



# Ashburton District Council

## AGENDA

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

**Date:** Thursday 29 May 2008

**Time:** 1.30 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
5 Baring Square West  
Ashburton

B LESTER  
Chief Executive

### **MEMBERS:**

Cr B A Tasker (Chairman)  
Cr L J Leadley  
Cr N A Brown  
Cr I J Burgess  
Cr J A Everest  
Cr K L Holmes  
Cr K W P Lowe  
Cr P W Reveley  
Mayor M B O'Malley (ex officio)

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## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS

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### **5. Activity Reports**

#### **5.1 General**

##### **5.1.1 Financial Reports**

Financial reports for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 April 2008 will be forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting.

##### **5.1.2 Development in the Ashburton District**

Work on the Museum Art Gallery resource consent, Aquatic Centre and Stadium and Parking study is progressing.

Detailed design work has commenced on the NE Ashburton business park. Progress is summarised below.

- **Roading**

Work on determining the suitability of using on site gravels for road construction is being carried out. This could result in cost savings during the construction works.

- **Stormwater and Bunding**

The resource consent for stormwater disposal including the erosion sediment control plan has been lodged with Environment Canterbury. Consideration of dust generation during construction will be required with the possibility of using water from existing bores or the new external water main for dust suppression.

If crushing of gravel for road formation is considered cost effective it may be more appropriate to include the earthworks in the contract for roading and utility services inside the business park footprint rather than as a stand alone contract.

Preliminary earthworks volumes indicate that surplus material of 80,000m<sup>3</sup> to 100,000m<sup>3</sup> may potentially remain after works are complete. We will be working to ensure that no spoil will be imported or exported from the site to ensure costs do not increase.

- **Landscape Design**

Work has commenced on the “streetscape” with draft plans being available for review and comment by the end of May.

- **External Potable Water**

Construction plans are being updated and finalised. Once this work is complete contract documents will be prepared and negotiations will commence with Council’s approved preferred service provider for the construction of the external water supply.

- **Wastewater External**

Work on wastewater servicing relating to rising main/gravity options is progressing. A draft report will be completed in early June.

##### **5.1.3 Transport Reference Group**

The next meeting of the Transport Reference Group is programmed for 4 June.

The Operations Manager attended a meeting at Land Transport NZ to discuss how LTNZ could assist local government meet the requirements of the Land Transport Management Amendment Act given the extremely short timeframes, particularly as it relates to the preparation of Regional Land Transport Programmes.

The Act will be considered by Parliament in June and regional programmes will be required by November/December. There is concern that awareness of the requirements of the Act within the local government section is low.

#### **5.1.4 Trade Waste Bylaw**

Apart from minor editorial changes the only change made to the draft Trade Waste Bylaw as a result of the submission process was the inclusion of a new clause covering tankered wastes.

Three submissions were received on the draft waste bylaw.

#### **5.1.5 Stockwater Resource Consent Replacements**

Legal representation has been approached to assist in progressing the stockwater consent replacements and to assist in preparing for the hearing in August. A bus tour is programmed for early June to provide submitters and other parties with –

- information and the scale of our network
- clarification of any issues they may have
- any additional information required; and
- to seek further feedback from submitters and progress the preparation of draft consent conditions.

#### **5.1.6 Acton Stockwater Race - Possible Combined Stockwater Irrigation System**

This matter was the subject of a stand alone report to Council on 22 May 2008.

Attached is a proposed terms of reference document for the project team, approved at the Council meeting on 22 May. **Pages 29-30**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

“That the Committee approves the terms of reference document for the Acton stockwater main, possible use for the conveyance of irrigation water.”

## **5.2 Roding**

### **5.2.1 State Highway Work**

- State Highway Work 2007/2008
  1. SH 1, 240 m of AWPT at Chertsey. Complete.
  2. SH1, Tinwald. Construction of three parking bays on west side, underway. Road marking to form lush median to be completed by 30 June 2008.
  3. SH 1 Ealing Passing Bay. Complete.
  4. SH 1 Hinds Township. 630 m of AWPT and remarked with flush median. Includes some further work at south end of Hinds with tree pruning at south town entrance that will be done in 2008/09. North end work complete.
  5. SH 1 Hinds south 1010m of AWPT complete.
  6. SH 77 Andrew St west. 220 m of K & C replacement. Some drainage improvement works to be carried out at same time. Underway.
  7. SH 77 west of Braemar Rd. 220 m of AWPT, Complete.
  8. SH 77/Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd/McLennans Bush Rd Intersection upgrade and street lighting installation. Complete.

### **5.2.2 Land Transport Procedural Audit**

The procedural audit was carried out from 21 – 24 April. The final audit report has yet to be received but the auditors' close-out interview and notes recommended that some minor changes to contract documentation be adopted. A draft report for our appraisal is anticipated.

### **5.2.3 Land Transport Programme for 2008/09**

We have been advised by Land Transport NZ that our proposed budget as set out in the 2008/09 annual plan for maintenance, operation and renewal roading work has been approved for the amount submitted to them.

### **5.2.4 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 31-33**

### **5.2.5 General Maintenance**

The maintenance contractor has commenced maintenance metalling of a significant proportion of unsealed roads throughout the district. This usually involves spreading a thin layer of approximately 50 - 75mm of AP20 aggregate. In more and more cases, in order for the layer to be effective, either a base layer of coarser aggregate must be spread or the thickness of the AP20 maintenance metal virtually doubled. This is due to the increasing damage to unsealed roads by heavy commercial vehicles arising from changes to rural land use. In addition, the longevity of this maintenance metalling treatment is decreasing as the HCV's numbers and weights increase.

Also, during the next month the contractor will be carrying out low shoulder repairs on several sealed roads throughout the district. This treatment places aggregate in the low ruts just off the edge of seal. These areas are generally located where heavy, wide vehicles run along the very edge of seal and wear the shoulder down. This is especially prevalent near rural entrances where the traffic swings wide to turn into the driveway. Under the new bylaws to be adopted on 26 June 2008, Council will have the power to require entranceways to be formed to an adequate standard to allow HCV's to turn into rural entrances without having to pull over to the left side of the road verge.

### **5.2.6 Area Wide Pavement Treatment**

A schedule of unsealed roads is attached for the Committee's information, along with the proposed dates for the work to be carried out. The Committee can alter the order of work providing the changes correspond with the budget provisions for 2008/09 and subsequent years. The amount of work each year will be 12-14 km. It is anticipated that this work will be ongoing over the next 10 years. **Page 34**

### **5.2.7 Major Drainage Control**

Contract C543 - New and Replacement Kerb and Channel, 2008/09: Work is well underway on this contract; kerb and channel and associated footpath work has been completed on Tancred and Porter Streets, and is underway on Wakanui Road.

### **5.2.8 Bridges**

Tenders for Contract C544 for the replacement of Bridge 83 on Rawles Crossing Road have closed and this contract has been let to Blakely Construction Ltd. Work is due to commence on this contract shortly for completion by the end of June.

### **5.2.9 Seal Extensions**

Contract C542, Seal Extension Works, 2007/08 has been let to G C Smith Contracting Ltd. The contractor is currently establishing his crushing plant in convenient pits to crush aggregate for the various sections scheduled. Three property owners have taken the opportunity to seal sections adjacent to their properties on a cost sharing basis with Council. Council's share is met from the non-subsidised roading budget.

### **5.2.10 Street Cleaning**

Routine street cleaning is continuing on the specified cycles, as well as irregular but numerous calls for the clearing of other material left on the district's roads, urban and rural. This work also includes removing loose stones and detritus from urban and rural intersections. The contractor has been cleaning nominated urban areas on increased cycles specified for the removal of the annual leaf fall during April and May.

### **5.2.11 Traffic Services**

Maintenance of signs continues throughout the district with the ongoing replacement of damaged and vandalised signs as reported to previous meetings.

During April, several local contractors organised a 'signs amnesty' whereby road works signs and other traffic aids such as cones could be returned without fear of prosecution. In addition to the temporary signs handed back, some Council owned, permanent signs were also collected, but as only a small number were not damaged, the total effect for Council was not significant.

### **5.2.12 Carriageway Lighting**

Maintenance of the district's street lights continues to be carried out by Electricity Ashburton. Work covers regular and routine inspections and checks and attend to lamp maintenance requests.

As provided for in the contract conditions, this contract has been formally extended by a period of twelve months.

Upgrade of street lighting in conjunction with power undergrounding is continuing with the following work either completed or due for completion in 2007/08.

Smallbone Dr  
Harrison St/Smitheram St/Cavendish St  
Buckleys Tce/Melcombe St  
Harrison St/Farm Rd  
Chertsey Kyle Rd

### **5.2.13 Minor Improvements**

Contract C531 – The redesign of the Stranges Road/Grahams Road/Boundary Road intersection upgrade has been completed. The new design has been worked out with the local land owner, and the contract for this work can now be let and the work commenced. The advantages with the new design are much lower land purchase and power line redirection costs, greater separation of Boundary Road and Grahams Road intersection, and a better land title re-organisation for the adjacent property owner. Work will start in June and run through into the 2008/09 year.

Sealing of unsealed approaches to rural intersections will be carried out as part of the seal extension contract C542.

Fulton Hogan has sealed Potts Cutting on Hakatere Potts Road, from the Potts River Bridge almost to the top of the slope. This treatment appears to have been effective and should eliminate the incidents of motorists losing control on the metal surface or losing traction travelling uphill.

Intersection upgrade work still to be carried out this year:

Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd/Mayfield Klondyke Rd (Mayfield)

Allens Rd/Harrisons St (Ashburton)

East St/Kermode St (Ashburton).

These works will commence in June. Some work may carry over to 2009/2010.

The road upgrade work in Wills Street is eligible to receive subsidy as a minor improvement, so part of the work has been included in this budget area.

#### **5.2.14 New Cycleway**

We have had a budget of \$41,000 approved for the extension of the cycleway from the south Ashburton rail crossing (East St/West St) up to Moore Street with the proposed additional pedestrian/cyclist crossing phase on the Moore St/East St traffic lights. This work will be carried out in 2008/09. Attached is a report of the process used to adopt the location of the new cycleway between East St/West St rail crossing and Havelock Street. **Pages 35-47**

The work in the West Street car park will be carried out in 2008/9 and this will then provide a continuous cycle path from the Melcombe Street underpass to Havelock Street. Investigation and design will be carried out to extend the cycleway north from Havelock Street up the green of West Street and East Street. It is anticipated the construction work for this last phase will be in 2009/10.

#### **5.2.15 Walking and Cycling Strategy**

Submissions closed on the draft Strategy on 15 May. A number of submissions have been received and will be considered by a hearing panel on 10 June (this date to be confirmed). The outcome from the panel and a recommendation to adopt the Strategy will be reported to Council on 26 June.

#### **5.2.16 New Roads**

The 2007/08 budget included funding for the construction of the new road in Dobson Street west from the end of the seed store to Robinson Street in the industrial area. The design for this work is all complete, but the project has not been able to generate sufficient benefits to attract Land Transport subsidy. This means that the project will not go ahead this financial year. Investigations are underway to determine if we are able to amend the design of the work to reduce the costs in order to meet LTNZ requirements to obtain subsidy. This will mean a new application being lodged with LTNZ in 2008/09 for this project.

#### **5.2.17 New Kerb & Channel and Footpaths**

Contract C543 - New and Replacement Kerb and Channel, 2008/09. New kerb and channel has been completed on Dolma Street, Methven and Gray Street in Hinds, and new footpaths have been completed in South Belt, Methven and Fairfield Avenue in Fairton. In addition to this work, the new footpath and parking strip in front of the Ashburton Trust Events Centre in Wills Street has been completed. Part of the cost of the Wills Street work is being met from the minor improvements budget, and is being subsidised.

### **5.2.18 Footpath Maintenance**

Ongoing routine maintenance and cleaning of the urban footpaths continues as well as the routine cleaning of the East Street public toilets and the Tancred Street restrooms. Since the previous report, it is noted that there have been no reported instances of offensive material on footpaths. Whether this is as a result of increased contractor attention or recent publicity condemning behaviour causing the problem is unknown.

Contract C537 - Footpath Resurfacing, 2007/08. Isaac Construction Ltd of Christchurch is making good progress with asphalt resurfacing in Ashburton.

### **5.2.19 Minor Township Maintenance Contracts**

Normal seasonal operations are underway for the Rakaia and Methven contracts. No issues of any note have been reported in the last period. Leaf cleaning work is underway in both areas.

### **5.2.20 Public Conveniences**

Preliminary design work has been carried out on the Tinwald Domain toilet replacement. The Tinwald Domain Board was not happy with the initial design so an alternative design will be sought and resubmitted to the Board for their approval.

Design work on upgrade of the Methven toilets will be discussed with the Board, and floor remedial work at Rakaia toilets carried out in June.

The closing down of the Tancred Street toilets / rest room was included in the 2008/09 Annual Plan, but there were no submissions received on this proposal and actions required to close these premises in the new year will be commenced.

## **5.3 Water Supplies**

### **5.3.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### **5.3.2 AM-AE10 Water Pipeline Renewals**

Work commenced in Wakanui Road on Monday 7 April. All rider main pipe laying has been completed. Pipe laying on the water main is ~90% complete. The contractor is half way through the pipe testing and trench sealing.

Work on the Dobson Street water main commenced on 1 May. All pipe laying has been completed and pipes successfully tested. Commissioning is expected on or about 23 May. Trench sealing remains outstanding. Work is programmed to commence in Main Street, Methven on 3 June. The forecast completion date for all works is 4 July 2008.

### **5.3.3 Installation of Standby Generators**

Standby generators are now in place at the Chertsey, Dromore, Fairton, Hakatere, Methven Springfield water supplies. The generators have been checked and tested by the contractor when installed and the contractor has confirmed they are operating correctly. They are to be formally commissioned by our engineering consultant on or about 22 May.

The Methven generator was supplied as a single phase unit instead as three phase as specified. It has been sent to Nelson to be reconfigured (at no cost to Council). It is expected to be installed in the week commencing 2 June in conjunction with the Mayfield generator. Contingency plans are in place for these two supplies should a generator be required in the interim. The Mount Somers generator remains in storage at this point but can be deployed to the site at short notice if required.

#### **5.3.4 DW-AE10 - Watermain Extensions Northwest Ashburton**

Formal practical completion was issued on this contract on 30 April.

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

Formal practical completion was issued on this contract on 5 May 2008. The pressure zone is expected to be commissioned formally in June.

*Note:* The commissioning of the Allenton pressure zone is effectively the final key milestone of the original Ashburton water supply upgrading project. Once completed, the Allenton area north-west of Allens Road will operate in a separate pressure zone. This allows for the pressure in this zone to be increased independently of the rest of the scheme to improve the level of service to customers in this area.

#### **5.3.6 Tinwald Borefield**

The site selection process for the Tinwald borefield has been progressed with the identification of a new site northwest of George Street on Tinwald reserve land fronting Lagmhor Road. The location of a preferred drilling site was the subject of discussion by the Water Subcommittee at the 14 May meeting. There were four sites short-listed for consideration. Two of these were identified by a groundwater consultant and two were identified by a company specialising in water divining.

The Subcommittee has approved proceeding with drilling at the Lagmhor Road site as selected by the water divining specialist. Consultation with the Tinwald Reserves Board has commenced seeking an agreement to drill on the land. Subject to the Reserves Board agreement in principle, it is expected that the drilling contractor can be on site in the next ten weeks.

#### **5.3.7 Hakatere**

A well attended public meeting was held in the Hakatere Hall on Tuesday 13 May at 7.30 pm. The meeting was approached as an additional annual plan meeting but was primarily to address concerns relating to the water supply. A letter has been forwarded to the Hakatere community to provide a formal response to a number of questions raised at the meeting and general information about the water supply.

#### **5.3.8 Mount Somers**

- **Vandalism of Treatment Building**

The treatment system on Ashburton Gorge Road was vandalised early Saturday morning on 17 May. The door was kicked in, the window broken and a portion of the cladding was torn away. While the damage to the building is of concern, the more serious aspect to the vandalism was the interference with the treatment system. This could have had serious public health consequences for the community.

The contractors were on site most of Saturday re-commissioning and securing the facility. As a result of concern over how long it may take to re-establish the treatment system, it was considered necessary to impose a boil water notice on the scheme as a precautionary measure. The boil water notice was broadcast over local radio from around 10.00am. The Mt Somers Citizens Group was advised by telephone along with local councillors. The boil water notice was lifted on Tuesday 20 May.

- **Reservoir Installation**

This project can not be progressed until the land access issues have been resolved. Information is being collated at present. It is intended to obtain a legal opinion to confirm the scope of the existing easement before initiating any further discussions with the land owner over any additional access arrangements.

### **5.3.9 CAP Funding**

The MOH has advised that the contract documentation covering the funding agreement has been completed and will be sent to Council in the next two weeks.

### **5.3.10 New Water Take Consent**

As a result of the delays to the processing of this consent, a request was sent to ECan to provide Council with a hearing date in order to progress the application. Contrary to previous advice, the earliest hearing date available was 7 weeks out. The hearing date accepted is 3 July.

### **5.3.11 Physical Works**

The design and contract documentation is now complete and is being reviewed. It is expected that tendering of this work could proceed at any time after the consent is issued.

## **5.4 Wastewater**

### **5.4.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### **5.4.2 AM-AE15 Sewer and Stormwater Pipeline Renewals**

Work commenced in Havelock Street on Monday 7 April. The contractor has completed 610m of the total length of 1310 metres. Acceptance testing to date has been successful. All work on this street is expected to be completed by 12 July. Work on Dolma Street is programmed to commence on 3 June. The stormwater main replacement in Chalmers Avenue is programmed to commence on 14 July. The forecast completion date for all works is 22 August 2008.

### **5.4.3 Ashburton**

- **Wastewater Upgrade**

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#### **Ashburton Contact 501 Treatment Plant**

Minor outstanding issues are yet to be completed. The practical completion certificate was issued on 18 March 2008.

#### **Financial**

- Tendered sum \$5,459,469
- Forecast final contract cost \$6,519,828.75

*Note:* the significant items of over expenditure relates to the clay lining of the wetland and maintenance of plants.

#### **Contract 502 Transfer pipeline**

This contact is complete.

##### **Financial**

- Tendered sum \$3,677,323.00
- Forecast fund contact cost \$3,707,312.60

#### **Contract 503 Land Disposal**

This contact is substantially complete with only testing of some irrigation areas and final commissioning outstanding. The issue of the practical completion certificate is expected shortly.

##### **Financial**

- Tendered sum \$4,695,156.53
- Forecast final construction cost \$4,961,617.39

#### **Project Financial Summary**

- Forecast final construction cost \$15,188,758.74
- Budget for construction \$14,850,601
- Forecast over expenditure \$338,157.74

*Note:* At the 13 September meeting of the Finance and Community Services Committee, the Committee approved a recommendation to Council “*That the forecast favourable variance in the sum of \$304,870 for the 06/07 waste water cyclic renewals programme be carried over into the 07/08 financial year to offset the above over expenditure and farm development costs*”. The recommendation was approved by Council on 27 September 2007.

#### **5.4.4 Ocean Farm**

##### **• Fencing**

The second stage of the fencing project was completed late March. Work continues on gates and flood gates where required.

#### **5.4.5 Pasture Development**

Drilling of pasture on irrigated areas was completed late April. A good strike has been achieved. Some weed growth is apparent and spraying will proceed shortly. Heavy rolling has commenced on new pasture while ground conditions are favourable.

#### **5.4.6 House Bore**

The installation of the new tank and associated pipework has been completed. A new submersible pump has been installed in the bore but is still to be wired in. The pressure pump system is still to be completed.

## **5.5 Stormwater**

### **5.5.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### **5.5.2 Ashburton**

Staff are following up on two issues relating to flooding in the urban area during the rainfall event of 1 April. The first is at Chalmers Avenue opposite Burnett Street and the second is at Willow Street at South Street intersection. Initial investigations suggest that the flooding may be related to rainfall intensity given the areas drained satisfactorily after the event without intervention; however the maintenance contractor has been requested to verify that the pipelines servicing these areas are operating correctly and confirm that there are no maintenance issues that need addressing.

### **5.5.3 Trevors Road Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT)**

Delivery of the GPT has been delayed but it is expected on site in the week commencing 2 June. Tenders for the installation of the GPT closed 4 April. Two tenders were received. The lowest tenderer received a fail for one of the non-price attributes during the evaluation process. The next tender passed the evaluation phase. The tendered price and overall project is within the available budget so the tender was awarded under delegated authority to Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of \$44,808.50 exclusive GST. The contractor is ready to commence installation as soon as the unit is on site. The work is expected to take three weeks to complete.

## **5.6 Stockwater**

### **5.6.1 Network**

Intake rivers are low but rainfall on 22 May was expected to improve flows marginally. The Winchmore intake is at ~70% of expected flows for this time of year. Springs intakes in the Maronan area are still dry. Other springs in the Lagmhor area have started to flow after being dry for some months. Water has been returned to races in most areas where service was affected during the summer months. There are still issues supplying races in the general areas of Wakanui, Hakatere and Willowby.

Scour protection works have been completed at the Brothers Intake. Improvements have been also made to the intake race from Stoney Creek. This has been done to reduce the incidence of flooding down the main.

### **5.6.2 Water Race Applications / Closures**

Since 1 July 2007, a total of 65 applications have been received. One application has been withdrawn, one has been declined, six are awaiting further information, and the remainder have been approved. The length of race closed since 1 July 2007 is 67,641 metres.

## **5.7 Solid Waste Management**

### **5.7.1 Residual Waste Management at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park**

Quantities of material recovered from the residual waste disposal area for reuse or recycling are shown below:

February- 4.2 tonnes, March- 4.04 tonnes and April- 2.26 tonnes.

Operation of the residual waste management contract at the Ashburton RRP is proceeding satisfactorily.

### 5.7.2 Green Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste Management at the Ashburton RRP

The green waste and demolition waste contract is operating satisfactorily.

1455 vehicles visited the site in February, 1398 with green waste and 57 with demolition waste. 416.25 cubic metres of green waste was shredded. During March there was an increase to 1666 vehicles, 1587 with green waste and 79 with demolition materials. In April vehicles numbers dropped to the February level of 1470 vehicles, 1391 with green waste and 79 with demolition materials.

The green waste area that was filled with shingle and compacted is performing well. Now concrete blocks and poles are being put in place as bunkers for the orderly storage of product.

### 5.7.3 Refuse and Recycling Collection

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

All Areas	Kerbside - tonnes	Litter Bins - tonnes	Total Residual Waste- tonnes	Recycling - tonnes
January	187.67	8.45	196.12	115.86
February	170.14	9.78	179.92	99.5
March	160.41	8.99	169.4	97.46
April	170.86	8.04	178.9	113.52

### 5.7.4 Waste Minimisation

A total of 357.448 tonnes of recyclable materials were processed and transported off-site during February. Figures decreased slightly for March and again April to 332.304 and 323.289 tonnes respectively

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### 5.7.5 Transport Waste to Kate Valley

The volume of waste transported to Kate Valley for disposal is shown on the attachment. There was an unexplained high tonnage recorded in January but it was back to normal in February and March.

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### 5.7.6 Management of Waste Processing Sites

- **Ashburton resource recovery park**

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

- **Methven green waste site and drop-off centre and collection**

13.23 tonnes of residual waste has been sent to Kate Valley from Methven for February, 15.85 tonnes for March 2008 and 11.79 tonnes in April.

Use of the cleanfill and green waste disposal site at Vaughans Rd was as follows: 22 vehicle movements were recorded in January, 21 in February, 26 in March and 40 in April.

### 5.7.7 Rakaia Resource Recovery Park

This contract is operating satisfactorily. 23.14 tonnes of waste material has been transported to Kate Valley from Rakaia during February, 16.8 tonnes in March and 20.67 tonnes in April 2008.

### 5.8 Contracts Awarded

Contracts awarded since April 2008

No.	Contract	Contractor	Date / Value \$	N° of Tenders / Range \$	Engineer's Estimate
SW-AC11	Installation of stormwater debris interceptor - Trevors Road, Ashburton	ACL	22/4/2008 \$44,808.50	2 \$43,690.25 to \$44,808.50	\$ 58,000
C542	Seal Extension Works, Ashburton District 2007/08	G C Smith Contracting Ltd	15/5/08 \$596,358.40	3 \$596,358.40 to \$680,106.25	\$702,189
C544	Rawles Crossing Road Bridge No 83 Replacement, Ashburton District 2008	Blakely Construction Ltd	12/5/2008 \$78,202.11	3 \$78,202.11 to \$ 123,560.00	\$94,500

### 5.9 Customer Service Request Reports

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

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### 5.10 Emergency Management

#### 5.10.1 Fire Season Status

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

#### 5.10.2 Fire Incidents

Twenty incidents have been attended by rural fire parties from the time of the last Committee meeting and up to 22 May 2008, with a breakdown as follows:

Vegetation	5
Vegetation arson	9
Structure	2
Vehicle	2
False alarm	2

Of concern is the number of vegetation arson fires which are occurring. Seven of these were lit during the course of one night between Ashburton and the Rakaia River mouth. Fortunately conditions at the time were not conducive to active fire behaviour but damage was still caused to pine shelter hedges and gorse fences, and 40 round hay bales were lost. A few evenings later a large stack of 600 - 700 large square bales of barley straw were completely destroyed in fire on Trevors Road.

The Police have interviewed persons of interest with regard to the multiple fires and it is hoped a positive outcome will result from their enquiries.

It is likely however that more than one person/group is responsible for the arsons.

### **5.10.3 Tanker Replacements**

The new Rakaia tanker is now fully operational and has already attended several incidents. The redundant cab and chassis from Rakaia is currently in a workshop in Pleasant Point where a new 6,000 litre tank is being built on it. Upon completion of this work the vehicle will be deployed to Mt Somers VRFF to replace the 1976 Ford currently in service there.

### **5.10.4 Mt Somers Fire Force Water Storage Tank**

A 30,000 litre water tank has been installed at the Mt Somers fire station to allow the fire unit to refill the tanker without having to access the hydrants on the reticulated main. There have been issues in the past where the sudden extraction of large volumes of water from the system has disrupted supply to the residents. This will no longer occur.

### **5.10.5 Mt Hutt Ski Area Emergency Response**

The EMO met recently with the Mt Hutt Ski Area Mountain Operations Manager to discuss the potential impacts of an alpine fault rupture should it occur during a busy ski day on the field. It is likely that the access road will be closed due to rockfalls, avalanches and slips and may be unable to be cleared for a considerable period of time due to slope instability and other issues.

While the initial responsibility lies with the Mt Hutt company, there is significant potential for welfare issues that may require assistance from CDEM.

### **5.10.6 Mid South Canterbury Emergency Liaison Committee**

A recent initiative has been to establish an overarching committee to coordinate CDEM activities through the South and Mid Canterbury TLA areas. The Ashburton District Council will be represented on the committee by the EMO and it is expected to result in greater efficiencies in liaison and coordination of area wide CDEM activities.

This Committee is additional to our own local CDEM Management Committee.

### **5.10.7 Mid South Canterbury Welfare Management Committee**

As a flow on from the establishment of the above Committee it was also deemed desirable to establish an overarching committee to coordinate welfare activities through the South and Mid Canterbury TLA areas. The Ashburton District Council will be represented on this committee by the EMO and the CDEM Welfare Manager and should result in greater efficiencies in liaison and coordination of area wide CDEM welfare activities.

This committee is additional to our own local Welfare Advisory Committee.

## **7.11 Methven Community Board**

A meeting of the Methven Community Board is scheduled for Monday 26 May 2008; any matters for the Committee's consideration will be reported.

## **5.12 Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee**

### **5.12.1 Road Safety Action Plan**

The Road Safety Action Plan meeting for the Winter period, 1 May to 31 October 2008 was held on 1 April. Representatives from most road safety stakeholders attended, with the District Action Plan being finalised recently.

### **5.12.2 Cycle Safety**

Reminders for cyclists to be visible with the end of daylight saving were organised with local media. Cycle safety checks were held with the Police, with a pleasing numbers wearing helmets and having lights fitted on their bikes. Only one cyclist was observed not wearing a helmet while two were observed riding on the footpath.

### **5.12.3 Wheels Week**

The annual Mock Crash was held during Wheels Week and proved very popular. The event was coordinated and had assistance from local emergency services, complete with a car being given for the realistic display.

A request visit to a local pre school to encourage cycle safety and helmets was also completed during Wheels Week, with good feedback being received.

The local media covered both of these activities.

The opportunity to advertise and add road safety editorial to the Wheels Week programme was also utilised.

### **5.12.4 Seatbelt Campaign**

The final follow up work is currently being completed for the "Belt Up for Safetys' Sake" campaign. The response received so far has been positive.

The resources have also proved useful for other events such as the recent Mock Crash, Winter Driving packs and promotions for Mt Hutt College and Ashburton College Balls.

### **5.12.5 Canterbury Active Transport Forums**

The Sixth CAT Forum was held at Environment Canterbury in Christchurch on 7 May. This forum continues to have a wide representation and a variety of presentations for walking and cycling activities. The opportunity to update the regional group on our Walking and Cycling Strategy was utilised with some members requesting a copy.

### **5.12.6 Walking and Cycling Strategy**

The two Walking and Cycling Strategy workshops have been now been completed. Over 20 representatives from the community attended each of the workshops and the strategy. The Walking and Cycling Strategy is now available for community consultation with submissions closing on Friday 16 May.

After the recent Canterbury Active Transport forum, representatives from most councils met with Iain McAuley from the Ministry of Transport recently to discuss local Walking and Cycling Strategies and activities in relation to the National Getting There - on foot, by Cycle Strategy.

#### **5.12.7 Winter Driving**

The Winter Driving Campaign began on 12 May with both radio and newspaper advertising. Winter Driving features and editorial was supplied to all local papers. Ice scrapers and windscreen cloths will be distributed once the windscreen cloths arrive. This is likely to be at the end of May / early June. Winter Driving packs were developed for the two radio stations to use for competitions and promotions.

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**RECYCLING MATERIALS TRANSPORTED OFF-SITE INCLUDING  
THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY '08**

Month	Cardbd (tonne)	Paper (t)	Metal cans (t)	Alum cans (t)	Batt. (t)	Recycl metals (t)	Plastic Film (t)	PET plastics (t)	HDPE plastic (t)	Glass (t)	Re-usables (t)	Waste oil (litres)
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
<b>Totals from July 07</b>												
July 07	57.856	80.94	4.7	0.1356	0	13.55	3.774	0	0	66.36	42.97	0
Aug 07	52.04	79.06	4.8	0.582	1.6	3.31	20.706	0	0	40.7	77.609	2150
Sep 07	43.6	80.24	4.68	1.053	0.98	10.1	32.26	0	0	59.22	92.005	0
Oct 07	59.54	80.46	0	0.649	0	8.95	10.74	0	0	77.52	75.88	0
Nov 07	57.52	104.14	14.84	0.893	2.445	13.61	3.6	0	0	92.9	81.15	2300
Dec 07	47.5	102.04	3.28	1.097	0	9.861	52.312	18.6	8.948	76.62	80.107	0
Jan 08	86.245	74.2	4.1	1702	0	15.769	1.935	0	0	59.6	87.877	0
Feb 08	59.752	76.48	6.3	0.819	3.06	26.276	25.528	0	0	79.38	79.853	0
Mar 08	55.14	78.96	6.26	1.03	0	26.984	24.62	0	0	60.14	79.17	2700
Apr 08	58.2	81.06	0	0.905		13.479	45.7		0	38.9	85.045	
<b>Tot 07/08 to date</b>	<b>577.4</b>	<b>837.58</b>	<b>48.96</b>	<b>8.87</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>141.9</b>	<b>221.18</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>651.34</b>	<b>781.67</b>	<b>6853</b>

The recycling tonnages for February, March & April 2008 are 357.448, 332.304 & 323.289 tonnes respectively.

**Note 1:** Products are only weighed when transported off-site.

### Residual Waste Volumes – Kate Valley

<u>Month</u>	Transported 07/08	Transported 06/07	Transported 05/06	Transported 04/05	Transported 03/04	Transported 02/03	Transported 01/02
July	627	611	616	528	532	502	507
August	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		721	690	677	582	565	567
June		576	558	600	525	499	486
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>6716</b>	<b>7895</b>	<b>7,537</b>	<b>7609</b>	<b>7,242</b>	<b>6,423</b>	<b>6,992</b>

Budget for contracts	\$785,550	7,879 tonnes
Contract to Mar 2008 (transport and disposal)	\$669,590	6716 tonnes
<b>Projected expenditure and tonnages 30 June 2008</b>	<b>\$781,118</b>	<b>8064 tonnes</b>