



Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

A **MEETING** of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 9 October 2008

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
5 Baring Square West
Ashburton

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Chief Executive

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 0520-02-05
DATE: 9 October 2008
REPORT TO: Operations Committee
FROM: Roading and Street Services Manager
SUBJECT: Change to restricted parking times on Bus Zone - Allenton School, Allens Rd

5. CHANGE TO RESTRICTED PARKING TIMES ON BUS ZONE – ALLENTON SCHOOL, ALLENS ROAD

5.1 SUMMARY

A request has been made for a change to the restricted parking time on the school bus zone outside the Allenton School in Allens Road. The proposal is to change the existing 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm (Monday to Friday) restriction to 3:30 pm to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. The restricted parking time from 8.30 am to 9.00 am is unchanged.

The reason for this change is because buses arrive at the Allenton School bus stop after 3.30 pm on school days, having previously picked up children from other schools. The proposed change would also provide additional parking for parents picking up children between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

5.2 RECOMMENDATION

- “1. That the time limit for restricted parking between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm at the bus stop on Allens Road, adjacent to Allenton School, be revised and that the restricted parking be at the following times, from Monday to Friday –
- from 8.30 am to 9.00 am and from 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm
2. That the revised time limits for restricted parking be effective from Monday 13 October, 2008.”

5.3 BACKGROUND

The Principal of the Allenton School has requested that Council amend the restricted time parking for the school bus zone on Allens Road outside Allenton School.

This change is requested because the buses that use this bus stop pick up children from other schools and always arrive at the Allenton school bus stop after 3:30 pm on school days.

This proposed amendment to the restricted bus zone times would free up the bus zone for parent parking between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm, which would assist in alleviating some of the traffic congestion that occurs around this school in the afternoons.

The Principal has advised that he will monitor the site to ensure that the zone is clear for bus parking during the revised restricted times. He will also advise parents of the change of bus zone times once approved.

5.4 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory implications.

5.5 OPTIONS AND RISKS CONSIDERED

The options available to the Council are

1. To amend the existing restricted parking times as proposed.
2. To not change the existing restricted parking times.

Option 1 is recommended. By changing the times as proposed, three additional car parks will be available between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm and this will be useful to parents when picking up children. The bus zone is currently vacant between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm and parents are tempted to use this area which is not in compliance with the Council bylaws.

5.6 STRATEGIC LINKS

The setting of times is covered under section 1005(c) of the Council bylaws –

Council may declare the time allowed for parking ... areas of zone parking beyond which it is unlawful to remain parked.

5.7 CONSULTATION

There has been no consultation on this change of parking restricted time. The change is minor in effect and does not warrant special consultation.

5.8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is necessary to amend the existing parking restricted time by resolution of Council in order to issue binding infringement notices to persons not complying with the restricted parking times.

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 5/1/8/2
DATE: 9 October 2008
REPORT TO: Operations Committee
FROM: Community Services Officer
SUBJECT: Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

6. ROAD CLOSURE – ASHBURTON CAR CLUB

6.1 SUMMARY

To recommend the temporary closure of a road in Ashburton, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club to hold a Gravel Sprint meeting.

6.2 RECOMMENDATION

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.00 am to 6.30 pm on Saturday 15 November 2008, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club to hold a Gravel Sprint

RUTHERFORDS ROAD, from Lambies Road to Boyds Road.”

6.3 BACKGROUND

The Ashburton Car Club has applied for a temporary road closure for the purpose of holding a Street Sprint meeting, for the following road in Ashburton:

- RUTHERFORDS ROAD, from Lambies Road to Boyds Road

This application must be considered by Council because New Zealand Motorsport, of which the Ashburton Car Club is a member, requires roads to be closed for motor sport events under the local Government Act, as event participants may be under 15 years of age.

The Ashburton Car Club has been advised of the conditions of closure as follows:

1. Approval by this Committee.
2. No objections being upheld against the closure in response to the statutory advertisement.
3. Arrangements are to be made for a pre-event and post-event inspection with a representative from the Council’s Operations Department. The inspections are to be completed within three days of the event and results of the inspections will be recorded by Council.
4. The road must be reinstated to the condition prior to the event. Any costs incurred by the Council as a result of this event, including maintenance costs or reinstatement costs, will be charged to the Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club. Any restoration work required is to be carried out to an arranged programme with Council.
5. Necessary arrangements are made for the tidying and clearing of the road on the closed section of the road and the disposal of any litter.

6. The Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club is required to arrange adequate insurance against its liability to pay damages to any person or entity in respect of any claim on account of damage to property or injury to persons where the damage or injury results from the holding of this event.
7. Provision of a Traffic Management Plan, conforming with the requirements of the Transit NZ Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management.
8. The Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club shall be responsible to ensure that the correct road signs and barricades are in place during the full period of the closure and promptly removed after the conclusion and clearance of the road.
9. The Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club are required to provide adequate safety marshals in distinctive clothing for the event.
10. Should weather conditions become sufficiently adverse that the road could be damaged as a result of holding the event the organisers shall take the necessary steps to protect the road. This may include delaying or cancelling the event.

6.4 OPTIONS AND RISKS

The event is run annually and has been managed without incident in the past. The responsibilities for riskfree operation lie with the organisers and all contingencies are covered in the conditions of closure.

6.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Clause 11 of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 provides –

“That Council may, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit... close any road or part of a road to all traffic (e)... for any exhibition, fair, market, concert, film making, race or other sporting event or public function.”

6.6 CONSULTATION

The proposed road closure has been publicly notified in the Ashburton Guardian on Wednesday 17 September and objections called for by 4.00 pm Wednesday 1 October 2008. There were no objections.

6.7 STRATEGIC LINKS

Not applicable.

6.8 FINANCIAL

Not applicable.

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ACTIVITY REPORTS

7. Activity Reports

7.1 General

7.1.1 Financial Reports

Financial reports will be provided to the 20 November meeting of the Committee. Projects are just commencing, there has been no significant expenditure to date and there are no financial issues.

7.1.2 Development in the Ashburton District –Ashburton Business Estate

- **Gravel crushing**

The possibility of crushing gravel on site is being investigated. This could result in cost savings. Some large boulders, however, may need to be imported to the site to ensure compliance with grading requirements.

No resource consents are required for gravel crushing.

- **External water main construction**

4855 metres of pipeline has been completed. A further 300 metres is to be laid to complete the project.

- **External wastewater**

A report has been received regarding options to provide wastewater services to the business estate. This is yet to be reviewed.

Options and recommendations will be the subject of a stand alone report to the Committee or Council. There are considerations relating to wastewater services that are outside the requirements of the business estate.

- **Stormwater**

Draft consent conditions have been reviewed and approved for return to ECan. We have been advised that this consent application may proceed ‘non notified’.

Discussions have been held with the Board regarding the inclusion of stormwater requirements as they relate to the resource consents in sale and purchase agreements.

- **Promotional signage**

At this stage two resource consent applications for promotional signage will be made to Council – one for “on site” signage (if required), the second for “off site” signage.

The requirements relating to off site signage are more significant and will require consultation with Transit. All consultation will be carried out by Council staff.

- **Works Road**

Detailed design of Council’s preferred road alignment is proceeding.

- **State Highway One entrance signage**

SH1 entrance signage is the subject of a stand alone report.

- **Possible staging of physical works**

Staging may provide the opportunity to progress the physical works in a way that will enable occupancy of the site earlier than originally indicated and may result in reduced loan servicing costs. There are three possible options (there may be others) to stage the construction of the physical works within the business estate footprint.

The staging options will comply with Plan Change requirements.

- **Ashburton Aquatic Centre / Stadium**

Work is progressing on the detailed investigation of the short listed sites.

- **Stockwater consent replacements**

No decision has been received regarding our stockwater consent replacements. We have been advised that it may be up to another month before the decision is released.

- **Lake Hood public toilets**

A concept design has been received for the Lake Hood toilets. The design has been modified to include four unisex toilets, one toilet for the mobility impaired and a small storage room.

The estimated cost of this toilet block is \$229,170. The design concept and layout are attached.

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RECOMMENDATION

“That the Committee approves the design concept and layout for the four unisex and one mobility impaired toilet to be located at Lake Hood.”
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The design concepts will be discussed and land ownership / access will be finalised with the Lake Hood Trust prior to construction work commencing.

7.1.3 Acton Stockwater Main - possible use for conveyance of irrigation water

The results of work completed to date are the subject of a stand alone report.

7.1.4 Exercise Pandora

Exercise Pandora was held on 10 September with a fully resourced emergency operations centre. The exercise was a success with all participants actively involved.

This exercise is the subject of a more detailed report prepared by the Emergency Management Officer.

7.2 Roding

7.2.1 State Highway Work 2008/2009

NZ Transport Agency have advised that the work they intended to carry out at the SH 77 and Winchmore Dromore Road corner on the state highway section will now be delayed until 2009/10 so it can fit in with an area wide overlay planned for the section of highway east of the intersection. It has been agreed that Council will delay the local road part of this project until 2009/10.

7.2.2 Regional Milestones for Three-Year (2009-12) Regional and National Land Transport Programmes

The Canterbury Regional Council has reconstituted its regional transport committee (replacing regional land transport committee) under the Land Transport Management Act. The Regional Transport Committee will prepare and undertake consultation on their draft three-year regional transport programmes, and can do this in conjunction with the Regional Council LTCCP process. The TLA roading activities will simply be listed (including maintenance and minor improvements). Other local road major capital works, all state highway activities, and improvements to public transport services and infrastructure will be prioritised.

Regional councils will receive the regional land transport programme from the Regional Transport Committee and will approve it for submission to the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA).

The key milestones for the three-year regional and national land transport programmes are:

Govt policy statement and updated NZ transport strategy	5 August 2008
Agency guidelines for the preparation of the 3-yearly NLTP	18 August 2008
Regional transport committee (RTC) formed under the LTM Act	1 October 2008
ADC submissions to RTC using LTP online of components of RLTP	14 November 2008.
Draft RLTP produced	Nov-Feb 2009
NZTA review of draft RLTP while RTC and TLA's undertake public consultation	Mar-Apr 2009
Regional LTP finalised by RTC and submitted to NZTA	June 2009
ADC complete LTCCP	30 June 2009
NZTA reviews regional programmes, develops national programme and prioritises items in the national programme	Jul-Aug 2009
Completion of first 3-yearly NLTP	By 31 August 2009

This programme requires that the Council's draft LTP is completed and lodged on-line by 14 November. This date does not coincide very well with the date planned for the next Operations Committee meeting (20 November 2008), but the draft programme will be submitted to the Committee for confirmation.

The draft ADC LTP will then be included in the draft LTCCP and may be changed by Council through the LTCCP process prior to consultation. There is still an opportunity to amend our programme (and therefore the Regional LTP) following final decisions arising from the LTCCP submission hearing process, before the Regional LTP is finalised.

There have been a number of changes in the work categories for maintenance, renewal and improvements works for Council's LTP and these will be identified in the draft LTP submitted to the Committee in November.

7.2.3 Asset Management Work and 2007/08 end of Year Reconciliation

All work on transportation, solid waste and public conveniences for the 2007/08 annual report is complete.

Updating of transportation, solid waste and public conveniences activity management plans are well underway and final drafts of these documents (excluding financial sections) will be completed in October. Draft financial information will be added in November/December once these have been completed to this level.

7.2.4 Establishment of the New Zealand Transport Agency

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) was established on 1 August 2008, bringing together the functions and staff of the former agencies Transit NZ and Land Transport NZ (together with former Agencies).

The NZTA is required by the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) to contribute to an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system. The NZTA has a wide mandate of responsibilities including:

- promoting an integrated land transport system, with a focus on integrated planning
- managing the state highway system
- managing regulatory requirements in relation to access to, and participation in, the land transport network
- promoting land transport safety and sustainability
- managing government funding in the land transport system

The LTMA continues to promote five objectives

- assisting economic development
- assisting safety and personal security
- improving access and mobility
- protecting and promoting public health
- ensuring environmental sustainability

In addition to the objectives the NZTA is guided by the updated NZ Transport Strategy and the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport funding. The GPS is prepared by the MOT under the LTMA and must give effect to it when performing its land transport planning and funding functions.

The NZTA is to required consider funding applications from approved organisations (RC's, TLA's). Clear links between the objectives above , the community outcomes identified in LTCCP's and Council's work programme will help ensure greater efficiency and effectiveness and more expedient decision making with respect to transport needs. NZTA sees a high degree of alignment between LTMA objectives and the community outcomes in LTCCP's which are based around the following themes:

- a strong community
- safe and caring community
- connected and integrated communities
- healthy communities
- environmental sustainability.

In the area of planning matters, all references to the old agencies should now be made collectively to the NZTA, and not to the old individual agencies. This will require an update of policies and other documents relating to or issued by Council as they are addressed or updated. The LTMA addresses the issue that in the RMA, notice of requirements and designation of the former Transit have been transferred to, and are held by, the NZTA, with the same status and priority as if Transit and the NZTA were the same entity.

Under the LTMA, NZTA is now the holder of any resource consents that were previously held by one of the former agencies.

The Transit NZ Act 1989 has been renamed the Government Roading Powers Act 1989, and under this act the NZTA has the sole powers of control for all purposes of all state highways. The former Transit functions, duties, and powers in relation to limited access road state highways are now vested with the NZTA.

7.2.5 Crash Reports

A record of other crashes that have occurred in Ashburton district on state highways and local roads since last report is appended. **Pages 29-32**

7.2.6 General Maintenance

With the high rainfall experienced during the previous two months, the district's roads have been hit hard, both by localised flooding damaging the seal coat and washing cohesive fine material from maintenance metal on unsealed roads, and also through the effects of pavements becoming saturated for extended periods under high traffic loadings. The latter effect causes a much higher rate of potholing on both sealed and unsealed roads and will likely result in some sections requiring significant pavement repairs in the next few months. While the maintenance contractor attended to all reported incidents of flooding at the time they were reported, and has since been fixing any reported potholes in a timely and diligent manner, the long term effects are likely to be with us for some time.

During the worst of the rain events, the approaches to the new bridges on the Hinds River at Hackthorne Road, Winslow Road and Boundary Road were all washed out, as they were designed to, and were reinstated once the water levels had receded sufficiently. Checks will be undertaken to ensure that the reinstated approaches meet the terms of the ECan resource consents. Other flood damage occurred to sealed roads in the Methven area as a result of Dry Creek flooding across Barkers Road, Methven Chertsey Road and Lyndhurst Road. Permanent repairs to these areas are currently underway.

7.2.7 Area Wide Pavement Treatment

Design and investigation for sections of sealed and unsealed road upgrading is underway and it is planned to have contracts for the rehabilitation of parts of Ashburton Staveley Road tendered and let by November. Contracts for work on sections of other roads where extensive loss of strength is showing up will be delayed until the direction of costs on the reseal contract are known.

Unsealed road rehabilitation will be tendered early in 2009 to allow for construction in Autumn, when the cooler, damper temperatures allow for more effective construction of the unsealed pavements.

7.2.8 Major Drainage Control

Contract C547 – Roadside Drainage Improvements, 2008/09 – has been let to G C Smith Contracting Ltd and work has commenced. The scheduled roads in this contract are some of the rural roads programmed for resealing this season and which have high shoulders or ineffective drainage.

Design work for kerb and channel construction is underway, but execution of the construction of these works will be delayed until after January 2009.

7.2.9 Reseals of District Roads

Contract C550 – Reseals and Pre-seal repairs, 2008/09 – has been let to Ashburton Contracting Ltd. The contract price for this work is above the available budget as reported to Council on 18 September. This could mean that the quantum of work may have to be reduced and we have advised the Contractor of this possibility.

With the price of bitumen fluctuating markedly since tenders closed, and the bitumen supply rate in the contract linked to the world crude oil price through a NZTA approved index, the reduction will be minimised if international oil and bitumen prices decrease sufficiently.

Pre-seal pavement maintenance continues to be carried out by the road maintenance contractor and surface treatment will be undertaken by ACL in the reseal contract.

7.2.10 Bridges

Opus International Consultants are currently preparing the structural bridge report following the completion of the inspection survey of all ADC bridges. Included with the report will be lists of maintenance items to be attended to in order to preserve the integrity of the bridges and also provide details of which bridges should be programmed for replacement or major upgrading work.

The annual plan includes the upgrade of Bridge 65A on Ocean View Road. The design for this work is complete and application will be made to NZTA to approve the subsidy on this work. Tenders will be called prior to end of year.

7.2.11 Seal Extensions

Contract C542 – Seal Extension Works 2007/08 is now complete with the amenity sealing of Milton Road completed as soon as weather conditions and temperatures allowed.

Significant sections of Blands Road are exhibiting signs of premature failures. This is almost certainly a result of the heavy rain and flooding that occurred in the vicinity in July and August, only a matter of weeks after the road was sealed. Any remedial work required will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

7.2.12 Street Cleaning

Regular clearing of sumps and street sweeping has been ongoing. There have been no real problems other than the blocking of syphons by recycling material being blown out of the bins. The cleaning subcontractor has been requested to pay extra attention to the build-up of detritus around traffic islands in the middle of some urban streets near busy intersections, including State Highways.

7.2.13 Traffic Services

Maintenance of signs continues throughout the district. While there is a slightly lower rate of apparently wilful damage, a high number of signs and posts have been damaged in the strong winds in the past week, particularly in inland, exposed areas where gusts of over 80 km/h were reported.

There have been two instances recently where we have received payments from persons responsible for damage to our road signs. It would be very good to see an increase in this level of recompense but this does rely on persons bring information forward to us when they observe the incident occurring.

7.2.14 Carriageway Lighting

Maintenance of the district's street lights continues to be carried out by Electricity Ashburton. This work covers regular and routine inspections and checks and attends to lamp maintenance requests. As reported previously, the settings on the lights were altered during winter in order to save power and as the settings are light sensitive rather than time based, the implementation of daylight saving will have no effect on the new settings.

Removal of obsolete poles where power has been under-grounded in Caversham Street and Harrison Street has been completed.

7.2.15 Road Widening

The application to NZ Transport Agency to roll the subsidy for the road widening works on Bremners Road, Northpark Road and Works Road into the 2008/09 financial year has been approved. Work on these sections has commenced now that weather conditions have improved. While the road widening has started, it is also planned to overlay these roads and this will be carried out at the same time. Local share of funding is being provided as part of the Ashburton industrial area work.

7.2.16 Minor Improvements

Contract C531 – Stranges Road/Grahams Road intersection upgrade has been let to Ashburton Contracting now that the final clearance to begin work has been achieved with the signing of an agreement with the adjacent landowner. Work on this intersection will be underway shortly and be completed in November.

Other projects on the schedule presented at the previous meeting are being developed for completion during the early part of 2008/09 while consultation with affected parties has begun on projects for subsequent years.

7.2.17 New Cycleway

The application to NZ Transport Agency to roll the subsidy for the new cycleway between SH1 and Moore Street has been approved and this work has been completed. Alterations to the traffic lights on the east side of East Street at Moore Street will now be made to accommodate the cyclists as well as pedestrians.

Design for extending the cycleway up to Havelock Street is underway. There will be a significant level of consultation on this project before design is finalised and any work starts.

7.2.18 New Kerb & Channel and Footpaths

A schedule of sections for construction in 2008/09 has been prepared. Survey, investigation and design of this work is underway and a physical works contract will be let early in 2009.

7.2.19 Footpath Maintenance

Ongoing routine maintenance and cleaning of the urban footpaths continues. A schedule of streets is being prepared for footpath resurfacing in 2008/09 and it is proposed that a contract for this work will be let prior to November 2008.

7.2.20 Minor Township Maintenance Contracts

Normal seasonal operations are underway for the Rakaia and Methven contracts. No significant issues have been reported in the last period.

7.2.21 Public Conveniences

Plans for the upgrade of the Methven public toilets have been completed and plans are near completion for the new toilets at Lake Hood, and Lake Camp. A package of work including the Methven and Rakaia toilet upgrades and new toilets at Lake Camp and Lake Hood will be prepared once the final details are completed.

7.3 Water Supplies

7.3.1 General

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

7.3.2 AM-AH10 – Water Pipeline Renewals, Ashburton & Methven 2008/09

The contract covers the renewal of 1382m of water mains and construction of 724m of rider mains in Ashburton and Methven. The contract was first advertised on 13 September and closed on 3 October. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded by 31 October with construction commencing on 17 November 2008. The contract period ends late April 2009.

7.3.3 Ashburton

- **DW-AP10 – Allenton Booster Pump Station**

The zone was formally commissioned on Wednesday 17 September 2008. The pressure zone below Allens Road is now operating at ~50 kPa lower pressure than previously. The zone above Allens Road is operating at a 50 kPa higher pressure. While the zone is operating largely as expected, there appears to be an unidentified cross connection between the zones that has to be located.

- **Tinwald Borefield**

Bore drilling was programmed to commence in the week beginning 29 September.

7.3.4 Mount Somers

- **Reservoir Installation**

Access arrangements have now been finalised. While the outcome has taken much longer than expected the result is an access arrangement far superior than the previous one and will satisfy the needs of the Mt Somers water supply for the foreseeable future.

The price and start date for reservoir installation is presently being confirmed with the contractor.

7.3.5 Rakaia

- **New Water Take Consent**

Discussions with the Investigating Officer (IO) at Environment Canterbury suggest that the additional information provided has addressed the areas of concern they had regarding the application. The IO is seeking technical advice on some of the information before revisiting their recommendation report.

7.4 Wastewater

7.4.1 General

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

- **AM-AH11 – Sewer Pipeline Renewals, Ashburton & Methven 2008/09**

The contract covers the renewal of 1042m of sewer mains in Ashburton and Methven. The contract was first advertised on 20 September and will close on 10 October. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded by 31 October with construction commencing 17 November 2008. The contract period ends early April 2009.

7.4.2 Ashburton

- **Ashburton WWTP Facilities**

The new facilities are generally operating satisfactorily at present except for some minor technical issues with the control computers. These are being worked through with the subcontractor involved and it is expected they can be resolved reasonably quickly.

7.4.3 Ocean Farm

- **WW-AG10 Removal of Standing Grass at Ocean Farm – Terrace Rd, Ashburton**

This contract covers the removal (sale) of standing grass at Ocean Farm. The successful contractor is Winslow Ltd. A contract initiation meeting was held on 22 September. Two blocks have been identified for removal and arrangements are being finalised for this at present.

7.4.4 Methven

- **Upgrading of Disposal Beds at WWTP**

The work on the disposal beds is complete. The disposal system has been returned to automatic mode and is being monitored. The weir level between the ponds is still to be adjusted to raise the level of the second pond. It is envisaged that this will improve the performance of the basins by increasing the volume discharged during each disposal cycle and lengthening the rest period for the “off duty” basin/s.

7.5 Stormwater

7.5.1 General

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

7.5.2 AM-AE15 Sewer and Stormwater Pipeline Renewals

Work on the stormwater main replacement in Chalmers Avenue commenced on 21 July. All work on the site was complete as at 12 September. A short section of the old brick arch has successfully been removed intact and placed in storage. It is proposed that this be made into a static display to recognise the historic importance of the structure.

7.6 Stockwater

7.6.1 Network

A number of intakes were damaged during heavy rain events, although reinstatement works have largely been completed. The unusually wet period has raised groundwater levels in some parts of the network, resulting in high flows from springs and higher than usual runoff into races.

7.6.2 Resource Consent Renewal

A decision on the stockwater resource consent application is yet to be received. Advice suggests that it may be up to another month before the outcome will be known.

7.6.3 Race Applications / Closures

Since 1 July 2008, a total of 18 applications have been received. Four applications are awaiting further information, and the remainder have been approved. The length of race closed since 1 July 2008 is 29,230 metres.

7.7 Solid Waste Management

7.7.1 Residual Waste Management at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

Operation of the residual waste management contract at the Ashburton RRP is proceeding satisfactorily. There has been an uncharacteristic increase in traffic over the weighbridge in July and August despite the wet winter weather. Consequently there has been a greater quantity of residual waste transported to Kate Valley for these two months – 151 tonnes or 11.5%.

The higher tonnage and diesel fuel surcharge has resulted in a forecast in excess of budget, however increased costs will be offset by an increase in revenue from ARRP disposal charges. This increase in waste clashes with Council's target of zero waste by 2015. **Page 33**

Tonnes of Materials Recovered from the Residual Waste Disposal Area			
March	4.04	April	2.26
May	3.80	June	3.64
July	3.80	August	4.42

7.7.2 Green waste, construction and demolition waste management at Ashburton RRP

Month	Vehicles with Green waste	Vehicles with Demolition Materials	Total Vehicles	Cubic Metres of Green waste
March				
April	1391	79	1470	551.25
May	1224	69	1293	596.25
June	1039	82	1121	180.00
July	680	102	782	650.00
August	832	81	913	168.75

The green waste and demolition waste contract is operating satisfactorily.

7.7.3 Refuse and Recycling Collection

The kerbside recycling and refuse collection contract is operating satisfactorily. The quantity of residual waste and recycling has decreased. Figures are indicated in the table below:

All Areas	Kerbside - tonnes	Litter Bins - tonnes	Total Residual Waste- tonnes	Recycling - tonnes
March	160.41	8.99	169.4	97.46
April	170.86	8.04	178.9	113.52
May	160.35	5.71	166.06	108.06
June	152.70	7.22	159.92	105.75
July	167.77	7.51	175.17	113.40
August	153.48	8.64	162.12	105.97

7.7.4 Waste Minimisation – progress report

- An experiment to use crushed concrete and rubble for solid fill is underway and results to date have been successful. The crushed concrete is used at the compost and demolition site to fill puddles making a significant improvement to the site surface.
- A hardstand area comprised of crushed glass has been constructed for dropping off and sorting timber
- A successful Zero Waste and Zero Carbon Conference was held at Hotel Ashburton. Participants from as far away as Waiheke Island and Australia attended and there were a wide range of forums and workshops held. Topics covered included sustainability, composting, demolition and product stewardship.

7.7.5 Transport of Waste to Kate Valley

The volume of waste transported to Kate Valley for disposal is attached.

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The diesel fuel surcharge (DFS) applied by Transwaste to users of Kate Valley commenced on 1 August 2008. The DFS is \$0.50 per tonne and 5% per trip inclusive of GST. The extra cost was \$2,579.

7.7.6 Management of Waste Processing Sites

- **Ashburton Resource Recovery Park**

The contract for the Ashburton resource recovery park operation is operating satisfactorily.

- **Methven Greenwaste Site and Drop-Off Centre and Collection**

Tonnes Of Residual Waste Transported To Kate Valley From Methven	
March 2008	15.85
April	11.79
May	12.47
June	14.51
July	12.37
August	12.41

Use of the clean fill and green waste disposal site at Vaughans Rd are shown in this table:

Month: 2008	Vehicle Numbers	Month: 2008	Vehicle Numbers
		March	26
April	140	May	25
June	9	July	12
Aug	8		

Vehicle numbers dropped significantly over the winter season.

7.7.7 Methven Improvements: Additional Funding

A sign has been installed at the main recycling drop off site indicating “No Green Waste or Demolition Material at this Site”, and redirection to Vaughans Road.

A consent monitoring report was received by Environment Canterbury requiring upgrading of the Vaughans Road site. Contouring, capping and doming work needs to be upgraded. This is to be attended to by the end of October.

7.7.8 Collection of Unwanted Farm Chemicals

The rest of Canterbury have finished their targeted area collection runs and only have one final mop up year. Ashburton is the single largest cropping area in NZ. Only half of Ashburton District has been completed and there is still a potentially large quantity of hazardous farm chemicals to collect. The current year’s collection is being co-ordinated by ECan now, and between 16 and 21 tonne is expected for Ashburton district. It is planned to target 2,500 farms in the current year.

7.7.9 Rakaia Resource Recovery Park

This contract is operating satisfactorily.

Tonnes of Residual Waste Transported to Kate Valley from Rakaia	
March 2008	16.80
April 2008	20.67
May 2008	24.38
June 2008	20.84
July 2008	13.12
August 2008	26.68

7.7.10 Sale of Transfer Containers

Council has four unused refuse transfer containers that are no longer required. A buyer has offered to purchase the four unused containers at \$31,500 inclusive of GST. This is considered a fair and reasonable offer and has been accepted. The funds obtained will be credited as sundry revenue to the solid waste management account.

7.8 **Contracts Awarded**

Contracts awarded since August 2008

No.	Contract	Contractor	Date / Value \$	N ^o of Tenders / Range \$	Engineer's Estimate
AM-AD10	Provision of Professional Services for the Water Services Department, 2008/09 (Year 4)	Opus International Consultants	21/8/2008 \$483,400	Negotiated	\$658,529 (Budget provision)
WW-AG10	Removal of Standing Grass, Ocean Farm – Terrace Road, Ashburton	Winslow Ltd	3/9/2008 18c/kg/dm	5 10 -18c/kg/dm	15c/kg/dm
C547	Roadside Drainage Improvements, Ashburton District, 2008/2009	G C Smith Contracting Ltd	4/9/2008 \$186,458.61	7 \$186,458.61 to \$399,241.52	\$213,309
C550	Supply of Reseals and Pre-Seal Repairs, 2008-009	ACL	22/9/2008 \$3,499,995.26	5 <u>\$3,499,995.26</u> to <u>\$4,906,415.16</u>	\$3,462,479

7.9 **Customer Service Request Reports**

CRM reports for the year to date and the reporting period are attached.

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7.10 **Emergency Management**

7.10.1 **Fire Season Status**

An Open Fire Season is currently in place across the district other than State land.

7.10.2 **Fire Incidents**

Ten incidents have been attended by rural fire parties from the time of the last Committee meeting and up to 29 September 2008, with a breakdown as follows:

Vegetation	5
Structure	1
Vehicle	3
Chimney	1

7.10.3 **VRRF AGM's**

The current round of Rural Fire Force AGM's has been completed with the EMO attending all meetings. No significant issues arose from these meetings.

7.10.4 District Rural Fire AGM

This is scheduled for 8 October and all councillors are welcome to attend. Invitations have been circulated.

7.10.5 CDEM Training

- **Emergency Operations Centre 3 – Logistics**

The EMO and the Ashburton Fire Service Safety Officer attended a one day emergency operations centre advanced course on 15 August focusing on the logistics function within the EOC.

- **Exercise Pandora**

The Canterbury CDEM Group 'PANDORA' series of table-top/operational exercises have been held each year since 1995, to practice and evaluate operational procedures. Exercise Pandora is conducted in a three year cycle. This year's Pandora started a new cycle with activities focused on the response of individual districts and a local evaluation process that allowed for local districts to identify strengths and procedures/operations requiring further improvement.

The 2008 Ashburton exercise was held on 10 September, and ran from 1100 hrs to 1600 hrs. Timaru District and Waimate District also exercised on the same day.

The exercise was the most substantial to have been conducted in this District with approximately 40 people involved. These included ADC staff and Councillors and representatives from Police, Fire Service, Electricity Ashburton, Ashburton Hospital and Civil Defence Welfare volunteers.

The following local objectives were identified:

- Build awareness of Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) functions and procedures
- Set up and activate an EOC
- Discuss, and if necessary, declare a state of civil defence emergency
- Build relationships with partner agencies
- Carry out incident documentation and display
- Ensure open internal communication within EOC
- Produce status reports, action plans and a public information plan to support the response

Brennan Wiremu (Emergency Management Officer from Hurunui District Council) attended as an independent evaluator. His task was to evaluate the local performance against the objectives identified above and he has since produced a substantial report which has been provided to the Ashburton District Council.

Additional to the evaluator's report, a debrief was held to identify what went well and also opportunities for improvement. A number of issues were identified and these will be addressed in due course.

All those participating spoke positively about the exercise and felt the training which had been delivered to all participants in the lead up to the exercise was a significant factor in the success of the event.

It is hoped to extend this training to other ADC staff and other representatives of the partner agencies within the District during the coming year.

7.10.6 Council Representatives on Rural Fire Forces

Under the Forest & Rural Fires Act 1977, Council is the Rural Fire Authority for the rural parts of the district, excluding state and conservation land. There are six registered rural fire forces under Council oversight which are resourced by volunteer fire fighters. Council provides funding, equipment, resources and training to these units.

Councillors have regularly been involved with the fire units and this continues to be encouraged. The Committee has requested that Council representation be formally agreed to and it is recommended that the following appointments be considered.

Ashburton Rural	Cr Holmes	Hinds	Cr Reveley
Mayfield	Cr Tasker	Mt Somers	Cr Lowe
Pendarves	Cr Brown	Willowby	Cr Everest

7.11 Methven Community Board

A meeting of the Methven Community Board was held on Monday 29 September 2008. Minutes of the meeting are included with this agenda - no matters have been referred to the Committee for decision.

7.12 Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee

7.12.1 “Check before You Step”

The “check before you step” pedestrian campaign was completed in August. Several articles appeared in all local papers. The survey involved 175 people of all ages and showed some interesting results, with 21% of people reporting they felt either safe or very safe. A near miss had been experienced by 41% of the participants and more commonly these were at either pedestrian crossings or traffic lights. Participants were asked for their opinion about what could improve pedestrian safety.

The results were:

Driver education	36%
Increased visibility/signs	21%
Pedestrian education	17%
More pedestrian facilities	10%
Enforcement (speed/parking)	7%
Increased crossing time at lights	4%
Other	5%

7.12.2 TRAFINZ Conference

Trafinz Conference, “Tools and Technology”, was held in Christchurch from 7 September to 10 September. It was a well organised programme, with a large number of national and international speakers. There was also a variety of workshops on engineering technology, road safety and sustainable transport activities.

7.12.3 School Gate Safety Campaign

This campaign is due to begin on 13 October. Eight schools are participating with an information leaflet going out with approximately 1500 school newsletters. Newspaper advertising and media articles are being organised. Visits to review each school area in October by road safety and parking wardens will seek to observe and if necessary, address any issues that affect the safety of children around schools.

7.12.4 Road Safety Action Plan

The Ashburton District Road Safety Action Plan meeting was held on 23 September. Representatives from Police, New Zealand Transport Agency, ACC, ECAN, CAAPS and Council attended the meeting.

Information is currently being collated and the final report will be available shortly. Regular progress reports and updates will be given at each Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting.

7.12.5 Ashburton District Community Focus Activities 2008 /09

An outline of the Ashburton District Road Safety Programme for 2008/09 has been completed to assist with the development of the Road Safety Action Plans that commence in November 2008 and May 2009.

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RECYCLING MATERIALS TRANSPORTED OFF-SITE TO THE MONTH OF AUGUST INCLUDING TOTALS

Month	Cardbd (tonne)	Paper (t)	Metal cans (t)	Alum cans (t)	Batt. (t)	Recycl metals (t)	Plastic Film (t)	PET plastic s (t)	HDPE plastic (t)	Glass (t)	Re-usables (t)	Waste oil (litres)	Totals including oil
Tot 02/3	616.50	500.90	44.38	9.821	2.99	4.992		39.178	22.208	302.38	66.53	7,420	
Tot 03/ 4	743.74	624.67	48.42	12.63	1.745	19.129		39.293	28.485	416.80	174.74		
Tot 04/05	395.459	601.708	65.478	10.939	1.819	96.993		9.716	29.381	475.46	181.906	3,600	
Tot 05/06	544.614	848.9	77.248	13.011	7.28	28.253	45.033	49.81	33.641	490.32	482.369	6,691	
Tot 06/07	627.067	885.153	53.043	11.598	10.56	80.162	64.991	43.287	51.788	648.65	679.59	8160	3156.89
Tot 07/08	680.43	988.92	63.44	11.60	10.00	179.30	270.30	18.60	8.95	817.06	923.10	7,700	3,979.37
Totals from July 08													
Jul 08	57.62	72.54		1.23		38.236	20.68			41.04	67.046	2,100	298.39
Aug 08	50.94	90.13	8.68	0.94	1.75	14.70	22.88			40.76	72.93		303.70
Tot 08/09	108.56	162.67	8.68	2.17	1.75	52.93	43.56	0	0	81.8	139.98	2,100	604.19

Note: Products are only weighed when transported off-site.

Residual Waste Volumes – Kate Valley

Month	Transported 08/09	Transported 07/08	Transported 06/07	Transported 05/06	Transported 04/05	Transported 03/04	Transported 02/03	Transported 01/02
July	708	627	611	616	528	532	502	507
August	752	682	680	665	538	536	434	541
September		605	605	581	615	600	499	480
October		691	652	586	618	637	522	568
November		693	696	649	701	606	529	678
December		626	696	716	722	693	628	656
January		746	713	619	670	621	554	781
February		695	610	627	602	640	558	589
March		667	718	668	670	675	554	573
April		684	618	562	668	595	579	566
May		691	721	690	677	582	565	567
June		648	576	558	600	525	499	486
Annual Total	1460	8056	7895	7,537	7609	7,242	6,423	6,992

Budget for contracts 2008/09	\$865,654	8146 tonnes
Contract to August 2008 (transport and disposal)	\$191,342	1460 tonnes
Projected expenditure and tonnages 30 June 2009	\$976,327	8979 tonnes