



# Ashburton District Council

## AGENDA

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

**Date:** Thursday 23 April 2009

**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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17 April 2009

## ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

**FILE NO:** 5/1/8/2  
**DATE:** 23 April 2009  
**REPORT TO:** Operations Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

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### 5. ROAD CLOSURE – ASHBURTON CAR CLUB

#### 5.1 SUMMARY

To recommend the temporary closure of roads in Ashburton, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Street Sprint meeting.

#### 5.2 RECOMMENDATION

“That the following roads be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 8.00 pm on Friday 8 May 2009 to 8.00 pm on Sunday 10 May 2009, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Street Sprint meeting

Smallbone Drive, from River Terrace to Robinson Street  
Robinson Street, from Smallbone Drive to McNally Street  
Watson Street, from Range Street to Robinson Street  
McNally Street, from Range Street to the end of the street.”

#### 5.3 BACKGROUND

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

- Smallbone Drive, from River Terrace to Robinson Street
- Robinson Street, from Smallbone Drive to McNally Street
- Watson Street, from Range Street to Robinson Street
- McNally Street, from Range Street to the end of the Street

This application must be considered by Council under Paragraph 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, because the length of time the road is required to be closed, exceeds that provided for under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, namely no more than 12 hours in any 24 hours period.

New Zealand Motorsport, of which the Ashburton Car Club is a member, also requires roads to be closed for motor sport events under the Local Government Act, as event participants may be under 15 years of age.

The Ashburton Car Club has advised the following:

- That security guards will be employed each night and relieved by safety marshals during the days to maintain safety in the area throughout the closure period.
- Businesses in the area of the road closure will be contacted and permitted access upon providing suitable identification. The longest delay in access to the area would be five minutes, while a competitor is on the circuit.

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

1. Approval by this Committee.
2. No objections being upheld against the closure in response to the statutory advertisement.
3. Arrangements are to be made for a pre-event and post-event inspection with a representative from the Council's Operations Department. The inspections are to be completed within three days of the event and results of the inspections will be recorded by Council.
4. The road must be reinstated to the condition prior to the event. Any costs incurred by the Council as a result of this event, including maintenance costs or reinstatement costs, will be charged to the Ashburton Car Club. Any restoration work required is to be carried out to an arranged programme with Council.
5. Necessary arrangements are made for the tidying and clearing of the road on the closed section of the road and the disposal of any litter.
6. The Ashburton Car Club is required to arrange adequate insurance against its liability to pay damages to any person or entity in respect of any claim on account of damage to property or injury to persons where the damage or injury results from the holding of this event.
7. In order for ordinary vehicular traffic to access the Resource Recovery Park during the event provisions need to be made for the unformed road at the end of Dobson Street West to be used. Council has obtained permission from Environment Canterbury for use of this unformed road; however the Ashburton Car Club will be responsible for ensuring its suitability for use by normal traffic prior to any closure of any other Council road. The Club will furthermore be responsible for any and all maintenance work required, before, during or after the event, to ensure this road remains safe and trafficable at all times.
8. Necessary arrangements are made for the tidying and clearing of the road on the closed section of the road and the disposal of any litter.
9. The Ashburton Car Club is required to arrange adequate insurance against its liability to pay damages to any person or entity in respect of any claim on account of damage to property or injury to persons where the damage or injury results from the holding of this event.
10. Provision of a Traffic Management Plan, conforming with the requirements of the Transit NZ Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (I have received and it is awaiting approval)
11. The Ashburton Car Club shall be responsible to ensure that the correct road signs and barricades are in place during the full period of the closure and promptly removed after the conclusion and clearance of the road.
12. The Ashburton Car Club is required to provide adequate safety marshals in distinctive clothing for the event.
13. Should weather conditions become sufficiently adverse that the road could be damaged as a result of holding the event the organisers shall take the necessary steps to protect the road. This may include delaying or cancelling the event.

#### **5.4 OPTIONS & RISKS CONSIDERED**

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

#### **5.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

#### **5.6 CONSULTATION**

The proposed road closure has been publicly notified in the Ashburton Guardian on Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 28 March 2009 and objections called for by 4.00 pm Tuesday 14 April, 2009. One objection was received and has since been withdrawn. The Car Club has the support of the Ashburton Police for the event in its present format.

#### **5.7 STRATEGIC LINKS**

Not applicable.

#### **5.8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

#### **Prepared By:**

V PRENDERGAST  
Community Services Officer

#### **Approved by:**

J G ROLLINSON  
Manager Democracy & Community Services

## 6. ACTIVITY REPORTS

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### 6.1 GENERAL

#### 6.1.1 Financial Reports

Financial reports for the period 1 July to 28 February 2009, are attached to this report.

**Pages 31-43**

#### 6.1.2 Ashburton Business Estate

- **Professional Services**

Design work is now substantially complete. Negotiations with our professional service provider to construct the external wastewater pipeline will be complete by 30 April.

- **Financial Summary**

Professional services

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| - quoted contract                | \$1,800,000 |
| - forecast final expenditure     | \$1,859,400 |
| - forecast unfavourable variance | \$ 59,400   |

- **Stormwater consent applications**

As advised to the 12 March meeting all draft conditions were “signed off” and forwarded to ECan. The stormwater consent was issued non-notified, however the consent issued did not include a review clause in the consent conditions as agreed. This omission has been discussed with ECan’s legal staff and an “objection” in accordance with Section 357 of the RMA has been lodged with ECan.

ECan’s legal staff have verbally advised that there should be no issues regarding reinstating the deleted condition.

This is the same issue as we encountered with the Rakaia water supply consent conditions where changes to agreed draft conditions were made without consultation and discussion.

- **Works Road Re-alignment**

A draft sale and purchase agreement has been prepared for the purchase of additional land to improve the alignment of Works Road at the entrance into the business estate. The draft has been circulated to the Project Board and project team members prior to commencing the formal process. The land owner has provided approval for work to continue while the purchase is formalised. We have agreed that no physical work will commence until the purchase is finalised.

- **Upgrading of SH1 intersections with Works Road and Northpark Road**

Work on the above intersection upgrades has commenced. Work is programmed for completion within the contract duration period.

- **Landscaping**

Discussions have been held with the Parks Manager regarding plant and tree species to be used in the landscaping of the business estate.

- **Structure Plan and Subdivision Consent**

The Structure Plan and Subdivision Consent applications will be lodged shortly and will include the final revised rail footprint. Noise assessment work has confirmed that this footprint will result in a slight reduction in noise effects.

### **6.1.3 Rakaia water supply**

A notice of appeal was lodged with the Environment Court regarding a changed condition. Documentation has been received amending the condition in line with that agreed as part of the consenting process. It is therefore not necessary for mediation or a hearing at the Environment Court.

### **6.1.4 Trade Waste Bylaw implementation**

The implementation of the Trade Waste Bylaw is progressing well, as at 16 April 345 of 568 registrations had been received with registrations averaging 10 to 15 per day.

A meeting requested by businesses in Methven was attended by the Operations Manager and Trade Waste Officer on Monday 6 April. The meeting went well from Council's point of view. A significant number of registration forms have been received from Methven businesses since the meeting.

### **6.1.5 Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan**

Council presented evidence to the hearing panel as part of the proposed NRRP process on Monday 30 March.

Five witnesses were programmed to present evidence, however only two witnesses were heard because of time constraints.

The hearing panel adjourned our evidence and advised that they would be requesting further information from ECan officers.

Council has been requested to provide information on flows from our main intakes and the quantities applied for in our consent replacements.

The hearing will be reconvened on 22 May (tentative date) when the three remaining expert witnesses will be heard and the additional information presented.

### **6.1.6 Cleanfill and Building and Demolition material disposal**

A well attended meeting with builders and contractors was held on Monday 23 March to discuss the disposal of cleanfill and building and demolition material.

From the meeting it appeared that businesses:

- Have a means of disposing of this material
- Acknowledge that it has potential to become a more significant issue
- Would like to see Council more involved but cost is an issue
- Would like to see some further investigation at an appropriate level to look at options
- Appreciated the complexities of statutory processes regarding consenting etc

At the meeting it was agreed that some further work would be done on options and the results of this work will be provided to meeting attendees and further discussions held.

The timeframe for the distribution of the information is the end of May.

### **6.1.7 Willowby Rural Fire Force incident**

A joint investigation into the incident that occurred on Wednesday 8 April will be carried out by the National Rural Fire Authority, NZ Fire Services and Council. Council's representative on the investigation team will be the Operations Manager.

## **6.2 ROADING**

### **6.2.1 State Highway Work 2008/2009**

Work is continuing on the Area Wide Pavement Treatment on SH 1 at Laings Road. The AWPT on SH 77 at Wakelins Road has been completed.

Work is also underway on the second stage of the seal widening and other improvements on SH 1 in Hinds.

### **6.2.3 Crash reports**

A record of crashes that have occurred in Ashburton district on state highways and local roads since last report is appended. **Pages 44-46**

### **6.2.4 General maintenance**

Significant maintenance activities undertaken since the last report have been:

1. Pavement repairs – digouts – on Fords Road, Longbeach Road, Lismore Mayfield Road, Mayfield Valetta Road, Maronan Road and Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road
2. Clearing detritus from rural intersections
3. Repairs to an expansion joint on Bridge 2 on Anama School Road
4. Cattlestop repairs on Double Hill Run Road
5. Maintenance Metalling of nominated unsealed roads

In an endeavour to maintain sources for maintenance metal and other roading aggregates, considerable effort is being put into the designation of existing and new gravel pits for inclusion in the new District Plan. As well as designations for gravel extraction, some pits will be designated for disposal of clean-fill, for storage of roading and construction materials and for stormwater disposal. Because of the shortage of suitable, consented pits in the past, additional costs have been incurred in several construction contracts and additional wear and tear has occurred to the district's roading network through the contractors' trucks travelling over a greater length of the network to access metal. In the maintenance contracts alone, the lack of available designated pits in some areas has resulted in increased cost. By ensuring that an adequate number of existing pit sites, whether open or not, are designated for these purposes in the new district plans will result in a significant cost saving on Council roading work, and utility renewal work.

### **6.2.5 Sealed Road Rehabilitation**

Work has commenced on Contract C555 – Sealed Road Rehabilitation. The first sections to be worked on will be on Ashburton Staveley Road.

Now that we are aware of the final costs of resealing work, additional lengths of sealed roads are being considered for rehabilitation. It is most likely that at least one section of Ealing Road between SH 1 and Boundary Road will be able to be rehabilitated within the current budget.

An overlay is also being undertaken on Bremners Road between Seafield Road and Malcolm McDowell Avenue.

### **6.2.6 Major drainage control**

Contract C552 – New and Replacement Kerb and Channel, 2008/09 is almost complete with Ashburton Contracting Ltd only having minor reinstatement work to complete.

### **6.2.7 Reseals of district roads**

Contract C550 – Reseals and Pre-seal Repairs, 2008/09. Work has been completed on the sections of road to be sealed in this contract. Even with significant delays because of weather and problems with bitumen supplies, the work was completed close to the original completion date.

This contract is now in the maintenance period.

### **6.2.8 Bridges**

Tenders are being negotiated for the upgrading of Bridge No 65A on Ocean View Road between Brogdens Road and Crows Road. Because of the low estimated total cost of this work, the tender process can be by expedited procedures, and negotiations carried out with a suitable contractor.

### **6.2.9 Street cleaning**

Routine cleaning of urban streets, channels, sumps and siphons continues with increased importance placed on ensuring sump grates are kept clear to minimise flooding in urban areas. Additional resources have also begun the seasonal cleaning required to clear the streets of leaves. This will be ongoing for a period of approximately 2 months.

### **6.2.10 Traffic services**

Routine maintenance of road signs and traffic services continues throughout the district with the replacement of some faded regulatory signs. While the cost of signs maintenance is currently high, there is no indication that there is an increase in the amount of wilful damage of signs as has been the case in the past. It is likely that that some signs, fittings and posts are failing following strong winds earlier in the year. There does seem to be a lot of sign damage caused by trucks and/or trailers and large agricultural equipment tracking around intersections. Very little of this damage is reported by the persons responsible so we are not able to recover costs.

Contract C556 – Pavement Marking Maintenance 2009 – 2012, is currently being prepared and is expected to go to tender within the next two weeks.

### **6.2.11 Carriageway lighting**

Maintenance of the district's street lights continues to be carried out by Electricity Ashburton. This work covers regular and routine inspections and checks, and attendance to lamp maintenance requests. No significant issues have been reported since the previous report.

Undergrounding is virtually complete on Oxford Street, Nelson Street and Middle Road in Ashburton and Buccleugh and Heron Streets in Mt Somers. Undergrounding work on the eastern end of Racecourse Road will be completed by the end of June 2009.

### **6.2.12 Minor improvements**

Minor improvement projects still to be completed for this financial year are:

- a. Sealing approaches to several unsealed rural intersections
- b. Allens Road / Middle Road intersection upgrade
- c. Lismore Mayfield Road / Mayfield Klondyke Road / Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road intersection upgrade

- d. East Street / Wills Street, intersection upgrade
- e. Walnut Avenue at the Ashburton College, traffic calming / pedestrian bulges and refuge
- f. Elizabeth Avenue at West Town Belt in Rakaia traffic calming
- g. Methven Chertsey Rd/Line Rd intersection channelisation.

#### **6.2.13 New cycleway**

The bulk of the construction of the new cycle path through the West Street car park and associated modifications to the car park, will now be undertaken in 2009/2010. Consultation on this plan will be completed and relevant outcomes from this will be included in the design before any physical work commences.

#### **6.2.14 New kerb & channel and footpaths**

Contract C552 – New and Replacement Kerb and Channel, 2008/09. The Contractor has completed the construction of all new kerb and channel in Ashburton, Mt Somers, Chertsey, Hinds and is currently finishing this work in Rakaia. New footpaths have been completed in Ashburton, Methven, Hinds and Chertsey.

#### **6.2.15 Footpath maintenance**

Ongoing routine maintenance and cleaning of the urban footpaths continues. A significant amount of levelling work has been carried out recently to repair footpaths damaged by tree roots, both in residential areas and in the Ashburton CBD.

Contract C551 – Footpath Resurfacing, 2008/09. Fulton Hogan Ltd has completed approximately 85% of the scheduled resurfacing in Ashburton township and has completed work in Methven, Rakaia, Chertsey and Fairton.

#### **6.2.16 Trees Shading Roads**

During December 2008, a total of 270 letters were sent out to owners of properties which had trees, hedges or shelter belts growing on the northern sides of some of the district's sealed roads. The letters outlined Council's policy regarding trees shading roads during winter and also trees and vegetation affecting visibility at intersections. Approximately 45% of the recipients have responded, most wanting clarification as to what they need to do, confirming that their trees had been trimmed or that a contractor had been engaged to carry out the work prior to winter.

Approximately 50% of the letters were sent to advise the property owners that they would be required to monitor their trees in future, even though no action was required at present.

Site visits with some owners have been carried out and most sites on the schedule will be revisited in winter to ensure compliance.

#### **6.2.17 Minor township maintenance contracts**

Normal seasonal operations are underway for the Rakaia and Methven contracts. The contractors have been occupied with keeping drainage systems clear to ensure flooding does not cause problems in the respective townships.

#### **6.2.18 Public conveniences**

Ongoing maintenance of the district's public conveniences continues. Some damage occurred at the Rakaia public conveniences on Thursday 16 April 2009 when a fire was deliberately lit inside one unit. The offenders are believed to have been identified and are being interviewed by the Police. The damage was minimal.

The contract for the installation or upgrading of toilets at Lake Hood, Tinwald Domain, Methven and Rakaia has been awarded and work is due to commence shortly. Access for the new building at Lake Hood is being finalised with the Ashburton Aquatic Park Trust.

## **6.3 WATER SUPPLIES**

### **6.3.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### **6.3.2 AM-AH10 – water pipeline renewals, Ashburton & Methven 2008/09**

This contract covers the renewal of 1382m of water mains and construction of 724m of rider mains in Ashburton and Methven.

All pipe laying, testing and reinstatement work has been completed on the various sites in Ashburton and Methven. A few final outstanding reinstatement items are to be completed on or about 17 April. The forecast completion date for the contract is 17 April 2009.

### **6.3.4 Ashburton**

#### **Ashburton Upgrade - Tinwald Borefield**

The well drilling contractor has drilled to 162 metres. A water bearing zone was encountered around 145m. The bore was screened at 141.5 & 147.5m and developed. The useable yield has been determined at 9 litres / second. This compares unfavourably with the yield determined at the first site at George Glassey Park of 15 litres / second and the minimum useable target yield of 30-40 L/s. Options on a way forward for the project will be developed and placed before the Water subcommittee as soon as possible. It is proposed in the meantime to withdraw and recover the smaller diameter casing to obtain a part refund on the casing cost. It is unlikely that the larger diameter casing can be recovered.

#### **Contractor Bulk Filling Point**

The proposed sites for the bulk filling points have been confirmed. The facilities have been located near where contractors have typically accessed hydrants in the past. Prices for the installation of the units are being reviewed at present. The physical connection for the filling point at Bremners Road is to be brought forward to allow coordination with road works in the area.

### **6.3.5 Fairton**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

The well drillers commenced drilling on 16 April 2009. Consultation with the neighbouring Fairton Primary School was carried out on 2 April. The school were looking at including the bore drilling operation as a school project. Design on the upgrade works is proceeding and information on the upgrade is being finalised for distribution to the community.

### **6.3.5 Hakatere**

#### **Capital Assistance Programme Application**

As part of the 2009/19 LTCCP, additional water supply investigations and upgrade works are proposed in preparation for the scheme to comply with drinking water standards. In order to reduce the cost implications of this work to the community, it has been decided to explore funding assistance through the MOH CAP fund.

An application for funding has been prepared including the associated Public Health Risk Management Plan. The latter document was approved by the Community and Public Health on the 25 March and the completed application subsequently lodged on 27 March. The outcome of the funding application will not be known until August or September this year.

### **6.3.7 Mayfield**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

Negotiations have been completed with Filtec in regard to the pilot trial of a membrane filtration unit. As indicated previously, the hire costs of the unit have been waived as a result of our preferred service provider relationship with the company. The trial will be managed by students from University of Canterbury with staff from Opus and Montgomery Watson Harza providing free support and oversight to the students. The trial plant is in place now and operating. No results on water quality are available at this point.

Consultation information was sent to the community on 20 March 2009. A copy of the material was faxed to councillors on 23/03/09. A meeting was also held on 15 April with representatives of the Mayfield Citizens Group to discuss the proposed upgrade.

### **6.3.8 Mt Somers**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

This bore was drilled to 29 metres. The casing was partially withdrawn and the bore screened at 13-18 metres. Early indications of yield from the bore were promising but pump testing shows the yield at ~1.0 litres/second. It was originally intended that if sufficient water could be found then reliance on the relatively shallow infiltration gallery could be reduced. It is now proposed to utilise both bores (new bore & the ex Acland bore) in the intake area as emergency supplies.

Water quality analysis of the water from the new bore has been completed by the laboratory and the results of this analysis are expected to be received shortly.

### **6.3.9 Rakaia**

#### **Water Supply Upgrade**

The physical works tender was the subject of a standalone report to Council on 9 April 2009. The contract was awarded to Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of \$872,699.20 excluding GST. The contract commencement date is 28 April 2009.

A project update letter has been prepared and sent out to the ratepayers on the supply advising of the impending start date.

## **6.4 WASTEWATER**

### **6.4.1 General**

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### **6.4.2 AM-AH11 – sewer pipeline renewals – Ashburton & Methven 2008/09**

This contract covers the renewal of 1042m of sewer mains in Ashburton and Methven. All pipe-laying, testing and reinstatement work in Dolma Street, Anzac Lane and Kermodie/Park Streets has been completed. Pipe-laying and testing has been completed on South Street with trench sealing expected to be complete on or about 16 April. The due date for contract completion has been extended to 29 April to enable a condition investigation (CCTV) of the sewers in Grove Street to be undertaken.

### **6.4.3 Ashburton**

#### **Ashburton WWTP Facilities**

The minor timber bridging over the weirs within the Ocean Farm wetland area have been constructed. These bridges provide improved access for mowing and light maintenance equipment. An all-weather vehicle access track is to be formed adjacent to the southern and eastern sides of the wetland. This is to provide improved access for contractors and monitoring staff.

An irrigation bore is to be drilled at Ocean Farm as part of the original design to provide water for augmentation of irrigation when the effluent flows are reduced, typically during the summer months. Resource consent for the bore and the abstraction has been secured previously.

The latter has a lapsing date of 30 June 2009 i.e. water must be first utilised prior to lapsing date. Bore drilling is expected to commence within the next few weeks.

The fencing contractor is due to recommence work on the remainder of the fencing on or about 9 March. There is approximately 3km of internal fencing still to be completed.

Approximately 600 lambs arrived at Ocean Farm on 15 April for grazing for several weeks.

### **6.4.4 Ocean Farm open day**

The public open day at Ocean Farm was held on Saturday 4 April. Approximately 70 members of the public were given a guided tour through the wetland facility. Comments from the public were very positive regarding the overall project and the birdlife at the wetland.

### **6.4.5 WW-AG10 Removal of standing grass at Ocean Farm**

This contract covers the removal (sale) of standing grass at Ocean Farm. To date all blocks have had two cuts harvested, Blocks A, B, D, E, F, I, K & M have had a third cut and Blocks C & G are zoned off to receive their third cut on 16 April 2009.

### **6.4.7 Rakaia**

#### **Sludge Disposal**

The sludge disposal system is still being investigated for possible improvements to address recent compliance issues. Under the resource consent conditions, the volume of sludge disposed to the forestry block must remain below set volume limits.

A new meter has recently been installed on the sludge line from the plant. The new meter is expected to provide very accurate measurements of the sludge being disposed to the forestry block. The next improvement to be made to the sludge disposal system will involve installing pipe work to enable sludge from the secondary clarifier to be pumped back into the primary clarifier which will reduce the total volume of sludge discharged to the forestry block.

Given that it may take a few months to progress the improvement works, agreement was sought from ECan monitoring staff on a “period of grace” to allow time for the changes to be made. On 3 April, confirmation was received of ECan’s acceptance of this arrangement and Council has been given until the end of August to make the changes proposed and improve the areas of non-compliance.

## 6.5 STORMWATER

### 6.5.1 General

The schemes are operating satisfactorily.

### 6.5.2 Ashburton Urban Stormwater Strategy

Work is about to commence on the preliminary consultation with key stakeholders. Stakeholder include: Iwi; Fish & Game; Environment Canterbury; Department of Conservation; Local Community Group; Developers; & other Council departments.

## 6.6 STOCKWATER

### 6.6.1 Network

The network is returning to normal operation after an extended period of low flows during the summer months and problems during the last reporting period due to intake washouts due to rain events in the foothills.

Discussions have taken place with water ranger staff regarding the importance of strict Bylaw Enforcement. It is intended to place a high level of focus in this area from this point on.

### 6.6.2 Race applications / closures

Since 1 July 2008, a total of 43 applications have been received. One application is awaiting further information, one application has been declined and the remainder have been approved.

The reason for the declined application was that the race was required to convey the flow of water to service the area further down the race and beyond the Hinds Township.

The length of race closed since 1 July 2008 is 35,861 metres.

## 6.7 SOLID WASTE

### 6.7.1 Residual waste management at Ashburton resource recovery park

Operation of the residual waste management contract at the Ashburton RRP is proceeding satisfactorily. The trend towards increased residual waste this financial year continues. For the nine months to March 2009, 6,883 tonnes of residual waste were transported to Kate Valley. The quantity of residual waste for the nine months to March this financial year is 851 tonnes more than the previous financial year. This is a 14% increase. Most of the increase is due to unsorted construction and demolition quantities being disposed of as residual waste.

| <b>Tonnes of Materials Recovered from the Residual Waste Disposal Area 2008/09</b> |      |                  |      |
|--|------|------------------|------|
| <b>August</b>  | 4.24 | <b>September</b> | 5.34 |
| <b>October</b>   | 6.94 | <b>November</b>  | 3.96 |
| <b>December</b>  | 6.04 | <b>January</b>   | 2.76 |
| <b>February</b>  | 3.66 | <b>March</b>     | 3.8  |

### 6.7.2 Green waste, construction & demolition waste management at Ashburton resource recovery park 2008/ 2009

| Month     | Vehicles with Green waste | Vehicles with Demolition Materials | Total Vehicles | Green waste m <sup>3</sup> |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| August    | 832                       | 81                                 | 913            | 168.75                     |
| September | 1262                      | 96                                 | 1358           | 562.50                     |
| October   | 1189                      | 79                                 | 1268           | 438.75                     |
| November  | 1532                      | 94                                 | 1626           | 848.27                     |
| December  | 1452                      | 69                                 | 1521           | 483.5                      |
| January   | 1626                      | 93                                 | 1719           | 549.0                      |
| February  | 1223                      | 68                                 | 1291           | 387                        |
| March     | 1657                      | 27                                 | 1680           | 268.5                      |

Traffic levels dropped in February but increased again in March. The green waste and demolition waste contract is operating satisfactorily.

### 6.7.3 Refuse and recycling collection

The kerbside recycling and refuse collection contract is operating satisfactorily. The quantity of residual waste and recycling materials collected from kerbside are within normal limits. Figures are indicated on the table below:

| All Areas in 2008/09 | Kerbside - tonnes | Litter Bins - tonnes | Total Residual Waste- tonnes | Recycling - tonnes |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| August               | 152.80            | 8.64                 | 161.44                       | 105.97             |
| September            | 172.10            | 5.78                 | 177.88                       | 120.02             |
| October              | 170.74            | 7.04                 | 177.78                       | 126.26             |
| November             | 154.60            | 4.52                 | 159.12                       | 110.16             |
| December             | 182.16            | 8.52                 | 190.68                       | 139.25             |
| January              | 197.47            | 11.18                | 208.65                       | 113.44             |
| February             | 156.3             | 7.72                 | 164.02                       | 106.34             |
| March                | 175.14            | 5.16                 | 180.3                        | 107.72             |

### 6.7.4 Waste minimisation

| Tonnes of Recyclable Materials Processed | 2007/08 - tonnes | 2008/09 - tonnes |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| August                                   | 288.4            | 303.7            |
| September                                | 324.1            | 409.6            |
| October                                  | 313.7            | 351.5            |
| November                                 | 371.1            | 365.9            |
| December                                 | 400.4            | 340.8            |
| January                                  | 331.4            | 420.2            |
| February                                 | 357.4            | 376.4            |
| March                                    | 332.3            | 417.3            |

Quantity of recyclables processed is consistent and steady.

Recycling materials transported off site are shown on the attachment.

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### 6.7.5 Domestic hazardous waste drop off at Ashburton Resource Recovery Park

The service is operating well.

### 6.7.6 Current issues

- Markets for the district's quality recycled products still exist despite the economic downturn.
- The glass stock-pile is now cleared with 600 tonne sent the glass manufacturer in Auckland for recycling.

### 6.7.7 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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### 6.7.8 Management of waste processing sites

- **Ashburton resource recovery park**

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

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

| <b>Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley From Methven</b> | <b>2007/08<br/>- tonnes</b> | <b>2008/09<br/>- tonnes</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>August</b>   | 12.46                       | 12.41                       |
| <b>September</b>  | 12.39                       | 15.11                       |
| <b>October</b>  | 14.75                       | 12.69                       |
| <b>November</b>   | 12.26                       | 11.78                       |
| <b>December</b>   | 15.42                       | 15.51                       |
| <b>January</b>  | 28.59                       | 12.56                       |
| <b>February</b>   | 13.23                       | 13.14                       |
| <b>March</b>  | 15.85                       | 13.39                       |

Quantities for the months during 2008/09 are relatively level and stable.

Figures relating to use of the clean fill and green waste disposal site at Vaughan's Road are shown in this table:

| <b>Vehicle numbers at Vaughan's Rd green waste drop off</b> | <b>2007/08</b> | <b>2008/09</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>August</b>   | 11             | 8              |
| <b>September</b>  | 22             | 13             |
| <b>October</b>  | 27             | 36             |
| <b>November</b>   | 33             | 34             |
| <b>December</b>   | 46             | 29             |
| <b>January</b>  | 22             | 56             |
| <b>February</b>   | 21             | 19             |
| <b>March</b>  | 26             | 26             |

Activity during February and March 2009 is relatively level with the corresponding months of 2008.

### 6.7.9 Collection of unwanted farm chemicals

Additional funding is available from Environment Canterbury so more farms are being canvassed for unwanted agricultural chemicals. A second collection is expected in early May.

### 6.7.10 Rakaia Resource Recovery Park

This contract is operating satisfactorily.

| <b>Tonnes of residual waste transported to Kate Valley from Rakaia</b> | <b>2007/08<br/>- tonnes</b> | <b>2008/09<br/>- tonnes</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>August</b>  | 30.8                        | 26.8                        |
| <b>September</b>   | 30.7                        | 13.58                       |
| <b>October</b>   | 22.62                       | 25.68                       |
| <b>November</b>  | 20.72                       | 23.59                       |
| <b>December</b>  | 17.07                       | 26.03                       |
| <b>January</b>   | 12.73                       | 22.6                        |
| <b>February</b>  | 23.14                       | 23.0                        |
| <b>March</b>   | 16.8                        | 11.07                       |

### 6.7.11 Construction and demolition material disposal

A meeting was held with interested parties on 23 March 2009, to co-ordinate the disposal of construction and demolition waste. There were 31 persons in attendance in addition to Council staff. Contractors at the meeting viewed the problem as belonging to Council and requested that Council officers take ownership. Council staff will carry out further investigation and provide it to meeting attendees.

### 6.7.12 Re-useables

In Ashburton there are a number of charity and second hand goods shops and a demolition yard operating. Second hand dealers may take unsaleable items to the Ashburton resource recovery park for resale. At times goods are donated to the Contractor to be on sold.

On average 54 reuseable items are sold per day. Council's Contractor provides this additional service in order to reduce waste to landfill. Reuse may become more important in an economic recession.

Goods are mainly sold locally in order to benefit employment and enterprise in the Ashburton District. Unique items and collectables are displayed in "Funky Junk" and are popular with collectors nation wide. A second hand dealers licence is held by the Contractor to cover the sale of reusables. A copy is held on Council's files.

The Contractor has given written assurance that where re-usable disposal cannot be achieved within thirty days items are disposed of as residual waste. Wherever possible, furniture may be dismantled for the sale of its recyclable components, like foam rubber, metal and timber.

Reuse is an integral part of working together toward zero waste.

## **6.8 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **6.8.1 Fire Season Status**

The restricted fire season over the plains was lifted on 23 February 2009 and an open fire season is currently in force for this area. A restricted fire season remains in force in the hill and high country.

### **6.8.2 Fire Incidents**

Seven incidents have been attended by rural fire parties from the time of the last Committee meeting and up to 16 April 2009, with a breakdown as follows:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Vegetation   | 6 |
| Vehicle fire | 1 |

### **6.8.3 Stubble Escapes**

Three controlled stubble fires have escaped during the summer fire season and required a 111 response. As these have all occurred during an Open Fire Season no action has been taken other than to seek recovery of suppression costs from the farmers concerned.

### **6.8.4 Cost Recovery**

Since the start of the fire year (1 April 2008) fire suppression costs totalling approximately \$16,800 have been recovered from people within the Ashburton District Council Rural Fire Authority jurisdictional area. A further \$3,300 has been recovered from the Department of Conservation for ADC's attendance at a DoC fire near Buicks Bridge on 22 January 2009.

### **6.8.5 New Lauriston Fire Appliance**

The Ashburton District Council took possession of this vehicle on 17 April following completion of its construction in Australia recently. The vehicle has been subsidised on a 2:1 ratio by the National Rural Fire Authority and its addition to Councils fire fighting fleet will add an extra off road 4x4 capability for the district. It is anticipated that it will be deployed throughout the district as and when needed.

### **6.8.6 Mt Somers Rural Fire Force 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The Mt Somers Volunteer Rural Fire Force celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year of existence on 5<sup>th</sup> April with the Mayor officially opening the new fire shed and at the same time the keys to the new tanker were officially handed to the fire force. Approximately 50 past and present members and partners and other invited guests attended what was a most successful afternoon.

### **6.8.7 Canterbury CDEM Group Controllers Visit**

The Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Controller, the Canterbury CDEM Group Manager and the Regional Coordinator – Southern, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management visited Ashburton on 19 April. This is an annual event to discuss local and Group issues. The Chair Emergency Management Sub Committee, Chief Executive, Operations Manager and the Emergency Management Officer attended the meeting.

### **6.8.8 CD Booklet**

Most residences within Ashburton District recently had delivered to their mail boxes a free comprehensive 'Get Ready Get Thru' booklet covering all aspects of personal and community emergency preparedness, including a household emergency plan template, recommendations for what to have in survival and getaway kits, special information for the sick and vulnerable, and what to do in specific emergencies such as earthquakes, floods, pandemics and storms, and also tips on fire safety.

### **6.8.9 CD Presentation**

The EMO delivered a presentation on community preparedness to a group of 24 people as part of a wider Home and Safety for Older Persons programme being run in Ashburton on 3 April by Age Concern Canterbury.

### **6.8.10 Willowby Rural Fire Force Incident**

Councillors will all be aware of the tragic death of Barry Keen, a volunteer firefighter from Willowby Rural Fire Force at approximately 5.00 am on Wednesday 8 April, while responding to a 111 call to a tree fire on Fords Road.

A Department of Labour investigation is underway and Council will also be conducting an independent investigation jointly with the NRFA and NZFS.

Strong community and industry support is being provided to Barry's family and Willowby VRFF colleagues.

## **6.9 ASHBURTON DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY**

### **6.9.1 Easter Weekend**

An awareness campaign to remind drivers of the dangers of fatigue over the long weekend commenced on 8 April with articles appearing in The Courier and Ashburton Guardian. Radio advertising was also utilised to promote the campaign, and Classic Hits ran a promotion giving away "Safe Driving Packs" which contained water, windscreen cloths, ice scrapers, pens and the like.

### **6.9.2 Mock Crash**

The organising for the Mock Crash that is to be held during Wheels Week is nearly complete. St Johns, the Police and the Fire Brigade are all on board for the demonstration and there are four young adults who will be participating as the victims. They will be on the SADD Committee when it is up and running. Phil Hooper from Classic Hits is to MC the event. Advertising has been placed on Ashburton Online and Ashburton District.com.

### **6.9.3 Wheels Week**

Articles were written for the Ashburton Guardian and the Courier cautioning drivers to be courteous. Advertisements accompanied these articles.

### **6.9.4 Road Safety Coordinator**

The new Road Safety Coordinator has been appointed. Rachael Chapman, who has taken over the position from Ngaire Tinning, commenced on 23 March after transferring from the Finance Department of the Council. She has attended an advertising workshop at NZTA in Wellington and a Road Safety Coordinators meeting at the Selwyn District Council since her appointment.

## 6.10 CONTRACTS AWARDED

Contracts awarded since February 2009

| No.     | Contract  | Contractor                    | Date / Value<br>\$        | N° of Tenders<br>/ Range \$             | Engineer's<br>Estimate |
|---------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------|
| DW-AC11 | Rakaia Water Supply Upgrade   | Ashburton Contracting Limited | 9/4/2009<br>\$872,699.20  | 4<br>\$872,110.00<br>To<br>\$996,135.51 | \$834,620              |
| C553    | Northpark Road / SH 1 Intersection Upgrade  | Fulton Hogan                  | 3/3/2009<br>\$423,171.20  | 3<br>\$423,171.20<br>To<br>\$539,482.50 | \$539,918              |
| C554    | Works Road / SH 1 Intersection Upgrade  | Fulton Hogan                  | 3/3/2009<br>\$236,619     | 3<br>\$236,619<br>To<br>\$283,367.50    | \$323,566              |
| C555    | Sealed Road Rehabilitation – Ashburton District 2008/2009   | GC Smith Contracting          | 12/4/2009<br>\$526,787.60 | 5<br>\$526,787.60<br>to<br>\$940,961.50 | \$809,545              |
| C557    | New Facilities and Refurbishment of Public Toilets, Ashburton District 2008/2009                        | Summerfield Builders Limited  | 9/4/2009<br>\$362,066     | 2<br>\$362,066<br>to<br>\$388,854       | \$310,000              |
| C486    | Provision of Waste Minimisation Services 2005/2008<br><i>(Extended to June 2010)</i>                    | Wastebusters Trust Canterbury | 9/4/2009<br>\$287,262     | N/A                                     | N/A                    |
| C487    | Composting and Construction and Demolition Waste Activities 2005/2008<br><i>(Extended to June 2010)</i> | Wastebusters Trust Canterbury | 9/4/2009<br>\$209,874     | N/A                                     | N/A                    |
| C489    | Hook Truck Hire 2005/2008<br><i>(Extended to June 2010)</i>   | Wilson's Bulk Transport       | 9/4/2009                  | N/A                                     | N/A                    |

## 6.11 CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST REPORTS

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

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## 6.12 METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD

A meeting of the Methven Community Board was held on Monday 6 April 2009. There were no matters requiring the Committee's decision.

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**DATE:** 23 April 2009  
**REPORT TO:** Operations Committee  
**FROM:** Farm Management Subcommittee  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of meeting – 12 March 2009

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### **7. FARM MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Report and Minutes of Meeting – 12 March 2009**

**REPORT and MINUTES** of a meeting of the **FARM MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE** held in Meeting Room 2, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 12 March 2009 commencing at 9.00 am.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Brown, (Chair), J Leadley, P Reveley and K Lowe (from 9.05am)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor B Tasker, J Everest, A Guthrie, P Sanderson and C Drummond

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Farm Manager's Update:**

Mr Sanderson reported on farm activities to date including:

- All blocks having been sown in permanent pasture, 8ha is to be re-sown due to a poor take
- All blocks have been harvested twice this season with a third harvest due to start when the weather is more settled
- The Triticale block has been harvested once and re-sown to permanent
- No dongas have been harvested as yet
- One block has been found to be nitrogen deficient, this has now been fertilised to correct this
- Currently looking into grazing of lambs from mid April through to end of August
- The fencers are currently on site, 19 km completed so far and aiming to be completed by mid April
- Woolshed repairs have been undertaken, clearlite sheets replaced and the floor redone but some roofing iron will also need to be replaced in time
- Planting of shelter belts ongoing
- Ongoing spraying of weeds and gorse
- Plant purchased including tractor, heavy roller and topper.

There was some discussion on how much more fencing was planned, Mr Sanderson advised it was mostly the fencing off of the tops of dongas and bits and pieces left along with the hanging of gates etc. Following a query, Mr Sanderson advised that there was still power to be put around the property which would be run from a mains unit provided it would not have any affect on the pumping system. This would allow easier management of large mobs of grazing lambs.

There was discussion on purchasing some old ewes for grazing around the dongas areas etc but it was decided to leave this for now.

Cr Brown asked about the some of the sprinklers that do not overlap and the quality of grass from the un-watered areas and asked if this was due to the fourth pump being out of service for some time.

Mr Guthrie advised this was a contractual issue which was out the Farm Managers control. He said that he had held discussions with URS regarding this and is not sure if this is a pumping issue or whether it was a pressure set point issue.

URS had advised the fourth pump would be operating again within three weeks and URS had said they believe the circles should touch with some overlap. Cr Brown was concerned about the length of time the pump had not been operating and who was taking responsibility for this outage. Mr Guthrie advised that the pump failure falls under the Rooney's Contracting contract and unfortunately there had been a breakdown in communication with Rooney's & URS thinking each other was arranging the repair of this pump. Mr Guthrie advised that he has discussed with URS an extension of the maintenance period on the pumps until Council is confident the pumps are working properly.

There was discussion on the how well the sprinklers were working; some concern was expressed by Councillors about some areas where there was insufficient overlapping of the circles. Cr Leadley suggested that maybe an irrigation lateral should be installed on the property to help alleviate this issue. Mr Guthrie reiterated that he is aware there are some issues but these were being worked on and the installed system is the most appropriate for the property as had been agreed some time ago.

Mayor O'Malley asked if there were any financial statements available for the farm as he felt these should be provided to Council. It was agreed that these would be prepared in future and provided to the sub-committee.

### **WW-AG10 Removal of standing grass at Ocean Farm**

Mr Guthrie advised there had been two cuts of grass, to date the income received was \$260,000 which had exceeded the budgeted income of \$120,000. Mr Guthrie provided examples of the contractor, Winslow Feeds paperwork showing laboratory results, weighbridge data etc.

He said that while there had been some comments from Councillors regarding the feed quality no Council staff had received any comments or feedback from the contractor. He said that the contractor had known there would be some 'teething' problems initially mostly with the shutting off of sprinkler in the zones to be harvested but believed that these had now been sorted out.

In response to a question on how this could be streamlined, Mr Guthrie advised that it was a complex system and in order to shut down a particular zone, a programme needed to be written to allow this.

Mr Sanderson spoke of the different requirements for different zones spread over the farm saying different programmes had to be written for the various harvest areas due to the different soil types of the farm. Mr Guthrie said that Parklands were responsible for the programming and ACL would not be taking over this programming in their operating contract.

Cr Brown queried how the pricing was set for grazing lambs over the winter period and whether that grazing should be publicly tendered. Mr Guthrie advised that there had been preliminary discussion with last year's grazier and they had indicated they were keen on a long term commitment. They had grazed lambs on Ocean Farm last winter and were interested in doing so again. He said the grazing could be negotiated with this grazier either through a formal contract or MOU on a similar basis to Councils agreements with other contractors eg McMillans Well Drilling. He also advised that once a price proposal had been drawn up, McFarlane Rural Business would undertake a peer review to ensure Council was getting the best price.

There was some discussion on the continuing use of the farm advisor; Mr Guthrie advised that McFarlane's Rural Business were not directly employed by Council. As part of the URS project contract, Mr Sanderson had been discussing the shelter belt planting with McFarlanes. Once the Farm Management Plan had been finalised, McFarlane's would be engaged to carry out a review each year but that would be the extent of their involvement.

There was discussion on the trees that had been planted up to now and how good a take there had been. Mr Sanderson advised that the take had been good except in some of the dry ridge areas which would need to be replanted in time.

Cr Brown queried sprinkler damage during harvest and who had replaced any damaged ones. Mr Sanderson advised that there were some damaged during the first cut but the issues had since been sorted out. He advised that he sprayed each sprinkler and there followed some discussion on how best to carry out this spraying.

### **Ocean Farm Open Day**

Mrs Drummond spoke on the planning being undertaken for the Open Day to be held on Saturday 4 April.

- The facility at Ocean Farm to be open from 10am to 2pm.
- Advertising to be carried out in the local newspapers and Council website.
- Guided tours will be run every half hour and lead by URS staff members. These tours will involve walking around the perimeter of the wetlands.
- Councillors and Council staff will be on site for the duration of the day.
- The ACL marquee will be on site, Council will have a visual display of the steps/process that has been undertaken in the development of both Wilkins Road and Ocean Farm.

### **Rakaia WWTP – pasture management**

Paul Sanderson advised that he had visited the Rakaia WWTP on Monday 9 March with an agricultural contractor and a seed specialist. He advised that the back paddock is due to be cut soon but the pasture was poor quality with lots of weeds and both paddocks are very rough.

He spoke of the two options available for re-grassing with one paddock to be done now and the second paddock in the spring:

#### **Option 1:**

Spray, cultivate, level and drill – this could be done by early April.

#### **Option 2:**

Spray twice and direct drill – this wouldn't be complete until May which will be too late.

It was agreed to go with option 1. Mr Guthrie advised that there is currently no budget allowance for this pasture renewal work to be carried out. Cr Brown suggested that the work be undertaken by running the account into overdraft which will then correct itself once the new pasture is harvested. The Committee agreed with this to allow the pasture renewal to be undertaken as soon as possible.

Mr Sanderson will obtain the necessary quotes for the seed and contractors prior to the work being carried out. He will also have soil tests undertaken this week.

### **Other matters**

Mr Sanderson queried whether Council would be interested in 'gifting' an area of waste land at the bottom end of the farm to some local schools for tree planting etc. Mr Guthrie and Mr Sanderson are to get more information together for the next subcommittee meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 am.

## ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** 23 April 2009  
**REPORT TO:** Operations Committee  
**FROM:** Water Subcommittee  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of meeting – 12 March 2009

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### **8. WATER SUBCOMMITTEE – Report and Minutes of Meeting – 12 March 2009**

**REPORT and MINUTES** of a meeting of the **WATER SUBCOMMITTEE** held in Meeting Room 2, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 12 March 2009, commencing at 10.30 am.

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Leadley (Chair), N Brown, K Lowe, P Reveley, J Everest and B Tasker.  
Also in attendance Mayor B O'Malley, A Guthrie (Water Services Manager), K Chapman (Secretary)  
11am attendance D O'Donnell (Water Ranger), I Mowat (Water Ranger), E Prichard (Water Ranger), B Pitt (Water Ranger), B Marshall (Water Services Contracts Engineer)

#### ***Ashburton Water Supply Upgrade***

##### **2.1 Tinwald Borefield**

Drilled to a depth of 125 metres. Back on site with smaller casing in place in preparation for telescoping. Hoping to start re-drilling today. Mayor O'Malley wanted to know at what stage the decision would be made to stop drilling at this site. Some discussion in the community regarding the site and costs involved. Committee confirmed intention to explore to 155 metres and if no water then abandon site.

##### **2.2 DWSNZ Compliance Requirements – 1 July 2009**

Need to remove the domain bores and replace with deep bores, as part of requirements for drinking water standards. Water standards will not be met if shallow bores in Domain are not disconnected from scheme by 1 July 2009. Water is suitable for drinking but does not reach compliance standards. It was hoped that this would be addressed with the Tinwald bore up and running but as this has been delayed we need to have water coming from some other source. Domain Bore 6 was due to start drilling July 2009 and Bore 7 was due to start drilling 2010. Request for permission to start drilling Domain Bore 6, commencing May 2009.

"That the drilling of a new deep bore in the Ashburton Domain (Bore No. 6) programmed for 2009/2010 be brought forward with a programmed commencement date of May 2009."

Brown/Reveley

**Carried**

#### ***Water Supply Upgrades***

##### **3.1 Rakaia**

Tenders closed last week. Four tenders – these are being evaluated at present. Opus is managing tender process.

### **3.2 Mt Somers**

Waiting for official test results. Verbal notification that results are extremely high in PH levels (eg 'soapy' water and would require treatment). Additional testing has been requested.

### **3.3 Mayfield**

No update at this stage. Pilot trial of equipment from Niltec in the next four weeks. Update to be sent to Mayfield residents next week. Copy to Councillors.

### **3.4 Fairton**

Bore site identified. Similar format will be followed to Rakaia. Will keep community informed.

### **Hakatere**

Public Health Risk Management Plan is currently being reviewed by Canterbury Public Health – will be applying for Cap Funding for Hakatere in March application round.

### **Ashburton Airport**

Council is in process of checking water supply at Ashburton Airport – may require an extension of services to airport at some stage due to increased usage.

The Water rangers and Contracts Engineer (Water Services) attended the meeting at 11am.

### **Stockwater Race Closures**

Target for race closures is normally 100km per year. As from 14 June 2008, this was changed to 50km for the next financial year – passed at the Audit Committee meeting. Will change back to 100km of races to be closed for the financial year from 1 July 2009.

A complaint was received from a property owner who sent in a request for a race to be closed but this did not progress. This was due to race closures being put on hold however this information should have been notified to them at the time – this has now been addressed.

Discussion about water rangers being required to measure properties where races have been altered or closed – this takes up too much time and it was felt that only the race that has been closed should be measured, not the entire property. A Guthrie responded that he felt this was a legal rating requirement but would follow up with the Finance Manager. Rangers would also like to be able to confirm where the races are on the property but actually measure the distance on the computer in the office rather than measure them on site.

"That the Subcommittee supports that stockwater race measurement be limited to the affected stockwater race only, subject to confirmation from Finance Manager regarding rating data requirements."

Tasker/Brown

**Carried**

Closure of stockwater race in Winchmore area was mentioned – this race was already on the list of potential closures.

Discussion on the 'significance' wording in the flow chart – this could be a decision making point. Will ask the Community Planning Manager to check if we need to go through such an involved process.

Rangers asked, "If the property owner won't sign the Form 3, why can't we present them with a Survey form at the same time? This would save time in the longer process."

Suggested the inclusion of wording on Form 3 that this is a ‘Consultation document?’” A Guthrie to check if this is possible within the Special Consultative Procedure/Local Government Act legal requirements.

The Rangers said stockwater races should only have to be measured once, and to be based on measurements provided at time of application by applicant.

Under the Special Consultative Procedure the Subcommittee can make all decisions, therefore saving stockwater race closure decisions having to go through full Council meetings. This may speed up the process.

If submitters come to Subcommittee meeting they can stay on after they have spoken to hear the decision being made then and there, but have no speaking rights.

Cost affective alternative of \$10,000 needs to be reviewed further – suggest a workshop format at a later date. Federated Farmers to be consulted with after we have some solid information for them to work with.

Options could be:

- New threshold figure \$15,000
- Multiple threshold for every parcel of land
- Schedule of thresholds for property land areas, eg sliding scale

Rangers requested that also need to look at a ‘Cleaning Policy’, with the outcome being all stockwater races to be cleaned by 1 December each year. If this is not achieved then the water ranger will make a decision regarding having cleaning done, employing contractors and cost recovery. Cost recovery issues will need to be discussed with Finance Manager.

A Guthrie suggested that this is a significant change to Council policy and may require specific consultation through an Annual Plan process.

### ***Acton Irrigation Proposal***

Prospectus has gone out. Consultants have been approached to do appraisal – this will cost approx. \$20,000. Will need to gather information on sizing of races/culverts etc. Consent has been lodged to change take from different position. Will keep the Subcommittee informed.

Will a raceman be employed? This will be looked at further down the track.

Cr Brown left meeting at 12 noon.

### ***General Business***

Discussion on Barrhill Irrigation Scheme and how stockwater comes into system, especially how ponds are being used for storage.

Lots of piped schemes with pipes going to be put in. Why can’t pipe system be used to transport stockwater if the pipes are in place already?

Consultancy group for stockwater closures? Many farmers don’t require or want stockwater races on their property.

Suggestion that Council put up a sign notifying of water restriction and/or water shortages – both general water and stockwater, similar sign to fire restriction notice boards.

The meeting concluded at 12.20pm.

## RECYCLING MATERIALS TRANSPORTED OFF-SITE TO THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009 INCLUDING TOTALS

| Month                          | Cardbd<br>(tonne) | Paper (t)     | Metal<br>cans (t) | Alum<br>cans<br>(t) | Batt.<br>(t) | Recycl<br>metals<br>(t) | Plastic<br>Film<br>(t) | PET<br>plastic<br>s (t) | HDPE<br>plastic (t) | Glass (t)     | Re-usables (t) | Waste oil<br>(litres) | Totals<br>including<br>oil |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Total 02/3</b>              | 616.50            | 500.90        | 44.38             | 9.821               | 2.99         | 4.992                   |                        | 39.178                  | 22.208              | 302.38        | 66.53          | 7,420                 |                            |
| <b>Total 03/ 4</b>             | 743.74            | 624.67        | 48.42             | 12.63               | 1.745        | 19.129                  |                        | 39.293                  | 28.485              | 416.80        | 174.74         |                       |                            |
| <b>Total 04/05</b>             | 395.459           | 601.708       | 65.478            | 10.939              | 1.819        | 96.993                  |                        | 9.716                   | 29.381              | 475.46        | 181.906        | 3,600                 |                            |
| <b>Total 05/06</b>             | 544.614           | 848.9         | 77.248            | 13.011              | 7.28         | 28.253                  | 45.033                 | 49.81                   | 33.641              | 490.32        | 482.369        | 6,691                 |                            |
| <b>Total 06/07</b>             | 627.067           | 885.153       | 53.043            | 11.598              | 10.56        | 80.162                  | 64.991                 | 43.287                  | 51.788              | 648.65        | 679.59         | 8160                  | <b>3,163.2</b>             |
| <b>Total 07/08</b>             | 680.43            | 988.92        | 63.44             | 11.60               | 10.00        | 179.30                  | 270.30                 | 18.60                   | 8.95                | 817.06        | 923.10         | 7,700                 | <b>3,979.4</b>             |
| <b>Totals from<br/>July 08</b> |                   |               |                   |                     |              |                         |                        |                         |                     |               |                |                       |                            |
| <b>Jul 08</b>                  | 57.62             | 72.54         | 0                 | 1.23                | 0            | 38.236                  | 20.68                  | 0                       | 0                   | 41.04         | 67.046         | 2,100                 | <b>300.4</b>               |
| <b>Aug 08</b>                  | 50.94             | 90.13         | 8.68              | 0.94                | 1.75         | 14.70                   | 22.88                  | 0                       | 0                   | 40.76         | 72.93          | 0                     | <b>303.7</b>               |
| <b>Sep 08</b>                  | 52.28             | 84.14         | 8.00              | 1.13                | 1.00         | 21.536                  | 48.02                  | 0                       | 0                   | 100.76        | 92.714         | 0                     | <b>409.6</b>               |
| <b>Oct 08</b>                  | 71.42             | 97.88         | 7.08              | 0.59                | 0            | 19.391                  | 20.291                 | 0                       | 0                   | 63.42         | 71.39          | 0                     | <b>351.5</b>               |
| <b>Nov 08</b>                  | 73.916            | 81.2          | 3.34              | 1.11                | 1.18         | 12.945                  | 69.046                 | 0                       | 0                   | 59.44         | 61.605         | 2,100                 | <b>365.9</b>               |
| <b>Dec 08</b>                  | 57.22             | 111.34        | 2.54              | 0.78                | 0.695        | 7.96                    | 12.775                 | 0                       | 0                   | 58.1          | 89.386         | 0                     | <b>340.8</b>               |
| <b>Jan 09</b>                  | 76.08             | 87.16         | 0                 | 0.83                | 0            | 0                       | 18.57                  | 0                       | 0                   | 136.88        | 98.154         | 2,500                 | <b>420.2</b>               |
| <b>Feb 09</b>                  | 41.96             | 70.94         | 10.118            | 1.68                | 1.315        | 19.128                  | 41.66                  | 0                       | 0                   | 114.52        | 75.119         | 0                     | <b>376.4</b>               |
| <b>Mar 09</b>                  | 60.36             | 82.24         | 6.616             | 1.13                | 0.995        | 35.007                  | 0                      | 0                       | 0                   | 147.84        | 83.143         | 0                     | <b>417.3</b>               |
| <b>Total 08/09</b>             | <b>541.8</b>      | <b>777.57</b> | <b>46.37</b>      | <b>9.45</b>         | <b>6.93</b>  | <b>168.9</b>            | <b>253.93</b>          | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>            | <b>762.76</b> | <b>711.49</b>  | <b>6,700</b>          | <b>3285.8</b>              |

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

### Residual Waste Volumes – Kate Valley

| <b>Month</b>        | <b>Transported 08/09</b> | <b>Transported 07/08</b> | <b>Transported 06/07</b> | <b>Transported 05/06</b> | <b>Transported 04/05</b> | <b>Transported 03/04</b> | <b>Transported 02/03</b> | <b>Transported 01/02</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>July</b>         | 708                      | 627                      | 611                      | 616                      | 528                      | 532                      | 502                      | 507                      |
| <b>August</b>       | 752                      | 682                      | 680                      | 665                      | 538                      | 536                      | 434                      | 541                      |
| <b>September</b>    | 815                      | 605                      | 605                      | 581                      | 615                      | 600                      | 499                      | 480                      |
| <b>October</b>      | 759                      | 691                      | 652                      | 586                      | 618                      | 637                      | 522                      | 568                      |
| <b>November</b>     | 774                      | 693                      | 696                      | 649                      | 701                      | 606                      | 529                      | 678                      |
| <b>December</b>     | 876                      | 626                      | 696                      | 716                      | 722                      | 693                      | 628                      | 656                      |
| <b>January</b>      | 733                      | 746                      | 713                      | 619                      | 670                      | 621                      | 554                      | 781                      |
| <b>February</b>     | 685                      | 695                      | 610                      | 627                      | 602                      | 640                      | 558                      | 589                      |
| <b>March</b>        | 781                      | 667                      | 718                      | 668                      | 670                      | 675                      | 554                      | 573                      |
| <b>April</b>        |                          | 684                      | 618                      | 562                      | 668                      | 595                      | 579                      | 566                      |
| <b>May</b>          |                          | 691                      | 721                      | 690                      | 677                      | 582                      | 565                      | 567                      |
| <b>June</b>         |                          | 648                      | 576                      | 558                      | 600                      | 525                      | 499                      | 486                      |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>6,883</b>             | <b>8,056</b>             | <b>7,895</b>             | <b>7,537</b>             | <b>7,609</b>             | <b>7,242</b>             | <b>6,423</b>             | <b>6,992</b>             |

|  |                  |                     |
|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Budget for contracts 2008/09                           | \$865,654        | 8,146 tonnes        |
| Contract to March 2009 (transport and disposal)        | \$883,927        | 6,883 tonnes        |
| <b>Projected expenditure and tonnages 30 June 2009</b> | <b>\$966,586</b> | <b>9,177 tonnes</b> |
| <b>Unfavourable variance from budget</b>               | <b>\$100,932</b> | <b>1,031 tonnes</b> |

This variance is offset in part by an increase in ARRP revenue from increased fees on extra quantities.