

Software to speed up and simplify consent process



PICTURED: Building Consent Officer Rebekah Johnson, of T & R Johnson Development Limited, and Danny Gray, of Tomlins Building Limited, checking out the new Go Get software on-site.

THE death of the clipboard is imminent as the Invercargill City Council Building Services team goes digital.

Building inspectors have this week begun electronic inspections – swapping their clipboards for tablets.

Electronic inspections are the first step in the rollout of Go Get – a suite of applications and services which simplifies the building consent and inspection process for both Council and its customers.

Building Services Team Leader Michael Hartstonge said the Go Get software, along with website Simpli, and an app called Go Build, would work together so the entire consenting process may be

undertaken digitally.

“It means we will be able to spend more time with the customer, talking to them, rather than dealing with paperwork.”

An ‘electronic inspection’ is where a building consent officer is able to fill out their inspection notes on their tablet while on-site, rather than through a paper check list.

Inspection results are available digitally, with inspectors now able to email results to customers rather than needing to print off copies to attach to consent files.

It is hoped the full consenting process, including applications, will go digital by 2020.

“There will be huge efficiencies gained, not just by us as staff, but by the customers too,” Mr Hartstonge said.

Gone will be the days of rushing in to Council to get your paperwork in on your lunch break, only to find you are missing an essential element of your application.

“Customers may not need to come in to Council for consents at all anymore,” he said.

Mr Hartstonge said that for customers who did not want to go digital, there would of course still be support in place for hard copy applications.

Green machine impresses at cemetery

BY RICKY MULQUEEN

Cemetery Team Leader

WE now have our new fully electric ride-on mower operational at the cemetery/crematorium.

The mower has three batteries which, when charged, give up to seven hours' operation.

Compared to the standard diesel mowers the 'green machine' is very quiet and has no diesel fumes which makes it ideal for use in the cemetery, where we need to do our maintenance work but be mindful of people visiting their loved ones.

The benefits of electric are not just for visitors but also the mower operator.

Apart from the cost of charging there is no other maintenance or running costs, this should give us significant savings compared to a diesel engine mower.

One of the features of the mower is the new Michelin tyres, which are airless and designed to ride smoothly over obstacles like kerbs. These tyres are now being produced for passenger cars.

We are very happy with the mower's performance so far, and if anyone would like to have a look at it just drop in to the cemetery and see it.

BELOW: Operator Neil Jamieson mowing at Eastern Cemetery.

INSET: The new Michelin airless tyre, which allows the mower to go over kerbs and other obstacles smoothly.



BY JOEL STOTT

Project Technician

Windsor Street open for business

As work continues in Windsor Street, near New World, all of the works between King and George Streets have been completed! The co-operation and understanding of local businesses and residents alike has been really appreciated so far, in a difficult time.

Works have been progressing well on-site, with the two southern blocks completely open and ready for parking/shopping.

We are nearing the end of the works on Windsor Street, which will finish at the New World entrance in early October.

Directly following this, works will move to Catherine Street for the final stage of the project.

During construction, additional work has been identified on Catherine Street, which will delay the end of the works, but improve the overall quality of service.

The foul sewer main and its connections are now to be replaced in the same trench as the stormwater – much like the renewals on Windsor Street.

During this stage, Catherine Street will be closed, with residents' access only.

Pomona Street to close for foul sewer renewal

Work to renew the foul sewer mains on Pomona Street between Centre and Collingwood Streets is underway. This will provide a much-needed upgrade to infrastructure originally installed in 1924.

The works are expected to be finished mid-October and are being completed by SouthRoads.

Sadly, there have been a significant number of near-misses with traffic, putting our contractors at risk.

To improve the safety of road users and those on-site, Pomona Street will be closed to through-traffic for the remainder of the works.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

A detour route will be set up and maintained around the site on Centre Street, Morton Street and John Street.

Queens Park Disc Golf inspires others

A great story emerged earlier this month about Bainfield Park Residential Care installing its very own disc golf baskets, after two medical practitioners recognised the benefits offered by the Queens Park Course.

Funding from the Invercargill Active Communities scheme supported the purchase of mobile baskets which were used for a trial at the care home.

Council gave permission for the Queens Park course and funded some of the work.

Read the full story about the new Bainfield Park Residential Care Disc Golf installation here: <https://udisc.com/blog/post/new-zealand-rest-home-invigorated-by-disc-golf?fbclid=IwAR3mmWZ3to2Z5cw2qji-u5SQDgW3Vv1JOwPbnAhwkevzZOsPhc6827Tg>

Water New Zealand celebrates Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

WATER New Zealand has provided this awesome poster to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) – showing Te Hurihanga Wai (the water cycle).



Te Hurihanga Wai - Water Cycle



Te Wiki o te reo Māori
Māori Language Week

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Communications Advisor – Digital Media
Daniel Tobin checks in on the best of www.icc.govt.nz this week.

WITH voting for the local body elections opening on 20 September, we have made sure voters can easily check out who is stepping forward for election.

On the ICC website, we've created a dedicated section which lists all the nominees for Mayor, Council, the Bluff Community Board, and the Invercargill Licensing Trust.

Clicking on a candidate's photo will take you to their profile statement, which candidates provided to be included in the booklet being posted out to voters.

After voting closes on 12 October, we'll keep everyone up-to-date with results via the website too.

Visit www.icc.govt.nz/elections/nominations-2019 to check out all the candidates.



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