

Welcome to Mahi

THIS is the first edition of a regular update to Councillors, keeping them in the loop about day-to-day happenings and work by Council staff.

There's a lot of business-as-usual Council activity that doesn't make it into the newspaper or agendas, but that Councillors may be asked about, or will be interested in.

Mahi is designed to be an easy-to-read way for staff to keep Councillors informed of what's happening work-wise right now and what's coming up.



Clifton installation a New Zealand first



CONTRACTORS will over the next two weeks be installing the new cover on digester 2 at the Clifton Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A new cover has already been installed on digester 1, and you may have noticed the big white dome rising above the Clifton Treatment Plant as you have driven past.

These two new sludge digester

covers are replacing 50-year-old floating lids which were at the end of their usable life.

Digesters take the solids (sludge) that settle from sewage, and transform them from a putrid stinking mess into stabilised sludge.

This will eventually become bio solids, which are used as a soil conditioner. The digesters are

heated and use anaerobic bacteria to work on the sewage to make this transformation happen.

The covers help keep the sludge warm, keep air out, and stop odours escaping.

The first dome is believed to be the first of its kind to be used in New Zealand – the technology is so new we had to get a specialist team from Italy to install it!

We have also replaced screens on the incoming sewer line which have worn out, and will provide a new sludge screen to remove the so called “disposable” wipes which have increasingly blocked up our systems in recent years.

These improvements will reduce odour coming off the digesters, and will reduce the maintenance and operating costs of removing matted fibre from the digesters, and from machinery.

Splash Palace construction update



Work on the new changing rooms and foyer update at Splash Palace is now well underway.

FROM Monday 7 May access to the pool facility has been modified, with people now entering and exiting the building through a temporary walkway via the meeting room. The entire foyer and reception area is closed to public access, so a tem-

porary reception and retail/café area has been created in the meeting room adjacent to the Leisure and Learner pools.

Construction is expected to take six months, with the whole project split into two parts. Currently the area

where the changing rooms will be built is being prepared. Test piles have been driven in and deconstruction of the front stairs and ramp has also begun. Inside, workers are busy stripping the original foyer in preparation for the rebuild.

Library refurbishment underway

The Library refurbishment project began on May 7 with Stage 1 starting in Information Services.

THIS area is now completely clear with resources and services including free internet computers now available in the Meeting Room. Access is across the walkway on the first floor. There is a scheduled closure of the building on 13 - 14 May to allow for the removal of tiles on the first floor. Items will still be able to be returned through the after-hours slot at the front of the building. Staff will use this as an opportunity to move items on the ground floor. Stage 1 is scheduled to take 6 weeks. Stage 2 will involve moving Adults' Services



collections and services into Children's Services. The non-fiction collection will be moved upstairs into Information Services.

All updates about changes will be available

on the library website <http://ilibrary.co.nz/library-refurbishment/>, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/invlibrary/> and notices in the library.

May Music Month

To celebrate, we will be bringing you free performances from local musicians throughout the month of May. Artists will be performing in the Library foyer for you to enjoy.

More information:

<http://ilibrary.co.nz/new-zealand-music-month/>

Consultation over dogs

The Dog Control Bylaw and Policy are currently out for public consultation.

TO support the process all dog owners have been sent a letter inviting them to consider making a submission.

Submissions are invited from Thursday, 26 April, until Saturday, 26 May. The Regulatory Services Committee will consider written and oral submissions at a meeting on 29 May.

Both the Bylaw and Policy have been relatively unchanged for many years but times have

changed and the Council is calling for feedback on issues including:

- Making the city more dog friendly by allowing dogs back in the Invercargill city centre
- Providing more areas where dogs can be allowed off-leash in the City and Bluff.

The Council website has full details under the following link:

<https://icc.govt.nz/public-documents/consultation/>

Animal Services following up on unregistered dogs

ANIMAL Services pulled back on enforcement activities such as the following up on unregistered dogs while work was being undertaken by the Independent Panel appointed by Council.

At this time of year we would normally have had all our dogs registered and tidied up our data base in preparation for the new registration period. If we do not follow up it is considered unfair to those dog owners who pay their registration fees.

From 3 May 2018 the Service has been following up on unregistered dogs. We started with 430 unregistered dogs but as of 7 May this is down to 403.

For those who don't pay, we follow a process of visits and follow-up letters. We are currently undertaking 'final visits'. If owners have still not paid after this visit we consider legal action such as issuing an infringement, and in certain instances we will seize an unregistered dog.



Paint trial for reservoir rooves*

A trial of a new paint system will be undertaken in May to address the unsightly appearance of the circular rooves on the reservoir in Gala Street.

While the original paint system, applied before the reservoirs were filled was long-lasting, subsequent attempts at repainting have been unsuccessful. The reason being that the migration of water through the thin concrete roof shell while the reservoir is in service has undermined paint adherence. Emptying the reservoir and drying it out during summertime to allow conventional paint application presents operational difficulties and so a recoating system to be applied while the reservoir remains in service is the desired approach.

Subject to the success of the new paint system trial, the reservoir rooves will be completely repainted next summer.

****In case you were wondering: The plural rooves is uncommon, though it is parallel to more common plurals like hooves and staves. However, both roofs and rooves are listed in the Oxford Dictionary of English, 2005 edition.***

In brief

WORKS on the Lime /Nicol Street asbestos cement main renewal have now been completed.

Inquiry results in water supply recommendations

An inquiry into water supply, following the 2016 Havelock North water supply contamination that caused a major outbreak of sickness, has resulted in 51 recommendations to central Government.

THE inquiry was far-reaching and went beyond what happened in Havelock North to examine water supply throughout New Zealand.

Recommendation 32 was to “create dedicated and aggregated drinking water suppliers”. That recommendation has the potential to change the face of how water is supplied within New Zealand, as it could be expected that direct control over water supply would be removed from the 67 local councils and placed in a much smaller number of larger organisations dedicated

solely to the supply of water.

The response from central government, in a statement on 27 April 2018 by the Minister of Local Government, was to set up a Review to examine the way in which not only water supply but also waste water and storm water (the three waters) are managed in New Zealand. The Review is to include looking at what structures and entities are best suited for three waters provision in New Zealand. The intent is to complete the review in October of this year.

Racecourse Road water main renewal

Racecourse Road, north of Layard Street, has been a busy construction site this year.

COUNCIL contractors have been renewing the asbestos cement water main right to the north end and the footpath on the east side as far as Auburn Road. To date all water pipework has been replaced and all surface reinstatement should be

complete by the end of this week weather permitting. Footpath works on the eastern side are still under construction with completion expected by mid-June. We have other works planned on the west side footpath which will follow these.



Asbestos cement main renewals in Lake and Hyde Streets

ALL pipe work has been laid in the block of Hyde Street between Wicklow and the Bluff Highway. Works will continue east of the Bluff Highway down Lake Street. Crossing under the highway and the rail line will be done by a boring machine and so there will be no disruption to traffic on the highway or to rail movements.



Trustpower Community Awards

COUNCILLORS are reminded to nominate all those great volunteer-driven projects in our community. Please go to <https://trustpower-awards.appspot.com/> to enter the group, or contact community.dev@icc.govt.nz who can enter it for you.

Parks round-up

PARKS staff have just finished planting out 60,000 spring annual flowering plants, as well as 32,000 tulip bulbs around Parks and streets in Invercargill and Bluff.

Pine trees at Stead Street Wharf, Queens Park No. 4 Fairway and the old Queens Park tennis courts have now been removed with clean-up underway ready for replanting this winter. All salvageable logs have been recovered and sold which will reduce the cost of the work undertaken.

Repairs to the floor of the Queens Park Band Rotunda have now been completed and it is again available for use.



Mike and I (brand): City Centre Co-ordinator Kari Graber with Porirua Mayor Mike Tana wearing an Invercargill brand tee-shirt. Kari was keynote speaker at the Porirua City Centre Summit last week, where stakeholders gathered to define priorities for their CBD. Kari went to inspire them with new ideas by speaking about the Invercargill brand and our city centre events. Her travel, accommodation and expenses were paid by the Porirua City Council.



Diary note

A reminder that in May the dates for the Regulatory Services Committee and Finance Committee meetings have been swapped.

This is to give Regulatory Services the extra week needed for consultation over the Dog Policy and Bylaw, prior to setting the rates in June.

The Finance and Policy Meeting will now be held on Tuesday 22 May and Regulatory Services will be held on Tuesday 29 May.

Both meetings will be at 4pm in the Council Chamber.



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**PINK SHIRT
AFTERNOON TEA**

*** WEDNESDAY 16 MAY
3.45PM**

*** ICC COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

*** RSVP BY NOON 15 MAY:**

to 021 391 674 or youth.council@icc.govt.nz

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something
pink!*