



# Ashburton District Council

## AGENDA

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

**Date:** Thursday 17 March 2011

**Time:** To follow Environmental Services Committee

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

B LESTER  
Chief Executive

### **MEMBERS:**

Cr L J Leadley (Chair)  
Cr P W Reveley (Deputy Chair)  
Cr N A Brown  
Cr D M Favel  
Cr D N Nelson  
Cr M J Nordqvist  
Cr A B Totty  
Cr R S Wilson  
Mayor A R McKay (ex officio)

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10 March 2011

## Ashburton District Council Report

File No 0560-09  
Date 17 March 2011  
Report to Operations Committee  
From Water Services Assets Information Officer  
Subject Adoption of Revised Stockwater Race Guidelines & Policy document

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### 5 Adoption of Revised Stockwater Race Guidelines & Policy Document

This matter was referred to the Water Subcommittee for consideration by Council at its meeting on Thursday 3 March 2011.

#### 5.1 Summary

This matter was considered by the Water Subcommittee and only one minor change was made to the policy document. This was the removal of the word "estimated" from the title in Appendix E of the document.

#### 5.2 Recommendation to Council

1. **That** the word 'estimated' be removed from Appendix E of the Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines & Policy Document, and
2. **That** Council adopts the Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines & Policy Document in the amended format.

The Water Subcommittee agreed that the guidelines / policy be considered by the Operations Committee prior to Council adoption. The word estimated has been removed from the document (Appendix E). Set out below are amendments to recommendations to the Council report Adoption of Revised Stockwater Race Guidelines & Policy Document (3 March 2011).

The recommendations are now recommendations for the Operations Committee to Council.

Recommendation 1 be amended to read "That the document titled "Stockwater Race Guidelines and Policy Document" be adopted by Council subject to the removal of the word "Estimated" from the title in Appendix E".

Recommendation 2 remains unchanged.

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# Ashburton District Council Report

File No SK-AP01  
Date 17 March 2011  
Report to Operations Committee  
From Water Services Manager  
Subject Barrhill Rakaia Stockwater Race - Investigation into Partial Race Closure

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## 6 Barrhill Rakaia Stockwater Race – Investigations into Partial Race Closure

This matter was referred to the Water Subcommittee for consideration by Council at its meeting on Thursday 3 March 2011.

### 6.1 Summary

This matter was considered by the Water Subcommittee. It was considered that realigning/upgrading the Barrhill Rakaia race onto the roadside of Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road is the preferred option.

The Subcommittee also resolved that the primary beneficiaries of the race realignment (landowners in area on the attached plan) be asked to fund the physical works associated with the race realignment in this area. Council would fund any design and construction supervision costs.

We require approval from the Operations Committee to carry out the required discussions/negotiations with the landowners in the area.

The results of these discussions/negotiations will then be included in Councils reconsideration of the report entitled Barrhill Rakaia Stockwater Race – Investigations into Partial Race Closure.

Set out below is a recommendation requesting approval to carry out the discussions negotiated.

### 6.2 Recommendation to Council

**That** the Committee, for the purposes of discussions/negotiations, approves the realignment of the stockwater race onto Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road and approves discussions / negotiations with the primary beneficiaries of the partial race closure with a view to seeking the funding of the physical works by the landowners identified in area.

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# Ashburton District Council Report

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Date 17 March 2011  
Report to Operations  
From Water Services Manager  
Subject Proposed Rakaia Settlement Water Supply – Results of Consultation Process

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## 7 Proposed Rakaia Settlement Water Supply – Results of Consultation Process

### 7.1 Summary

In December Council approved consulting with property owners on a proposed water supply to serve part of the Rakaia Settlement. Two options were presented to the community; a standalone scheme, and a scheme supplied from the Rakaia Township water supply. The consultation process closed on Friday 4 March.

The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the results of the consultation process and seek approval not to proceed with the proposals.

### 7.2 Recommendation

**That** the water supply proposals to serve part of the Rakaia Settlement area not be progressed at this time.

### 7.3 Background

As part of the ongoing work relating to the Barrhill Rakaia water race closure, the Water Subcommittee requested that an investigation be undertaken into the possible provision of a reticulated water supply to service the properties in the area currently serviced by the stockwater race.

This investigation has been completed. The results of the investigation are contained in a report from Council's engineering service provider titled "*Rakaia Settlement Water Supply (partially serviced) – Issues and Options Report, November 2010*".

The area of interest is those properties that are able to be serviced by proposed reticulation located in Wolseley, Baker, Hardys and Johnston Roads. The requirements of the scheme were -

- It is to be a potable water supply meeting the DWSNZ
- Water supply is limited to household and stockwater requirements only – ie it is not provided for irrigation of crops
- Volume to customers to be unitised at increments of 1000 litres / property / day with a minimum volume of 2000 litres / property / day
- Each property is required to provide its own storage (and pressure system) – minimum volume equivalent to the total daily allocation
- Consideration to be given for fire-fighting requirements – eg localised bulk storage

Two scheme options were identified. These options are: a standalone scheme; and supplying the area from the existing Rakaia water supply.

Council approved scheme option 2 as its preferred option but proceeding with consultation with properties owners in the affected area with both options.

The scheme options are set out in the following table:

	<b>Scheme Option 1</b> Standalone Supply	<b>Scheme Option 2</b> Supply From Rakaia Scheme
<b>Description</b>	Involves the drilling and establishment of a new bore, bore pump, building, storage and booster pumps, plus ringed pipework around boundary roads.	Involves installation of building, booster pumps, ring pipework around boundary roads, plus pipework to the area.
<b>Estimated Costs</b>		
Construction	\$ 686,000	\$ 600,000
Consent	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
Engineering	\$ 69,000	\$ 60,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 775,000 Exc GST</b>	<b>\$ 660,000 Exc GST</b>

The results of the consultation process is detailed in the consultation section of this report. With **21** of the **26 submitters** indicating that they do not support the proposal to provide a reticulated water supply, it is considered that there is insufficient support at this time to recommend proceeding with either option.

## 7.4 Options & Risks Considered

The following options are available.

### Option One – Proceed with Scheme Option 1

The construction of a standalone scheme based on the concept identified during the investigation phase is programmed as part of the 2011/12 annual plan. This would require budget provision in the amount of ~\$775,000 for consenting, detailed design and construction.

#### *Risks*

- *Not consistent with level of support in community.*
- *New bore may not yield sufficient water*
- *Water quality may not meet the DWSNZ*
- *May be difficult to obtain resource consent for sufficient volume of water.*

### Option Two – Proceed with Scheme Option 2

The construction of a scheme supplied from the Rakaia Township water supply based on the concept identified during the investigation phase is programmed as part of the 2011/12 annual plan. This would require budget provision in the amount of ~\$660,000 for detailed design and construction.

#### *Risks*

- *Not consistent with level of support in community.*
- *Shutdowns on Rakaia water supply may impact level of service to this scheme*
- *Higher unaccounted for water due to longer rising (pumping) main.*

### Option Three – Do Not Proceed with Either Scheme

The proposals to provide a reticulated water supply to the subject area are not progressed at this time.

### Risks

- *None identified.*

The recommended option is **Option 3 – Do Not Proceed with Either Scheme.**

## 7.5 Statutory Implications

The statutory implication arising from options contained in this report are:

### Health Act 1956 (and its amendments)

This Act, as recently amended, renders the drinking water standards mandatory. The new requirements mean that any new scheme would be required to comply with the DWSNZ from the day of commissioning.

### Resource Management Act 1991

A stand-alone scheme would require a resource consent for drilling a new bore (relatively straightforward to obtain), and a resource consent for the abstraction (potentially complicated by the proposed bore's location within a groundwater red zone).

## 7.6 Consultation

Consultation material was forwarded to all (55) properties in the affected area on Friday, 11 February 2011. A copy of the information was also forwarded to the Rakaia Community Association. The material included-:

- Covering letter
- Consultation document
- Submission form
- Reply paid envelope

A public meeting was held on 1 March 2011 (7.30pm) at the Rakaia Community Centre. Approximately 15 members of the community attended. The meeting was chaired by Cr Brown, with Crs Nelson, Wilson, and Reveley also in attendance. A presentation of the proposals was given by the water services manager. At the conclusion of the presentation the chair invited questions from the floor. Apart from a few constructive questions, there was widely expressed overt dissatisfaction with the proposal to provide a reticulated water supply to the area. A significant amount of the discussion centred on the recent attempted closure of the Barrhill Rakaia stockwater race and a desire to see it retained. The meeting concluded around 9.15pm.

The submission period closed on Friday, 4 March 2011. A total of 26 submissions were received. This represents a 47% rate of return. The results are summarised in the table below-:

	<b>Question</b>	<b>No: Properties</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Existing Supply</b>	
	Not Supplied	3
	Stockwater Race	12
	Rainwater tank	3
	Well (Own Property)	17
	Well (Neighbours Property)	2
	Other	0
	<i>(Not Indicated)</i>	1
<b>2.</b>	<b>Position on Proposal</b>	
	Do not support	19
	Support	5

	<i>(Not Indicated<sup>1</sup>)</i>	2
<b>3.</b>	<b>Preference on Scheme Option</b>	
	Option 1: Standalone Scheme	0
	Option 2: Supply from Rakaia Scheme	7
	<i>(Not Indicated)</i>	19
<b>4.</b>	<b>Timing to Connect</b>	
	Immediately	4
	1-2 Years	0
	3-5 Years	1
	Unlikely to Connect	16
	<i>(Not Indicated)</i>	5

Notes-:

1. Although not strictly indicated on the submission form, it was apparent that the submitters were not in support of the proposal.

At 47%, the return rate is considered quite low for the small scale of the consultation involved. Notwithstanding the low rate of return, the results are conclusive in terms those that did take the time to respond.

It is considered there is insufficient support to recommend proceeding with a reticulated water supply to serve this area at this time.

## 7.7 Strategic Links

Approval of the recommendations contained in this report is consistent with Outcomes and Strategic Objectives outlined in the LTCCP. In particular;

### **Outcome 1: A thriving and diverse local economy that provides the foundation for a quality lifestyle.**

*Strategic Objective. Our community has access to quality infrastructure (roading, water, footpaths, wastewater and storm water) that is efficient and reliable (Priority Objective).*

### **Outcome 2: A thriving and diverse local economy that provides the foundation for a quality lifestyle.**

*Strategic Objective. Water, land and air are managed sustainably (Priority Objective).*

## 7.8 Financial

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

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# Ashburton District Council Report

File No 0210-04  
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Report to Operations Committee  
From Emergency Management Officer  
Subject Strategic Tactical Fire Management Plan – Mid Canterbury High Country

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## 8 Strategic Tactical Fire Management Plan – Mid Canterbury High Country

### 8.1 Summary

A strategic tactical fire management plan (STFMP) for the Mid Canterbury hill and high country has been prepared jointly by the Department of Conservation and Ashburton District Council due to an elevated level of fire threat in that area. This elevated threat has resulted from many of the pastoral lease properties reverting to DoC stewardship giving increased public access and increased fuel loads due to discontinuation of grazing.

This was determined by the Wildfire Threat Analysis (WTA) project carried out during 2007-2008 and local knowledge.

The area is a pristine destination for recreational activities, with high biodiversity, aesthetic, cultural, and recreational values. Most of the vegetation is grassland or wetland. When these areas dry out, they are extremely flammable and, if an ignition were to occur, fire development would be fast and the fire would exhibit high spread rates with potential for very high or extreme fire behaviour.

With much of the former pastoral run country transferring to the Crown through the tenure review process and being opened up to much greater public use the area is becoming more popular every year, so a detailed fire plan is extremely important as there is limited access into the Ashburton Lakes basin and Rakaia Gorge.

The Department of Conservation, as the country's largest rural fire authority, has taken the lead in this initiative, while working in conjunction with other rural fire authorities, and subject to the projects going ahead, the plans for the Ashburton high country and Bottle Lake areas will be used as models which will ultimately be applied across the whole country.

A significant advantage of taking this approach is that all plans will have a consistency that would not be possible if each rural fire authority produced their own plans in isolation.

### 8.2 Recommendation

**That** the Committee approves the "Strategic Tactical Fire Management Plan Mid Canterbury B (MC\_B)" as presented.

### **8.3 Background**

The National Rural Fire Authority (NRFA) is charged under the Fire Service Amendment Act 2005 with setting standards for Rural Fire Authorities.

During 2009, the NRFA commenced the development of the final two minimum standards required by the legislation relating to 'Assessing Fire Hazards' and 'Achieving Timely Response to Fires'.

Following two rounds of sector consultation the standards have been implemented. The effective date for these standards was 1 July 2010.

The STFMP as presented will meet the requirements of these standards for the hill and high country of Ashburton District.

It is anticipated that if this plan is approved a further plan will be produced for the Ashburton plains in due course.

### **8.4 Options and Risks Considered**

- 1 Adopt the plan as proposed. Work is already complete on the production of this document and its adoption requires no further action.
- 2 Find an alternative option which will meet the requirements of the NRFA standards relating to 'identifying fire hazards' and 'achieving timely response to fires'.

This option will involve months of additional work and by working in isolation from other rural fire authorities there will be no consistency with plans of neighbouring rural fire authorities.

Failure to meet standards as set by the NRFA will result in the Council's primary Rural Fire Plan becoming null and void thereby creating a situation where Council has not met its statutory requirements under the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.

### **8.5 Statutory Implications**

Fire authorities are required under sections 39 and 40 of the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005 to adopt and regularly review a Fire Plan.

Failure to meet the NRFA standards will result in the currency of the District Rural Fire Plan lapsing.

### **8.6 Consultation**

Consultation has involved the Ashburton District Council (ADC), the Department of Conservation (DOC), all private land owners within the plan area, and the Hut Holders in the Lake Clearwater Community.

Questionnaires were sent out to key stakeholders, including private land owners and Hut Holders to gain information about values requiring protection and their views and concerns about fire in the area.

Personal visits to private land owners were made by representatives from ADC and DOC to gain detailed information required for the planning process.

### **8.7 Strategic Links**

The recommendation in the report is not inconsistent with the LTCCP community outcomes.

## **8.8 Financial**

There are administration costs associated with the preparation of the plan and also costs relating to the implementation of some of the recommendations such as additional signage and other fuel reduction and education strategies.

Costs for the implementation of the plan can be met from within existing and proposed budgets.

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## **9. Activity Reports**

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### **9.1 General**

#### **9.1.1 Financial Reports**

Financial reports for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 January 2011 are attached.

***Pages 29-38***

#### **9.1.2 Ashburton Business Estate**

Stage 1 work is complete however some "re-grassing" is required. This is programmed to commence shortly.

Stage 2 work is complete with only minor remedial work required.

The official opening of the business estate has been postponed because of the 22 February earthquake.

#### **9.1.3 Professional Services Contract**

The 22 February earthquake has further delayed the pricing of this contract. Documents will be forwarded to consultants that have registered an interest in pricing the contract once they have returned to normal operations. This is likely to be in the next two to three weeks.

#### **9.1.4 Stockwater Consent Replacements and Rakaia Water Conservation Order**

The requested change to the Rakaia Water Conservation Order is progressing. There are no issues.

#### **9.1.5 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge across the Ashburton River**

A meeting was held with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) regarding the role of the NZTA in the project, funding and programme of work.

A letter will be provided to the Chief Executive detailing the above information.

The receipt of this letter has been delayed by the 22 February earthquake.

#### **9.1.6 2011 / 2012 Budget**

The draft 2011/2012 budget has been prepared and progressed through Council's budget workshop.

#### **9.1.7 Resource Consent Applications**

Resource consent application documentation for the:

- Water transfer project
- New bore to the north east of Ashburton and adjacent to the Business Estate

is being progressed. It is anticipated that draft documents, as agreed with ECan will be lodged within the next two weeks.

There is concern that the processing of resource consents by ECan may be affected by the earthquake.

### **9.1.8 Mount Hutt Riverbank Stockwater Supply Investigation**

Contact will be made with representatives of the Mt Hutt Riverbank stockwater supply group to confirm their intentions with regard to this initiative.

### **9.1.9 22 February Earthquake**

Council's focus has been on welfare and supporting the Canterbury Response Centre in Christchurch.

A significant number of people have left Christchurch. Some have received meals and accommodation in the Tinwald Welfare Centre and in Methven at the Heritage Centre.

These two facilities were disestablished on Friday 4 March and an emergency relief centre established in Ashburton. This relief centre will only be used if necessary.

A "government agency hub" has been established at the "Community Link building" and will be the first point of contact for people requiring assistance.

Details of Council's response to the event have been forwarded to Councillors previously.

## **9.2 Roding**

### **9.2.1 State Highway Work 2010/11**

Work currently in progress is as follows:

- A 1,420m area wide treatment south of Giddings Road on SH1, awarded to Fulton Hogan and due for completion mid March 2011.

### **9.2.2 Crash Reports**

A record of crashes that have occurred in Ashburton district on state highways and local roads since last report is appended. **Pages 39-40**

### **9.2.3 General Maintenance**

Pre-seal pavement repairs on sections of road programmed for resealing are 90% complete with Fulton Hogan staff currently working on Mayfield Valetta Road. Stabilising operations were temporarily halted due to earthquake clean-up in Christchurch taking priority. Work will commence the week beginning 7 March with a crew from Timaru assisting.

There was once again a substantial amount of flood damage to the Ashburton Gorge Road.

Maintenance of unsealed roads is continuing with the contractor's graders working around Lismore, Wakanui, Chertsey and Coldstream areas. Maintenance metal has been spread on Ferrell's Crossing and the Hackthorne Road crossing of the Hinds River to repair pothole damage.

Installation of soak pits has commenced with pits constructed on Buckleys Terrace, Hepburn and Hackthorne Roads.

Sight rails have been repaired on Sheates Road as have numerous signs, potholes and edge break around the district.

### **9.2.4 Area Wide Pavement Treatment**

Contract C573 - Sealed Road Rehabilitation 2010/11. Paul Smith Earthmoving has completed work on the Longbeach Road, three sections of Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road between "Scotts Corner" and Anama Station Road and the section of Ashburton Gorge Road through Mt Somers.

The contractor is now working on the rehabilitation of Moore Street. Work is progressing slowly due to water laterals having to be deepened and extra material excavated due to the softness of the subgrade.

### 9.2.5 Major Drainage Control

The roadside drainage improvements contract, awarded to Junction Contractors Ltd from Greymouth, commenced on Tuesday 26 October 2010 and was completed by 18 December 2010. Further work will be undertaken on unsealed roads to form new swales during March.

### 9.2.6 Reseals of District Roads

Contract C592 - Reseals and Pre-seal Repairs, 2010/11. Ashburton Contracting have now completed approximately 80% of the total contract schedule and have made good progress to date. The remainder of the standard seals and the bitumen emulsion sealing and polymer modified bitumen sealing are programmed to be carried out during February. The work was anticipated to be completed well before the 11 March 2011 contract completion date but with staff called away to Christchurch work has been delayed. ACL have requested an indefinite time extension but this has been declined and a week granted. There are around 2- 3 days of resurfacing left to complete the contract and therefore extending to 18 March is considered appropriate.

### 9.2.7 Bridges

The 2010/11 replacement of bridge 30 (Double Hill Run Road – Double Hill Stream No 1), upgrades of Bridges 48 and 65, and the replacement of bridge 146 on Osborns Road was tendered with tenders closing on 7 December 2010. The tender has been awarded to Hunter Civil of Christchurch.

Work has begun with the precast concrete abutments cast and poured prior to the earthquake. The pre-casting subcontractor, Stahlton, has reported that their premises suffered no damage from the earthquake and will continue work on the bridge 30 components. Hunter Civil however have suffered the loss of their office and will require time to relocate before again being able to concentrate on this contract.

If funding permits and resource consents can be obtained, two further bridges will be replaced by culvert construction. These are Bridges No.156 Wheatstone Road, water race and No.75 McLennans Bush Road, un-named creek.

### 9.2.8 Street Cleaning

Routine cleaning is being carried out to programme. All reported incidents of detritus and undesirable material left on road carriageways or berms, and any blockages of surface water run-off were attended to.

### 9.2.9 Traffic Services

Routine maintenance of road signs and traffic services continues as part of the Road Maintenance contract throughout the district.

Total numbers of signs affected during November and December and for the previous 10 months are:

	Mar	Apr	May/ Jun	Jul	Aug/ Sep	Oct	Nov/D ec	Jan/ Feb	Total 12 months
Replace broken signs	18	24	26	12	39	19	33	46	217
Replace missing signs	29	8	13	5	17	9	22	24	127
Replace or upgrade signs	10	11	52	9	9	3	9	2	105
Replace marker posts	113	7	85	-	64	-	113	47	429
Totals	170	50	176	26	129	31	177	119	878

Contract C556 – Maintenance of Road Markings 2009 – 2012. Operation of this contract continues with the maintenance of pavement marking on sealed roads district wide.

New reflectorised pavement markers have been installed on Wilsons, Fitzgerald and River Roads to improve night time delineation and highlight the designated route to the Hakatere Huts from Ashburton.

### **9.2.10 Carriageway Lighting**

Contract C583 – Operation and Maintenance of Streetlights 2010-2011. Electricity Ashburton are continuing with maintenance work and operation of Council's street lights. A new contract is to be tendered before the end of June 2011. Decisions will be required on the contract format, tendering procedure and period for the new contract.

### **9.2.11 Minor Improvements**

Attached is the draft list of projects proposed under the minor improvement programme for 2010/11. **Page41**

The "improve safety at school" projects are all under construction. Design work has been completed for the first five intersection projects and the works south of the Pudding Hill Bridge have been actioned.

New street lighting, street light power undergrounding and stock underpass work will only be expended if projects are identified.

The final five intersection projects are currently being designed and will be constructed next financial year.

The total estimated cost for the above is \$804,042 from a total available budget of \$792,913.

### **9.2.12 Seal Widening**

The remaining section of Bremners Road widening will be tendered with the Glassworks Road intersection upgrade. It is also planned, funds permitting, to have this section of Bremners Road overlaid and strengthened. Savings have not presented themselves within the current rehabilitation contract with Paul Smith Earthmoving and so need to be found within other allocations if this strengthening is to proceed.

### **9.2.13 New Roads**

Contract C574 - Dobson St West Construction. The new road linking the existing section of Dobson Street with Robinson Street in the Riverside industrial area has been completed. Construction of stormwater overflow into the unnamed stream running through the site, from the soak pit on site, is delayed pending the issue of resource consent from ECan. The resource consent was issued by ECan, however the details of the work as consented were not those submitted with the application. This has resulted in a hearing being called by ECan, even though there are no significant disagreements as to the conditions. No date has been set for this hearing. All contract work has been completed other than the overflow from the soak pit so HEB will be issued with practical completion.

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

C568 - New and Replacement Kerb and Channel and Footpath, Ashburton District 2010/11 has been let to ACL. South Town Belt and Normanby Street in Rakaia, along with Methven Chertsey Road and Kilworth Street in Methven, have been substantially completed. Some minor improvement work was carried out at McDonald Street and work is now underway on Pattons Road Mt Somers.

### **9.2.15 Footpath Resurfacing 2009/10**

Contract C595 "Footpath Resurfacing, Ashburton District 2010/11". Fulton Hogan was making good progress up until the time of the earthquake with three further sections having been completed. Since the earthquake the Christchurch based contractors have been occupied in the city and no resurfacing has been completed. Pre surface preparation is well ahead with seven sections ready for surfacing.

### **9.2.16 Footpath Maintenance**

Ongoing routine maintenance and cleaning of the urban footpaths continues.

### **9.2.17 Minor Township Maintenance Contracts**

Methven: ACL continues to supply a good service.

Rakaia: This contract is the subject of significant variations with staff currently working with the contractor to better determine the contract work scope.

### **9.2.18 Public Conveniences**

No major issues to report.

### **9.2.19 Professional Services Contract**

Work continues on the projects required under contract C582 but few monthly update reports have been received from the consultant. Final figures and reports have been received for:

- Condition rating
- GIS centreline
- Unsealed intersections

Consultation for the Allenton project has been completed with drainage and crossing design continuing. Minor intersection improvement designs are progressing with option reports received for Maronan/Melcombe/Henderson Road intersection.

### **9.2.20 Matters Arising from Operations Committee Meeting 3 February 2011**

#### **• Road Safety**

The Lagmhor and Longbeach school signs have been installed and are in operation. We are awaiting the receipt of an operations manual from the sign supplier. Once this has been received an on-site audit of the signs will be carried out.

#### **• State Highway NZTA Management**

Attached is a draft "SH1 Rakaia River Bridge Emergency Closure Management Plan".

NZTA, through Opus, are still developing the Emergency Plan for road closures at Rakaia. Some of the detail still to be decided is (eg "what message/s will be appropriate on the electronic signs). The intention is to set up the new VMS trailers at Ashburton and Dunsandel so that motorists are advised as early as possible of the closure and able to make a decision based on the options available. The detour will be a bit shorter and on better roads if they are turned towards Rakaia Gorge before they get to Rakaia at Ashburton and Dunsandel.

It is intended to have staff stationed at each end of the bridge for the duration of closures so that traffic is kept clear of the site and also to advise motorists of the situation and when the road is likely to be reopened.

In addition, I have recently received a copy of the re-issue of the "State Highway Emergency Procedures and Contingency Plan manual for Regions 11 & 12". I will have a copy at the meeting if Councillors wish to peruse.

- **Road Safety**

The CAS report for the period was checked and found to be complete for the period as stated. However, NZTA suspect that a number of reports were being held up in the mail and also the Police do not forward accident reports until all legal matters pertaining to the accident have been completed.

A flyer is currently being prepared to go into the Mid Canterbury Herald on aspects of farming practice in conflict with road safety.

### 9.2.21 Strategic Documents

The 2008 Draft Ashburton Parking Study has been updated by Opus and a copy was received on 4 March, after being held up because of the 22 February earthquake. Once this has been reviewed by staff it will be presented to the Town Centre Subcommittee for approval and then forwarded to the Ashburton Central Parking Working Group.

The documents

- Transportation Network Activity Management Plan version 5 – 2010
- Safety Management System

are still under review and owing to the disruption caused by the earthquake will now be reported to Council on 28 April.

## 9.3 Water Supplies

### 9.3.1 Water Restrictions

Water consumption on the schemes continues to be monitored. No changes made to restriction levels during the period.

Scheme	Relative Movement & Dates of Restrictions			
Ashburton	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Chertsey	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Dromore	Permanent Hosing Ban			
Fairton	Permanent Hosing Ban			
Hakatere	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Hinds	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Lake Hood	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10	↑ L2 – 24/12/10	
Mayfield	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Methven	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Mvn Springfield	Permanent Hosing Ban			
Montalto	Permanent Hosing Ban			
Mt Somers	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Rakaia	■ L0	↑ L1 – 4/12/10		
Winchmore	Permanent Hosing Ban			

Notes:- L0 = Normal, no restriction; L1 = Alternate Days; L2 = Time Restricted (alternate days); L3 = Hand Held Hosing (time restricted, alternate days); L4 = Hosing Ban; and L5 = Water Conservation Notice.

### **9.3.2 AM-AK10 Water Pipeline Renewals – Ashburton, Methven & Mt Somers 10/11**

Work on Methven Chertsey Road is substantially complete, with only minor work required to complete hydrant chambers. Forecast completion date 18 March 2011. Work commenced on Brucefield Avenue on 24 January. All ridermain pipework (326m) has been laid, tested and commissioned. A total of 550m (of 658m) of main pipework has been laid. The forecast completion date for this section is now 25 March. Work commenced on Hoods Road on 21 February. A total of 171m (of 409m) has been laid to date. The forecast completion date for this section is 14 April.

Note-: The contractor has been given a two week release from obligations under this contract to allow for redeployment of resources for earthquake recovery works in Christchurch. This release may be subject to extension and will impact on final completion dates for the works.

### **9.3.3 Ashburton**

- **Ashburton Upgrade - Tinwald Borefield**

The concept designs for the site have been finalised for consideration of the Tinwald Reserves Board. These are expected to be the subject of consideration by the TRB in the next few weeks.

Consent variation to allow abstraction from the bore is in preparation. Additional assistance has been sought for the analysis of the aquifer testing carried out in August 2010. This information will be used in support of the variation to the existing resource consent.

- **Ashburton Upgrade – Ashburton Domain No:7**

This bore has been drilled to a total depth of 126 metres but pulled back to 113 metres. It has been screened at 97.5 and 109.5 metres. Testing to date indicates an achievable yield of 90 litres for 18 m drawdown. Design of the headworks and trunkmain back to the treatment plant is being finalised. This is expected to be with the utilities contractor for pricing on or about 21 March.

The application to vary the existing consent is substantially complete except for the results of the analysis of bore testing (step testing).

### **9.3.4 Hakatere**

- **Water Supply Upgrade**

Detailed design is progressing. Additional investigations around the monitoring of manganese levels are being undertaken. These will need to be completed before the treatment design can be finalised.

### **9.3.5 Mayfield**

- **Water Supply Upgrade**

This matter is to be the subject of consideration by the Water Subcommittee on 11 March 2011.

### **9.3.6 Methven**

- **Water Supply Upgrade**

The filter pilot trial is continuing but the equipment has yet to be tested with water with elevated turbidity. A decision on the filter selection will have to be made in the next 6-8 weeks to allow for detailed design to be completed.

### **9.3.7 Rakaia Settlement Water Supply (servicing investigation)**

An investigation has been undertaken on a water supply to service part of the Rakaia Settlement. The investigation identified two options that are considered feasible. The options are: a stand-alone scheme; and supplying the area from the existing Rakaia water supply. The consultation period on the proposal closed on 4 March 2011. The results of the consultation and a decision on the proposal are the subject of a stand-alone report.

### **9.3.8 Winchmore**

- **Scheme Transfer Consultation**

A draft management plan is in preparation for inclusion as part of the consultation material. Once finalised this and supporting information will be forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for comment. The management plan and the MOH's comments have to be made available to the community as part of the statutory consultation / referendum process.

## **9.4 Wastewater**

### **9.4.1 Ashburton**

- **Inline Effluent Screen / Pump Station Portal Building**

These projects have been combined to provide some efficiency in management. The supply of the screens has been awarded under delegated authority to Ashburton Contracting Limited.

The specification and construction drawings for the construction of the portal building and installation of the screen have been forwarded to the utilities contractor for pricing.

- **Maturation Pond Outlet Screen**

The specification and construction drawings for the construction of the screen have been forwarded to the utilities contractor for pricing.

- **Irrigation Bore Supply**

The step testing has been completed. The constant rate discharge test has not been completed due to likely interference from irrigation abstractions. A specialist hydrological consultant has been engaged to analyse the results of the step testing. A preliminary report suggests that the bore may be hydraulically linked to the river which raises the prospect of a low flow restriction being applied to any abstraction consent.

- **Cox Street (Cass St to William St) Pipeline Renewal**

The specification and engineering drawings have been forwarded to the utilities contractor for pricing. Subject to an acceptable price, this work will be undertaken as a separable portion to the water renewals contract.

### **9.4.2 Ocean Farm**

- **WW-AG11, Removal of Standing Grass from Ocean Farm – Terrace Road, Ashburton**

Harvesting of grass commenced on 10 October, and to date the all blocks have received their second harvest of the season. Blocks A, B, E, F, K and M have received their third harvest of the season. The harvest yield to date is 1,580,534 kgDM.

### 9.4.3 Methven

- **Wastewater Pipeline Renewal**

Detailed consultation material was sent to property owners on 2 February. The cleaning and CCTV inspection was successfully completed on 7 February. Discussions are underway with the specialist pipeline replacement contractor to confirm availability. Under the original (tentative) programme, work was expected to commence late March.

### 9.4.4 Rakaia

- **WW-AG12, Removal of Standing Grass from Rakaia Wastewater Treatment Plant – Acton Road, Rakaia**

Harvesting of grass commenced on 4 December, and to date the North block has received its second harvest and the South block has received its first harvest of the season. The harvest yield to date is 99,494 kgDM.

## 9.5 Stormwater

### 9.5.1 Ashburton

- **Chalmers Avenue Gross Pollutant Trap**

Our engineering service provider has been in contact with leading suppliers of gross pollutant traps and is awaiting information on the various systems and lead-in times for supply of the units. This information will be factored into the final decision on a proposed system.

### 9.5.2 Ashburton Urban Stormwater Strategy

- **SW-AD10, Stormwater Survey for AUSS Investigations 2010/11**

Additional work is required to capture some additional open drains within the stormwater network. This work is programmed for completion by the end of April

- **SW-AD11, Stormwater Flow Monitoring for AUSS Investigation 2010/11**

The flow monitoring and rainfall data has been reviewed and is considered suitable for analysis and model calibration purposes.

- **Model Development**

The next phase of this project is the development of a computer model, including calibration. This will allow for detailed analysis of the network and provide a critical tool for development of future programmes and an Integrated Catchment Management Plan. A proposal to complete the next phase of the work is expected from our engineering service provider in the next few weeks.

### 9.5.3 Mill Creek

- **Bank Stabilisation 2010/11**

Concept designs have been developed and a meeting is to be held with a contractor to discuss access, construction methods and bank stabilisation options.

## 9.6 Stockwater

### 9.6.1 Network

The network has experienced variable river levels and flows through the month of February and early March. High country rainfall in the Southern Alps and the catchment areas of the Ashburton and Rangitata Rivers and Pudding Hill Stream has resulted in high flows and subsequent damage to intake structures. River work has been undertaken as required to maintain supply to the race network. Several high wind events during this period have blown debris into the network causing blockages of many turnouts.

### 9.6.2 Race applications / closures

Since 1 July 2010, a total of 66 applications have been received, with 6 applications awaiting further information. The remainder have been approved.

Race closure measurements have been undertaken using measurements derived from the Council's GIS and indicate completed closures at 259,280 metres.

## 9.7 Solid Waste

### 9.7.1 Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

The resource recovery park continues to be managed and operated satisfactorily.

### 9.7.2 Residual waste management at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

Residual waste management at the Ashburton resource recovery park is operating well with average tonnages of 19.83tonne (20 t max) being achieved in January per container load to Kate Valley.

<i>Tonnes of materials recovered from the residual waste disposal area in 2010/11</i>				
	2009/10		2010/11	
<b>July</b>	3.00		<b>July</b>	9.12
<b>August</b>	4.78		<b>August</b>	7.74
<b>September</b>	3.82		<b>September</b>	5.52
<b>October</b>	3.01		<b>October</b>	3.20
<b>November</b>	5.88		<b>November</b>	5.48
<b>December</b>	6.76		<b>December</b>	5.85
<b>January</b>	7.74		<b>January</b>	4.74
<b>February</b>	7.12		<b>February</b>	
<b>March</b>	7.62		<b>March</b>	
<b>April</b>	6.82		<b>April</b>	
<b>May</b>	8.96		<b>May</b>	
<b>June</b>	9.08		<b>June</b>	

### 9.7.3 Green waste, construction & demolition waste management at the Ashburton resource recovery park

Month	Green Waste - tonnes		Construction & Demolition - tonnes	
	2010/11		2010/11	

<b>July</b>	-		-	
<b>August</b>	-		-	
<b>September</b>	-		-	
<b>October</b>	98.00		29.8	
<b>November</b>	102.06		30.48	
<b>December</b>	100.30		35.70	
<b>January</b>	86.16		21.62	
<b>February</b>				
<b>March</b>				
<b>April</b>				
<b>May</b>				
<b>June</b>				

#### 9.7.4 Refuse and Recycling Kerbside Collection

Quantities of residual waste and recycling materials collected from kerbside are indicated in the table below:

All Areas	Kerbside - tonnes		Litter Bins - tonnes		Total Residual Waste- tonnes		Recycling - tonnes	
	2009/10	2010/11	2009/10	2010/11	2009/10	2010/11	2009/10	2010/11
<b>July</b>	153.72	174.07	8.36	7.7	162.08	181.77	103.30	113.06
<b>August</b>	147.82	154.64	6.70	7.58	154.52	162.22	107.30	122.52
<b>September</b>	150.10	156.32	7.04	6.78	157.14	163.10	108.40	128.40
<b>October</b>	147.37	140.48	6.46	7.38	153.83	147.86	118.89	124.16
<b>November</b>	154.36	152.47	4.66	7.44	159.02	159.91	123.02	128.96
<b>December</b>	172.34	188.31	8.56	8.22	180.90	196.53	156.60	147.94
<b>January</b>	155.74	181.81	9.64	9.16	165.38	190.97	114.82	128.78
<b>February</b>	153.06		9.90		162.96		121.66	
<b>March</b>	170.96		7.02		177.98		128.36	
<b>April</b>	160.82		9.72		170.54		121.02	
<b>May</b>	163.16		8.08		171.24		108.62	
<b>June</b>	156.06		7.12		163.18		115.56	

The residual waste % in the kerbside sorted recyclable materials for January was 3.3% this was an increase of 1%. Mastagard and the kerbside collector are working together to maintain a consistent standard.

#### 9.7.5 Waste Minimisation

Tonnes of Recyclable Materials Processed	2009/10- tonnes	2010/11- tonnes
<b>July</b>	381.3	340.6
<b>August</b>	355.8	486.8
<b>September</b>	352.3	735.0
<b>October</b>	390.6	400.3
<b>November</b>	410.8	272.4
<b>December</b>	428.9	376.4
<b>January</b>	426.7	327.3
<b>February</b>	323.3	
<b>March</b>	367.0	
<b>April</b>	445.4	

<b>May</b>	393.5	
<b>June</b>	372.5	

Recycling materials transported off site are shown on the attachment.

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### 9.7.6 General Recycling Management Update

- The education programme is complete and 24 schools (including secondary) and 22 preschools have received introductory letters. The education programme material has been printed and follow up meetings are being scheduled to discuss workbook material with principals and teachers. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the early learning centres about the intended programme.
- The onsite education centre has been refurbished complete with a sponsored DVD player and Television to play educational videos for visitors. The gardens are being tidied and the intention is to use them as an example in the use of mulch to cut water usage. Worm farms and compost bins are up and running.
- A total of 29.04 tonnes of material was received from satellite recyclable materials drop off facilities in January.
- The re use shop sold 1,023 items in January.

### 9.7.7 Domestic Hazardous Waste Drop-off at Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

No hazardous waste was received in January.

### 9.7.8 Transport of waste to Kate Valley

The volume of waste transported to Kate Valley for disposal is shown on the attachment.

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### 7.7.9 Management of Methven residual waste

- **Methven Residual Waste transported to Kate Valley**

<b>Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley from Methven</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>
<b>July</b>	13.22	12.78
<b>August</b>	15.54	16.06
<b>September</b>	12.20	12.76
<b>October</b>	12.40	14.87
<b>November</b>	13.30	15.16
<b>December</b>	12.52	15.75
<b>January</b>	12.96	15.50
<b>February</b>	13.30	
<b>March</b>	15.19	
<b>April</b>	12.95	
<b>May</b>	15.04	
<b>June</b>	12.28	

Quantities of refuse continue to remain relatively level and stable.

### 7.7.10 Methven recyclable materials drop-off facility and CBD satellite facility

Volumes decreased from 15.6 tonnes in December to 13.14 tonnes of recyclable material being received during January.

- **Methven greenwaste and inorganic material drop-off facility**

Figures relating to use of the greenwaste and inorganic material drop off facility at Vaughan's Road are shown in this table:

<b>Vehicle numbers at Vaughan's Rd green waste drop off</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>
<b>July</b>	5	10
<b>August</b>	26	9
<b>September</b>	17	18
<b>October</b>	17	19
<b>November</b>	31	24
<b>December</b>	25	20
<b>January</b>	37	30
<b>February</b>	20	
<b>March</b>	21	
<b>April</b>	20	
<b>May</b>	17	
<b>June</b>	20	

### 9.7.11 Rakaia Resource Recovery Park

This contract is operating satisfactorily.

<b>Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley</b>	<b>2009/10 tonnes</b>	<b>2010/11 tonnes</b>
<b>July</b>	11.18	19.66
<b>August</b>	21.32	8.18
<b>September</b>	14.86	18.74
<b>October</b>	11.86	6.58
<b>November</b>	21.82	6.64
<b>December</b>	13.04	6.97
<b>January</b>	21.02	13.8
<b>February</b>	9.46	
<b>March</b>	16.86	
<b>April</b>	8.38	
<b>May</b>	19.90	
<b>June</b>	8.73	

## 9.8 Emergency Management

### 9.8.1 Fire Season Status

An open fire season is in place on the plains and foothills and the hill and high country remains restricted. The Department of Conservation maintains a 365 day restricted fire season over all state land.

The National Rural Fire Officer declared a total fire ban across the whole of Canterbury from midday 2 March to midday 5 March during two forecast north west wind events, due to the fact that many rural firefighting resources and management personnel were otherwise engaged in assisting the response to the Christchurch earthquake.

## 9.8.2 Fire Incidents

Twenty six incidents have been attended by rural fire forces from the time of the last Committee meeting and up to 5 March 2011, with a breakdown as follows:

Vegetation	11	Vehicle fires	4
False alarm	3	Structure fires	8

## 9.8.3 Permits

As an open fire season is in place across the plains, no further permits have been issued.

## 9.8.4 Ashburton District High Country Strategic/Tactical Fire Planning

The final draft of this document is now being presented to Council for approval. This is the subject of a stand-alone report.

## 9.8.5 Ashburton Remote Automatic Weather Station (RAWS)

This station in Ashburton Domain is one of a network of stations across the country that rural fire authorities use to determine fire danger levels. The mast of this station was brought down on 19 January when a ride on lawn mower caught one of the guy ropes. The mast was damaged beyond repair and many of the data recording components were destroyed. This will be the subject of an insurance claim and cost recovery.

The mast has since been repaired but key data from 19 January and 17 February has been lost. The lost data has been replaced with estimated figures.

## 9.8.6 Christchurch Earthquake

All EMO activities since the event occurred on 22 February have been focused on local response to this event. Council has been receiving regular updated memos on these activities as the response has progressed.

## 9.8.7 CEDM Sector Post Review

Community consultation documents are in preparation and will be actioned in the near future.

## 9.9 Road Safety

### 9.9.1 Motorcycles

The Motorcycle Training Day was held on Sunday 27 February 2011, at Levels Raceway in Timaru. There were 41 participants from the Mid and South Canterbury regions. Due to the Christchurch earthquake the Ashburton Road Safety Coordinator could not be at the event, but has received feedback that the day was very successful. The possibility of further training days being held is currently being investigated.

### 9.9.2 Speed

The winners of the Road Safety calendar have been chosen, thanks to Council staff, and the winners will be notified in due course. The design and the production of the calendars are underway but delays for the final product are expected due to the Christchurch earthquake.

### 9.9.3 Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee Meeting

A special morning tea was held on 8 February 2011 to say thank-you to Bev Tasker on behalf of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee of which she had been a member of and chaired for 18 years. The Road Safety Coordinator also gave a presentation on her role and the campaigns that have been done over the past two years.

### 9.9.4 Rural Road Tips

The issue of baleage being stored on roadsides was highlighted at the last Operations Committee meeting. The Road Safety Coordinator compiled an information sheet on moving cattle/stock, tree trimming and vegetation control on roads and roadsides. This is to be sent as an insert in a local newspaper to the rural areas of the Ashburton District. The flyer contains information relating to Council Bylaws and the District Plan. A copy is **attached**.

### 9.9.5 Christchurch Earthquake

The Christchurch Police intersection team was programmed to come to Ashburton on 1 and 2 March 2011. This was to go hand in hand with the re-launch of the 'Respect Intersections' campaign. Due to the earthquake, the Police intersection part of the campaign has been postponed indefinitely.

There are two other regional campaigns that the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinator is currently involved in - 'Heavy Vehicles' and 'Distraction'. Both involved the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), Christchurch City Council (CCC), Timaru District Council (TDC), Waimate and MacKenzie Districts, New Zealand Trucking Association (NZTA), New Zealand Road Transport Association (NZRTA) and Waimakariri District Council. Hopefully, these programmes will continue as soon as it is possible to do so.

### 9.10 Contracts Awarded

No.	Contract	Contractor	Date / value \$	No. of tenders / range	Engineer's estimate
C590	Ashburton District Bridge Renewals 2010 - 2011	Hunter Civil Limited	1/2/2011 \$215,784.75	8 \$215,784 to \$318,068	\$256,100

### 9.11 Customer Service Request Reports

CRM reports for the year to date and the reporting period are attached. **Pages 44-47**

### 9.12 Methven Community Board

The Methven Community Board met on 7 March 2011. One matter was referred to the Committee for decision:

- **Methven caravan waste disposal site**

#### **Recommendation to Operations Committee**

**That** options for the caravan waste disposal point at Site 1 are investigated and that a sign is restored at existing site in the interim.

Johnson/Gilpin

Carried

*Minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting will be separately circulated.*

R ROUSE  
**Operations Manager**

# Ashburton District Council Report

FILE NO: 0500-07-07  
DATE: 17 March 2011  
REPORT TO: Operations Committee  
FROM: Water Subcommittee  
SUBJECT: Unconfirmed Minutes of Water Subcommittee Meeting – 11/3/2011

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## 10 Water Subcommittee

**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of the **WATER SUBCOMMITTEE** meeting held in Meeting Room 2, on Friday 11 March 2011, commencing at 9.00 am.

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Nelson (Chair); N Brown, S Wilson, A Totty & J Leadley  
In attendance Mayor A McKay, Operations Manager, Water Services Manager & Administration Officer

### Confirmation of Minutes – 2/12/2010

**That** the minutes of the Water Subcommittee meeting held on Thursday 2 December 2010, be taken as read and confirmed.

Totty/Wilson

**Carried**

### Matters Arising

#### **Name of Hydrologist**

No hydrologist. Information supplied by McMillans Well Drilling – based on a step down test done at that stage.

#### **Mt Hutt Riverbank Water Supply Investigation**

Copy of report was to be circulated. Cr Totty has not received a copy – Council have asked the representatives of the Mt Hutt Riverbank Group to confirm their intentions. Have not had a response at this stage to a letter send on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010, so no further action has been taken at this stage. Operations Manager will arrange for copies of reports to be sent to all councillors.

#### **Rakaia Settlement Water Servicing**

Submissions are still coming in – 26 received so far with 21 not in support

### ***Revised Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines & Policy Document***

Water Services Manager stated that track changes shown in red are the changes made by Councils legal advisor.

Policy is same as previously, with some small legislative changes, noting 'significance' criteria, Local Government Act changes and a small change to the process in the scope of work.

Some branches of races have been closed in the past which impact in other areas later on. Council are aware of this and now take this into consideration within the revised document.

Page 5 – Proposed funding. Is this in line with current policy? Water Services Manager will confirm this – may need to 'general' rate rather than 'stockwater' rate.

Page 8 – Threshold of \$15,000. Where did this figure come from? Looked at the current figure of \$10,000 and the date it was used from – checked it against CPI and came up with \$13,310 and then this figure was rounded to \$15,000.

Discussion on how minimum charge for stockwater is \$42.40 per year – this figure should be more - \$200 to \$500 per year. This is a rating or finance policy matter and will be considered when preparing the LTP.

Figure of \$15,000 is agreed but to be reviewed every 3 years in line with LTP.

Page 3 – Keep races to convey surface water in emergency events etc. – How many races does this involve? Up to the Council to decide, not property owners. Should the policy be looked at again at LTP time? Not part of the LTP process.

Do councillors want this point taken out? No – needed for emergency use only.

P14 – Appendix E – Time frames. Good time frames – are they statutory time frames or Council ones? Council ones. Significant closures will take a much longer time.

Operations Manager asked are race closures a priority for councillors? How important are they to them?

Mayor responded that when Council creates a policy, the Chief Executive is responsible to ensure the work is undertaken and worked within policy. Not up to councillors to tell staff what priorities are – Operations Manager will speak to Chief Executive.

## Recommendations to Operations Committee

<p><b>That</b> the word 'estimated' be removed from Appendix E of the Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines &amp; Policy Document.</p>
Brown/McKay
<b>Carried</b>

<p><b>That</b> Council adopts the Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines &amp; Policy Document in the amended format.</p>
Leadley/Totty
<b>Carried</b>

## Barrhill Rakaia Stockwater Race – Investigation into Partial Race Closure

Farmers in Barrhill area still want race to be closed – Rakaia Settlement residents still want to keep race.

Cr Brown asked why the Mitcham Road option (a partial closure option) had not been looked at. Water Services Manager replied that it was investigated but discounted due to levels. Cr Brown felt it should have still been in the report.

Option recommended in report (put new race on road reserve) will solve the problems from both sides but is expensive at over \$200,000.

Cr Brown suggested the best option is to start the process again with revised Policy but a commissioner needs to be involved.

Operations Manager suggested that it may end up in the Environmental Court as people feel strongly about this race closure, but that it was probably the fairest option.

Cr Nelson suggested Council get on with the recommended option and it will be over and done with.

Cr Brown questioned if Council would need to consult with affected land owners, where the new race would go? Yes. Race to be cut onto road reserve will be properly constructed to avoid erosion, hence the expense.

Where is the money going to come from?

Take back to the farmers directly affected, who are in support of the closure, show them the plans and say they can do it but have to pay. Council will pay for the design and plans.

### Recommendation to Operations Committee

**That** the Committee, for the purposes of discussions/negotiations, approves the realignment of the stockwater race onto Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road and approves discussions/negotiations with the primary beneficiaries of the partial race closure with a view to seeking the funding of the physical works by the landowners identified in area.

Brown/Nelson

**Carried**

Cr Brown left meeting at 10.05am.

What if one farmer does not agree to pay? Other option is to start process again.

Letter to be drafted and circulated to councillors prior to posting out. Letter to be out by next Friday.

### Business transacted with the public excluded (10.08)

**That** the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>Item no</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</b>	
3	Mayfield Water Supply Upgrade <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Property matters</li></ul>	Section 7(2)(i)	Conduct of negotiations

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

The meeting concluded at 11.00 am.