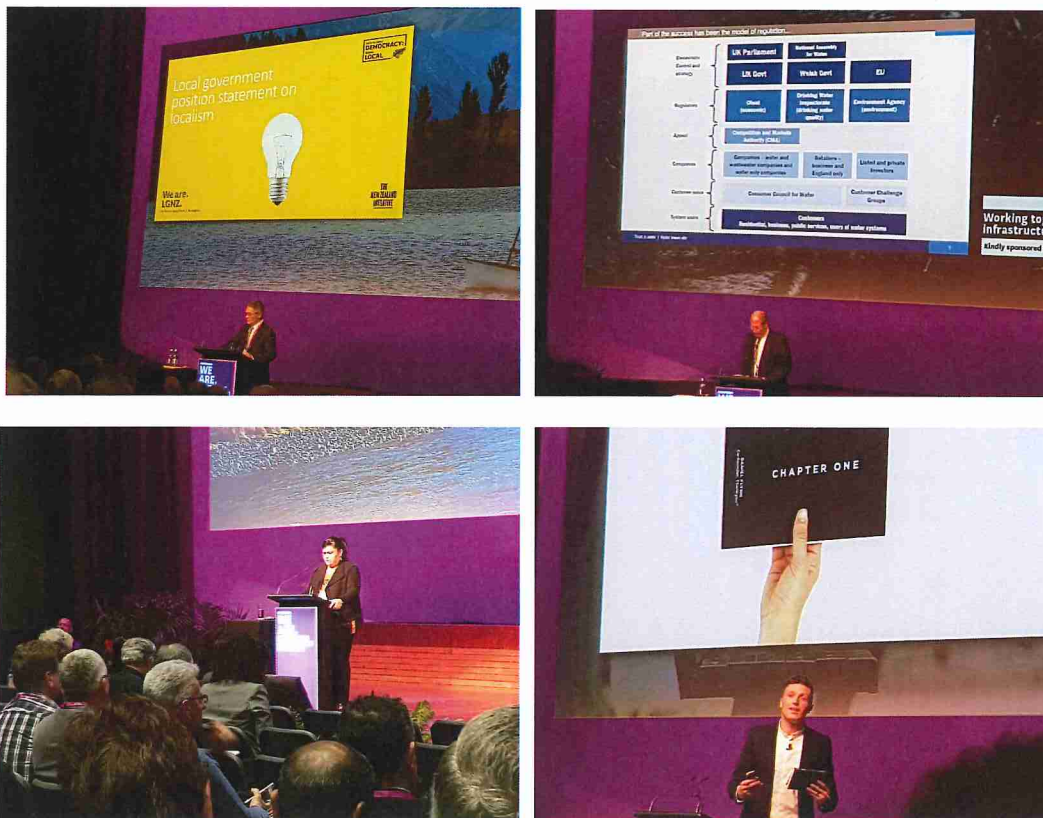
For me, the highlights of the conference included the keynote speaker on the first day – Sam Johnson who spoke on building resilience in our communities; Kylie Legge who spoke on creating resilient, sustainable and liveable places; and the best speaker of all was the very last one – Daniel Flynn, the young entrepreneur who began Thankyou which is an organisation selling products such as bottled water to help fund clean water projects in third world countries. Daniel was a phenomenally good speaker. His story did not link directly to what we do, but there were enough small take-home points that made it valuable, and definitely the best part of the conference programme.

LGNZ needs to do better with its conferences in future. They are not cheap to attend, and when we dedicated reasonable resources to send four Councillors, three group managers plus our Chief Executive and myself, we need to get better value for money. I have completed my survey giving

feedback to organisers, and will follow up in person to see how we can have more focused conferences which have us all leaving with the enthusiasm and ideas which help us improve what we are doing and how we do it.



Sam Johnson – with a quote from the Dalai Lama (left-hand picture) ... and showing local Oamaru residents volunteering during the Christchurch earthquake clean-up (right-hand picture)



The Minister for Local Government,  
the Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Daniel Flynn

## New Business Support

The Business Hive is a hub for young businesses, and it is also a hot-desk space for those who need it. Based in Ribble St, the Business Hive has been set up by Cara Tipping-Smith to provide a service which she sees is increasingly needed. There are many people working from home, in small offices or on the kitchen table, who would benefit from having a central space to work from where they can have the services they need and also share socially with others – something that is not possible in the home office environment. Cara has produced a wonderful space, with a variety of areas to work in. It is a very good addition to the local business scene, and I encourage Councillors and staff to go and check it out!



### Portside Punch

The second Portside Punch event was held, four years after the inaugural one. Once again, Sally Ann Donnelly was behind the event, and she has once again done a sterling job of pulling together the key people to make the event a truly memorable experience for the amateur fighters, and for the 500 or so people who pay to go along. I have not seen just how much was raised through the event, but I understand it was marginally ahead of the \$118,000 raised back in 2014 by the first event. Another huge event for Waitaki, and a real tribute to every single person involved!



One of the very good fights on the night –  
'Stone Cold' Josh Dooley (Red) vs Luke 'The Animal' Smyth (Blue)

### Observatory Retirement Village, Resthome beds Stage 2

On 20 July, a low-key opening of the next twenty care beds in the resthome of the retirement village was held with staff, trustees, and key contractors present. The opening and blessing was completed by

David Higgins. It is expected that, over a two week period, there will be approximately 16 of those beds filled with people who have been waiting for the facility to open. The standard of workmanship is excellent, and the rooms are large and many have excellent views.

These rooms are very important for our local older folk who have, in a number of cases, been placed out of town in the interim, or have chosen to stay at home until space was available. The rooms were made possible through the loan made by Council, and the entire retirement village continues to grow through strong demand. It is serving an important role in looking after our people, and it is so pleasing that our Council is playing an important part in helping to make it happen.



### **Pasifika Education Plan Summit**

The Honourable Jenny Salesa, Associate Minister of Education, visited Oamaru to engage with locals to discuss education in our communities. The focus was on our Pacific Island (PI) community, to ensure that they are being well-served across Waitaki. It is the only session being held in Otago and Southland, no doubt due to the high number of Pasifika people living in North Otago. The feedback I got from some of the attendees was that it was a most useful session, and that they were pleased that the Minister took the time to come here and seek their views.

It was also an opportunity for me to discuss with the Minister just how important the PI community is to our district, and we covered topics such as political representation, and participation by Pasifika people in various activities in our community. Education is key to many opportunities in life, so a good education is important to all of us in helping us all move forward.



### **Mayors' Taskforce For Jobs**

Successive Waitaki Mayors have been members of the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), and I have continued that trend. The main interaction we have with the organisation is assistance with the Graduation Ceremony for In-work Trainees, which we have held around November for the past three years. There are more things we could do, but they have been difficult to take advantage of without some extra resources. However, the organisation continues to make a difference. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in conjunction with the LGNZ Conference, and there was some good

discussion on future initiatives. For now we will carry on with what we are doing, and keep an eye on the other opportunities to improve job prospects for our youth.



The AGM collection of Mayors or their Deputies who are members of the MTFJ, along with Taskforce Coordinator James Mather relaxing in front.

### **Waitaki Valley Freedom Camping**

Freedom camping is still a major topic of discussion across New Zealand, and Waitaki is no exception. There are a few hot-spot areas for us, and one is the Department of Conservation (DoC)-controlled Ahuriri River bridge reserve just a couple of kilometres north of Omarama. The Omarama Residents' Association called a meeting with some of the main organisations, so the community could hear from them and voice their concerns. I was speaking for Waitaki, with the Hon Jacqui Dean there as the local Member of Parliament, and representatives were there from the Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, New Zealand Transport Agency, New Zealand Motor Caravan Association, and other groups. In all, there was around 100 or more people – an excellent turnout for the small community, and a number that showed just how seriously they take the issue!

Mark Davies spoke for DoC, and his five minutes was followed by a good half hour of questions. My turn ended up about the same, and I was able to get the message out that the Council is very supportive of DoC's intention to better manage the area. The Department has applied for Tourism Infrastructure Funding to get some immediate fixes in place for the coming season, while they work on long-term solutions for the area.

Discussion points and questions put forward by the community ranged from a complete camping ban for the area, to a temporary ban, and most supported the idea of much greater control and monitoring of the spot. There were also calls for some of the reserve adjacent to the community hall to be utilised for a user-pays responsible camping site. This last suggestion had the advantage of putting people where they could walk to shops etc.

All told, DoC's application for funding is a total of \$500,000, which will go to fix immediate problems at a variety of places across Mackenzie as well as this hot-spot in Waitaki. Our Council has fully supported their application and will continue to be part of the group working on the long-term issues around camping. It appears we are now making good progress towards the goal of turning freedom camping into responsible camping!



DoC representative Mike Davies speaks as the other guest speakers look on.



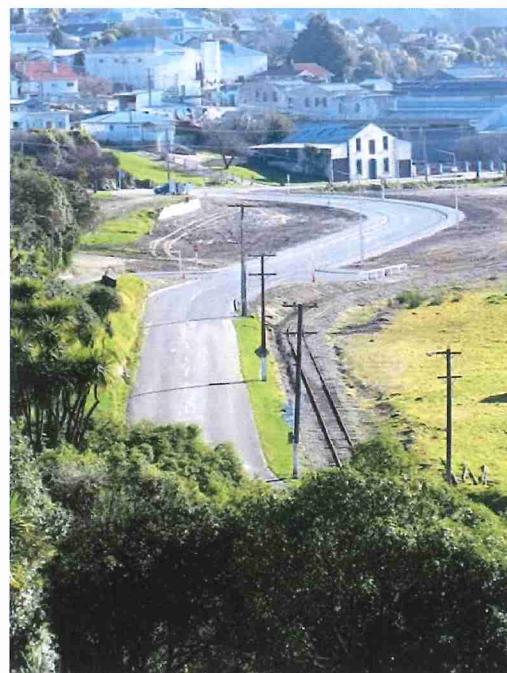
The 100+ attendees of the meeting listen as the various speakers outline their organisation's position on camping in the area.

### Harbour Accommodation

After a considerable time in the planning, advertising, selection of preferred developer, due diligence, and negotiations, we have now been able to announce that Ross and Debbie Ward will be building a 20-24 room high-end visitor accommodation on the site on the corner of Tyne St and the new section of Waterfront Road. The Wards come with excellent credentials, having run a number of successful accommodation businesses in the past, and they have a solid reputation for providing quality facilities with quality service.

Councillors have already had an initial meeting with the Wards to give their input to the design process, and we now await the final design. I have put forward the design principles that were originally agreed on for any development at the harbour, as being key elements for the design of this accommodation. They were given to us by the late Sir Ian Athfield, an architect with a reputation for innovation, sympathetic adaptive reuse, and the recipient of over 60 national and international architecture and design awards.

I am confident that these elements which involve retention of view shafts, use of appropriate materials, and consideration of complementary size and bulk for any development, will stand the test of time. I look forward to seeing the final designs, and I would like to express my appreciation for the collaborative approach that the Wards have brought to the process. Another exciting and appropriate step forward for the harbour area!



A view from on high, of the new road, with the new accommodation site located to the left of the curve

**Meetings Attended:**

11 June	Meeting with property developer
11 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
11 June	Meeting with Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale one-on-one feedback
11 June	Morning Tea with Dougal McGowan
11 June	Meeting with Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale and Neil Jorgensen
11 June	Meeting with Weston Progress League re Weston footpaths
12 June	FAR Committee Meeting
12 June	Council Workshop – Building fees
12 June	Councillor briefing
12 June	Council Workshop – Harbour Area Accommodation
12 June	Council Workshop – Provincial Growth Fund Projects (including UNESCO)
12 June	Councillor only session
12 June	Meeting with New Zealand Whisky Collective
13 June	Meeting with Peter Cameron, North Otago Cricket
13 June	Corporate Planning Meeting
14 June	Meeting with Lisa Baillie
14 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
14 June	Meeting with Lichelle Guyan and Lisa Baillie
14 June	Meeting with Community Board Chairperson Kathy Dennison one-on-one feedback
14 June	Site Visit to Bursa Street, Palmerston (re flooding)
15 June	Observatory Retirement Village Trust meeting
15 June	Meeting with Keith McIntosh, Fire and Emergency New Zealand
15 June	Meeting with Moeraki Limited and David Higgins
18 June	Meeting with the Hon Jacqui Dean MP
18 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
18 June	Draft Agenda Meeting – Council
18 June	Phoenix Mill Water Wheel Trust meeting
18 June	Citizenship Ceremony
18 June	Economic Development Manager and CEO Catch-up
19 June	HER Committee Workshop – Fire and Emergency New Zealand
19 June	HER Committee Workshop – Pole Shed Exemptions
19 June	HER Committee Workshop – Earthquake Prone Buildings
19 June	Lunch with Network Waitaki representatives, followed by workshop
19 June	UNESCO Global Geopark Workshop
19 June	Workshop – Mobile Trading Permits
19 June	Councillor Briefing
19 June	Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust Meeting
20 June	Mackenzie Basin Tourism Strategy Launch, Tekapo
20 June	MPI (Mycoplasma Bovis Meeting) Papakaio Hall
21 June	Meeting with Community Gardens re update Regional Community Trust
21 June	Annual General Meeting – Grey Power North Otago
21 June	Meeting with Mark Smith, Whitestone Civic Trust
21 June	Meeting with North Otago Tennis, Robin Jamieson and Josh Dalziel
24 June	Photo Shoot at Oamaru North School
25 June	Real Radio Interview
25 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
25 June	Meeting with Neil Jorgensen, to discuss Waste Manifesto Remit
25 June	Meeting with Jock Webster, Kurow/Duntroon Irrigation Company
25 June	Visit to The Business Hive, Ribble Street
26 June	Council Meeting
26 June	Council Workshop – Bella Vista Subdivision Tauranga
26 June	Councillor briefing
28 June	Opening of the Pedestrian Bridge Oamaru Creek
28 June	Musical Theatre Oamaru – dinner
29 June	Meeting with NZTA – Rumble Strips, Omarama
29 June	Meeting with Community Board Chair Graham Sullivan, Otematata
30 June	Portside Punch
2 July	Mayor and CEO catch-up
2 July	Speaking at the North Otago Leadership Academy Programme
2 July	Meeting with Waitaki Irrigators Collective
2 July	Meeting with Neil Jorgensen and Marty Pacey (3Waters)
2 July	Meeting with Aurora Fundraising
3 July	Whalan Lodge site visit, Kurow
3 July	Observatory Hill Retirement Village meeting

3 July	Speaking at University 3 <sup>rd</sup> Age Group
3 July	Executive Committee Meeting
4 July	Coordination Group Meeting
4 July	Meeting – Work-ready passport for students
5 July	Delegations and Harbour discussion
6 July	Meeting with Lucianne White – Farmers Market
9 July	Meeting – possible North End improvement project
9 July	Mayor and CEO Catch-up
9 July	Draft Agenda Meeting – Committees Day
9 July	Harbour Area Accommodation Proposal workshop
10 July	FAR Committee Meeting
10 July	District Plan Review Committee Workshop
10 July	Mackenzie Basin, Upper Waitaki Agency working arrangements update
10 July	Council Workshop – Cultural Awareness Training
10 July	Workshop with Kurow-Duntroon Irrigation Company
10 July	Councillor briefing
11 July	Meeting with Graeme Butler – Harbour Accommodation
11 July	Trust Power Awards Judging Meeting
11 July	Meeting with Fi McKay and Marcus Weight (Immigration)
11 July	Corporate Planning Meeting
11 July	Meeting with Gerard Quinn re economic development
11 July	Meeting with Shane Toa King – Parkside Quarries
12 July	Meeting with Helen Jansen
12 July	Meeting with Lisa Scott – Candidate for the Communications Specialist role
12 July	Meeting with Grant Finn, New Zealand Whisky Collective
12 July	Meeting with Heritage New Zealand – Dunedin
13 July	Meeting with CEO
15 July	LGNZ Annual General Meeting
15 July	Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs Annual General Meeting
15 July	LGNZ Conference
16 July	LGNZ Conference
17 July	LGNZ Conference
17 July	Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust Meeting
18 July	Committees Day
18 July	Workshop – Drug and other Issues in the Community
18 July	Meeting Bill Dean and Neil Jorgensen re harbour
18 July	Councillor Briefing
18 July	Pasifika Conversation – Union Parish Hall
19 July	Mayor and CEO catch-up
19 July	Phoenix Mill Water Wheel Trust meeting
19 July	Corporate Planning Meeting
20 July	Observatory Hill Retirement Village – Stage 2 Opening
20 July	Waitaki Tourist Routes Workshop
20 July	Meeting with Anne Te Maiharoa Dodds and other Waitaha Trustees

*(signed)*

**Mayor Gary Kircher**

## **Appendix 1 – Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference July 2018 – Summaries from attending Councillors**

## Mayor's Report (31 July 2018) – Appendix 1

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND (LGNZ) CONFERENCE, 16 – 17 July 2018

#### Summaries from Attending Councillors

##### From Cr Colin Wollstein:

*Building Strong Local Economic Prosperity – a summary of the key points.*

- In New Zealand, Councils have little power; 'central government knows best' is the default position.
- 93% of taxes go to central government, only 7% to local government. Currently, there is a highly rigid mind-set.
- Thus local government is less relevant to communities as central government has the main roles and funds.
- Central government sets the roles and scope for local government, at a low level.
- As a comparison, in New Zealand, 7 cents in the dollar of the tax spend is by local government, whereas the OECD average is 46 cents!!
- Central government reduced territorial authorities (TAs) from 500 to 78 now, lower local relevance.
- Operating terms are set by central government; local government is its compliance arm.
- Result – very low productivity growth in New Zealand compared with Switzerland.
- In Switzerland, powers are decentralised to local government and communities.
- Switzerland has 8.4 million people in an area smaller than Canterbury.
- Much more economic growth and success than New Zealand.
- GDP per capita is twice that of New Zealand; in the 1960s, it was at the same level.
- Local government's share of tax revenues is over 50%; in New Zealand, it is only 7%.
- 2300 municipalities, 3620 people in each; in New Zealand, 61,500 per average per 78 TAs.
- Each TA sets taxes independently from central government; areas compete with tax rates.
- Economic growth comes back directly to the local area, not to central government.

##### Conclusion:

The current New Zealand mind-set needs to be challenged. It is time for central government to shrink its role, and transfer both functions and funding to local government, to return the powers and control back to local communities.

##### From Cr Jim Hopkins:

On a wet Sunday morning, we joined the Smart City walking tour, which gave us a chance to see some of the electronic features being incorporated as part of the post-quake Christchurch rebuild. Amongst the technology features we were shown was an electronic 'billboard' on a popular cycleway near the historic Avon River boatsheds which displayed the number of cyclists who had travelled either way past the recording site since it had been installed.

The installation of thousands of relatively inexpensive accelerometers intended to measure very site-specific ground and building movements during a quake was also explained outside the new Civil Defence building site in the Justice Precinct. We were told that data gathered during earlier tremors had shown that ground and building movements at locations quite close together were often significantly different.

Installing the accelerometers will give building owners and Council staff reliable information about the stresses experienced during a quake and enable a confident assessment of a structure's safety to be made within hours.

Two electronic monitoring devices potentially relevant to all Councils were, firstly, the rubbish bin sensors that alerted contractors when bins were full, thus reducing complaints and servicing costs and, secondly, monitors installed at Disabled Parking places which wirelessly checked if vehicles were carrying an 'electronic' disability permit that entitled them to be there. While still a work in progress, this innovation may, in the future, be extended to apply to metered space charging as well as right-to-occupy confirmation.

The presentations outlining the benefits of localism in Switzerland were a highlight, particularly the one which detailed how a small Canton, population not much over 2000 from memory, had negotiated its own deal with overseas investors to redevelop an aging resort thereby generating considerable benefits for its residents. This was possible because, unlike New Zealand, the Swiss federal government allows Cantons to operate their own Overseas Investment Offices and also because a much higher percentage of total official spending comes from local government.

In New Zealand, central government dominates, accounting for 88% of spending on operations and infrastructure. In other countries, including Switzerland, local government is responsible for a much higher percentage of spending.

The argument is that localism is the best and most effective way to guarantee regional development and it is hard to argue with that.

Also noteworthy was the Monday morning keynote speech from Kylie Legge, *Creating resilient, sustainable and liveable places*. Her speech looked at the evolving practise of 'place-making', which may better be called place-improving or enriching.

There were some key messages that stood out. Australia-based Ms Legge talked about various placemaking fads that have been imitated around the world in the past three decades, starting with a craze for pedestrian malls, followed by equal enthusiasm for Aquariums, then Convention Centres and most recently, what is described as the 'Bilbao Effect', that being a reference to architect Frank Gehrig's extravagant Guggenheim Museum in that city, which has inspired global mimicry and seen as many as 14,000 incomplete cultural buildings in Spain alone.

The speech urged us to understand and identify place attraction, namely the things that attract people to a particular area or location and also place attachment, which has more to do with what there is to do in a specific place.

Kylie Legge also stressed the need to talk to people when embarking on placemaking projects, and to trust their intuitive responses in subjective areas such as the things they most care about and enjoy. People are the real experts when it comes to what they feel matters most, and her company had developed processes to gauge these bedrock community feelings. They should underpin development, attractions, activities and placemaking projects in general. Self-evident perhaps, but applicable for us as we develop our own local initiatives.

To end, a great line from another speaker; "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

### **From Cr Bill Kingan:**

I enjoyed going to the Conference in Christchurch. We listened to some inspirational speakers (and some not so much) and came away more aware of some of the challenges we face. These include the Three Waters infrastructure needs, climate change, Maori connections, and an interactive session I attended, on building excellence in locally delivered infrastructure and services.

One of the themes of the Conference was around "localism". I went on a bus trip to Lyttleton where we witnessed localism at its best. We were shown how, after the earthquakes, the town had taken ownership of the situation and rebuilt, along with their Community Board and Christchurch City Council, a community so vibrant and caring that it was a joy to witness. A group called Project Lyttleton had reinvented the Recreation Centre, School, and Library and plan to build an Art Gallery; made up a small urban park; arranged festivals; operates a Farmers Market and a four days a week garage sale; operates a Time Bank (trade skills with other community members and no money changes hands) and a tool library. All of this required leadership, and they had that, but it was the local community that had embraced it wholeheartedly because it was "theirs".

There were three speakers at the Conference that really impressed me. Robett Hollis, Sam Johnson and Daniel Flynn. All in their early thirties and with such ability it was an inspiration to hear them.

**From Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale:**

### **Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference 2018 Summary – Localism**

At this year's conference, LGNZ released its position statement on localism\*. Simply put, localism is shifting power and decision-making back to citizens and their community.

New Zealand has a very top-down approach to public expenditure, and the setting of policies and programmes. Very often rules are set at a national level, with Councils playing the role of the Government's regulatory arm, often without any corresponding funding. Central Government in New Zealand is responsible for 88% of our public expenditure, with the average OECD country's central government spend sitting at 46%.

Country	Central government's share of public expenditure
New Zealand	88 per cent
United Kingdom	72 per cent
Republic of Ireland	72 per cent
Iceland	55 per cent
Greece	54 per cent
United States	54 per cent
Korea	41 per cent
Denmark	31 per cent
Finland	29 per cent
Germany	19 per cent
Switzerland	13 per cent
<b>OECD average</b>	<b>46 per cent</b>

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We have a high level of fiscal centralism, and our Government's domination of the allocation of public expenditure shows no signs of diminishing. This means our communities have largely lost the power to make meaningful decisions at a local level, with an increasingly one-size-fits-all approach adopted.

"We do not need the Government to micro-manage the day-to-day life of our communities yet that is occurring at an increasing rate," according to LGNZ 's position statement.

"Centralism can often be paternalistic (we know what is best for you) and encourage citizens to assume that the government will "fix things".

"We are calling for an active programme of devolution and decentralisation."

*\*Local government position statement on localism*

The Honourable Nanaia Mahuta, Minister for Local Government, cautioned that the discussion isn't merely a matter of decentralisation.

"There is an opportunity for new thinking about how a circular economy, social enterprise, procurement, economic development partnerships deliver better outcomes. This will be a game changer but not because it separates out localism and local solutions but because it reinforces coordination and collaboration," said Minister Mahuta.

Councils have some complex, challenging issues to address, including but not limited to climate change, tourism demands and natural hazards.

"Councils vary widely in area, population, infrastructure assets, community needs, rating base and financial resources. I'm encouraged by the way Councils are determined to respond to these challenges as you seek to tailor solutions to meet local needs and circumstances," said Minister Mahuta.

"I'm not closed to the need for the conversation."

The Minister spoke of taking local leadership back where it needs to be - in our communities. It will require strategic vision and leadership, "national objectives with local benefits".

Hon Minister Mahuta then took questions, and left us with a simple but important question to ponder: What is it local government does really well, better than central government?

We are not all on the same page at this stage, but this is the start of a brave and necessary discussion. Do we accept things the way they are without question, or do we enter the conversation to make sure the right decisions are being made by the most relevant people, for the right reasons?

# Waitaki District Council Memorandum

**From** Chief Executive

**Date** 31 July 2018

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## Chief Executive's Report

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### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information.

### Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors up-to-date with issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting on 26 June 2018.

#### 1. Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark

Work continues on the proposed Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark, with Gerard Quinn (Economic Development Manager) assuming the lead role of developing Provincial Growth Fund applications relating to this initiative, the global geopark management plan, and the final dossier (due with the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO on 12 November 2018).

#### 2. Staffing – Office of the Chief Executive

Lisa Scott has commenced her role as Communications Specialist (replacing Alena Lynch who departed on 6 April 2018). Lisa is a well-known journalist, author and media commentator and has extensive experience in Public Relations. She has been a regular columnist for the Otago Daily Times (ODT), and article writer for several magazines. Previously she has been Marketing Manager for the Fortune Theatre in Dunedin and of the Enterprise Division of the University of Otago, and Education Officer for the Otago Museum.

Lisa has also been a guest panellist on *The Panel* with Jim Mora, National Radio. On 20 July, she spoke on *The Panel* about her experience of the Waitaki and her excitement at joining the team at the Waitaki District Council.

#### 3. Upcoming site visit by representatives of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO

On 12 – 14 August 2018, representatives from the Commission will undertake a field inspection of the proposed Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark. This will assist UNESCO's Expert Advisory Group (EAG) to assist the Waitaki Whitestone Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark to compile a persuasive application in the form of the final dossier as required under UNESCO's rules. It is anticipated that a draft final dossier will be made available to the EAG in early November so that a final dossier can be submitted to the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO on 12 November 2018. Following this, the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO will forward the final dossier to UNESCO in Paris.

Pen-y-Bryn Lodge has kindly sponsored the accommodation of the UNESCO deputation, while Heliventures NZ Ltd has also kindly sponsored helicopter transport for the deputation.

The Waitaki district – having been successful in achieving selection as New Zealand's candidate for accreditation as a global geopark – is now entitled to refer to itself as: 'The Waitaki Whitestone *Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark*'.



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#### 4. Business and Site Visits

28 June	Opening of the Pedestrian Bridge, Ōamaru Creek
2 July	Business After 5, Waste Management, Ōamaru
5 July	JBL Properties Site visit with Gerard Quinn
6 July	Ōamaru Airport Site Visit – New Zealand Aviation Academy

#### 5. Meetings Attended

27 June	Meeting with Amie Pont, New Zealand Walking Access Commission
27 June	Waitaki Whitestone Global Geopark Project Group Meeting
28 June	Meeting with John Brown, JBC Properties
29 June	Meeting with Hamish MacLean, Otago Daily Times
2 July	Teleconference with Richard Blaikie, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Otago University
2 July	Teleconference with Professor Richard Blaikie, University of Otago
2 July	Meeting with Waitaki Irrigators Collective
2 July	Teleconference with Dr Ian Graham, GNS Science
4 July	Meeting with Paul Olsen, St Kevin's College and Helen Algar, Waitaki Safer Community re Work Ready Passports for students
5 July	Meeting with Geologist Sophie Briggs, University of Otago
6 July	Teleconference with Abby Cheeseman, MBIE
11 July	Meeting with Fi Mackay and Marcus Weight, Immigration NZ
11 July	Meeting with Shane Toa King, Parkside Quarries
13 July	Meeting with David Higgins, Te Rūnunga o Moeraki
15-17 July	LGNZ 2018 Conference and Awards
20 July	Meeting with NZAA Directors
20 July	NZTA Waitaki Tourist Routes Workshop
20 July	Meeting with Anne Te Maiharoa Dodds and Waitaha Trustees
23-25 July	Meetings with Pamela Peters, Equip LGNZ
26 July	Meeting with Dean and Associates
30 July	Meeting with Jeff Page, Meridian Energy

(signed)

Fergus Power  
Chief Executive Officer

# *Health and Safety Report to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, 10 July 2018*

*Extract from the Finance and Corporate Development Group Activity Report to the meeting:*

## **Health and Safety**

### Safehold Incidents June 2018

There were four incidents and three corrective measures reported for action. Three of the four incidents were reported at the pool, all of which were minor in nature. One incident was from a staff member working off-site who slipped in the mud and sprained an ankle.

### Other

Wellness checks were completed in June for staff who opted to do this, and workplace assessments were completed for most of the staff whose work stations were relocated in the recent change.

The Health and Safety Officer's position interviews are taking place this week.