



Balclutha pool upgrades to start soon

Council is currently finalising tender and construction documents for the major upgrade of the Balclutha pool.

At this stage, the upgrade is expected to see the closure of the pool in the early new year for about eight months. Dates will be confirmed once a tender for the work has been awarded.

While Council understands the length of closure will be large inconvenience for regular pool users in the short-term, the end result will be a greatly improved facility which will better cater to the needs of the whole community.

Consultation through the recent Long Term and Annual Plan processes confirmed community support for upgrading the Balclutha pool, including a roof replacement, changing room refurbishment, improved lighting and pool air heating, pool and pool surround tiling, a spa pool, beach access to the toddler's pool, and a bulk head in the main pool to create a new learner's pool.

Detailed design work and investigation puts the cost estimate for this work at about \$3.04 million, with about \$373,000

of this cost to come from reserve funds.

Once the refurbishments are completed, there may also be a small rise in entry fees at the Balclutha Pool to reflect the upgraded facilities.

The three other swimming pools operated by Council - Kaitangata, Lawrence and Milton - will be open over the summer period for people wishing to make use of these alternatives. Check our website www.cluthadc.govt.nz for hours.

Meanwhile, Council will soon be consulting with the Milton community over a major rebuild of the Milton swimming pool changing rooms.

Council recently spent about \$20,000 addressing heat and other minor issues in the changing rooms, as well as \$127,000 on new heat pumps for heating the pool water in time for this swimming season.

The changing room rebuild however, is expected to cost in the vicinity of \$684,000. This work will be completed before the start of the 2011/12 swimming season, subject to consultation with the community. Look out for more information on this in the new year.

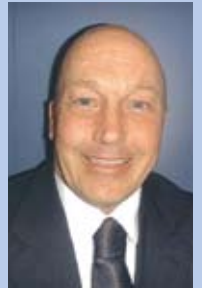


An artist's impressions of the upgraded Balclutha Centennial Swimming Pool.



A word from your new Mayor

It is hard to express the pride, excitement and honour I feel in having become the new Mayor of the Clutha District.



It is such a privilege and I am determined to do whatever is necessary to promote our beautiful district, to be a good ambassador and be worthy of the support you have shown me.

I applaud the efforts of every candidate in the various elections throughout our district for their contribution to a vibrant contest and congratulate and look forward to working with the successful Councillors and Community Board members in the coming months.

While I may have stood against Juno Hayes, I never doubted his commitment and the huge contribution he has made from his years representing the Bruce District in the old ward days, the Clutha District from its inception as Deputy Mayor and then 12 years as Mayor, and to the wider region. Our District owes Juno and his wife Diane a huge debt of gratitude and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them both every happiness for the future.

The same goes for "Kevin of the Catlins" one of our District's true characters. Councillor Kevin Thompson has given his all since 1989 to the Catlins Ward and our District and prior to that, the former Clutha County. I wish Kevin and his wife Pat all the best.

The winds of change that are most apparent from these elections are, I believe, a reflection of the challenging times we all face, but I am confident that in Chief Executive Charles Hakkaart and his team, along with my Council, we are well equipped to join with you in getting through to a brighter future. And please, I want to be straight up to every person in the District, my door is always open. I will always be there to listen and I look forward to hearing from you.

**Bryan Cadogan,
Mayor**

Inside Council

- a look at Libraries, Service & Information Centres

In this regular feature of Council News, we profile various activity areas within Council to give you a better understanding of what we do, and how and why various activities are funded.

What we do

Council provides an network of libraries, service centres and information centres (which are often combined) throughout the district.

The district library network consists of one central library in Balclutha, with four branch libraries in Lawrence, Milton, Owaka and Tapanui. The library also provides support for voluntary libraries at Waitahuna, Waihola, Taieri Mouth, Kaitangata and Clinton. The library system holds about 87,000 books and other materials and has about 8,000 members. Membership of the libraries is free for all ratepayers and residents of the Clutha District.

Our service centres - Balclutha, Lawrence, Milton and Tapanui - provide a local link to Council departments. Service Centres provide information on Council activities and services, as well as being a local point where you can pay your rates, fill out application forms for things like rates rebates and hall hire, or make general enquiries about Council services.

The Clutha *i-SITE* is the district's only official Visitor Information Network Centre. It handles nationwide bookings and information enquiries for tourists and locals. Many people don't realise that the Clutha *i-SITE* is also a Council Service Centre. Council directly operates the Clutha *i-SITE*, as well as information centres in The Catlins (Owaka) and

Tapanui. Council provides grants to community-operated information centres in Lawrence and Milton.

How this activity is funded

Libraries are funded by a combination of user charges (8%) and the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) (92%).

This approach recognises that all members of the community have access to, and can benefit from the provision of this service. The costs of the service do not change much as use increases or decreases, but increasing fees can reduce access for community members. To allow full accessibility, there are no fees for core library services, and charges are only made for photocopying, internet use, overdue loans etc.

This funding method means that everyone who pays a UAGC currently contributes around \$68 through this rate to pay for Council library services.

Council Service and Information Centres are funded by a combination of user charges (5%) and the UAGC (95%). This approach recognises that these services provide a benefit to the general public.

The community in general benefits from Council Service Centres, although the benefit to individual users is not sufficient that they could be charged. This funding method means everyone who pays a UAGC currently contributes around \$52 through this rate to pay for Council Service and Information Centres.

Contact Us

Clutha District Council Main Office

1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha
All correspondence: PO Box 25 Balclutha 9240
Phone: 419 0200 / 0800 801 350
After hours/ emergency: 0800 801 350
Email: help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz
Hours: 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

Balclutha Library

23 John St, Balclutha
Phone: 03 418 1677
Email: clutha.library@cluthadc.govt.nz
Hours: Mon to Fri: 10am - 5pm
Tues: 7pm-8pm
Fri: 10am - 6pm
Sat: 10am - Noon

Clutha *i-SITE* and Balclutha Service Centre

4 Clyde Street, Balclutha
Phone: 03 418 0388
Email: Clutha.vin@cluthadc.govt.nz
Hours: Mon to Fri: 8.30am - 5pm
Weekend (summer): 9.30am - 3pm
Weekend (winter): 10am - 2pm

Catlins Info Centre & Library

10 Campbell Street, Owaka
Phone: 03 415 8371
Hours: 9.30am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm,
Monday to Friday
Info centre open weekends 10am - 4pm

Lawrence Service Centre & Library

5 Peel Street, Lawrence
Phone: 03 485 9909
Hours: Mon to Fri: 8.30am - 12.30pm &
1.30pm - 5pm

Milton Service Centre & Library

124-126 Union Street, Milton
Phone: 03 417 8109
Hours: Mon: 8.30am - 5pm & 7pm - 8pm
Tues to Thurs: 8.30am - 5pm
Fri: 8.30am - 6pm

Tapanui Service Centre, Info Centre & Library

1 Suffolk Street, Tapanui
Phone: 03 204 8306
Hours: Mon-Thu: 8.30am - 5pm
Fri: 8.30am - 5pm (Service Centre)
Fri: 8.30am - 6pm (Library)



The Clutha *i-SITE* also doubles as the Balclutha Service Centre

Microfilm fundraiser

The Balclutha Genealogy Society is currently fundraising for a new microfilm reader and printer for the Balclutha Library. Microfilms of the Clutha Leader from the first edition in 1874 up until the 1970s are available at the library.

To assist the Genealogy Society with this fundraiser, don't throw away your office or home used ink and toner cartridges. Instead, put them in one of the recycling bins at these Balclutha businesses: Balclutha Library, Clutha *i-SITE*, Mt Cooe Landfill drop-off recycling facility, United Video, Balclutha New World, Computer Solutions, or Johnstones Electrical.

Introducing your new Council



Ron Davis

Balclutha Ward: The three incumbent Councillors who re-stood - Hamish Anderson, Chris Hargest and Mary Johnstone - have all been reelected. Joining them is Ron Davis, a local businessman who sees the need to ensure that the infrastructure and business programmes which support local businesses at council level are maintained and improved upon through initiative and innovation.

Ron replaces Jeff Seymour, who has stepped down after four terms on Council, including the last three terms as Chairman of the Corporate Services Committee and the last four years as Chairman of the District Development Board. The skills which Jeff brought to these roles will be missed and we wish him all the best for the future.



Hilary McNab

Bruce Ward: The three incumbent councillors - Gaynor Finch, Bruce McCorkindale, and Bruce Vollweiler - have all been reelected.

Catlins: Hilary McNab has been elected for her first term on Council ahead of long-serving Councillor Kevin Thompson. Hilary has been involved in many community groups and believes strongly in making the Catlins community the best in can be.



Stewart Cowie

Clinton: John Cochrane was elected unopposed and returns for his fourth term on Council.

Clutha Valley: Stewart Cowie is the new representative. He was elected unopposed and replaces Murray McLean who is moving to Australia. Stewart is a previous Chairman of the Warepa School Board of Trustees and has also had a 25-year involvement with the Clinton Rugby Club.



Bruce Graham

Kaitangata-Matau Ward: Bruce Graham was elected unopposed as the new representative. Bruce works as a Contracts Manager at Morgan O'Shea and has also had strong involvement with the Crescent Rugby Club and the South Otago 'Buddy Programme'.



Michelle Kennedy

Bruce replaces Ted Gallagher who has retired after four terms on Council. Ted was a strong advocate for his local community and we wish him a restful and rewarding retirement.

Lawrence-Tuapeka: Geoff Blackmore was elected unopposed for his third term on Council.

West Otago: Jeff McKenzie and Michelle Kennedy were elected unopposed. Jeff returns for his second term on Council, while Michelle fills the vacancy left by Peter McPherson who has retired after 15 years on Council and the last 12 years as Council's District Assets Chairman.

Michelle is a born and bred West Otago local who has been a member of the local Community Board since 2004. She is looking forward to ensuring the West Otago community's voice is represented at the Council table.

In welcoming Michelle, Council pays tribute to Peter McPherson, who has been a strong advocate and wonderful ambassador for the West Otago community and for the district's infrastructural assets.

Congratulations also to those elected to the represent the respective West Otago and Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Boards. There are three new faces on the West Otago Community Board in Michael McElrea, Linda Roulston and Suzanne Wink, while Mel Kenny is a new addition on the Lawrence-Tuapeka Board.

Council welcomes all new Councillors and Community Board members, and pays tribute to those departing for their service to their communities and the district.

It is also pleasing to note that the overall voter turnout in the Clutha District was about 59%, which was one of the higher turnouts in the country. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the election process, whether as candidates, nominators or voters.

Free Recycling drop-offs at Balclutha, Lawrence, Milton and Tapanui

A reminder that free recycling drop-off points are now available at transfer stations in Lawrence, Milton and Tapanui, in addition to the free drop-off point at Mt Cooee landfill near Balclutha.

Residents can drop off the items outlined to the right for recycling.

The drop-off facilities are open during normal landfill/transfer station hours.

There is no cost for using the recycling drop-off facilities and landfill/transfer station staff will be able to assist anyone unsure of what materials they can recycle.

The recently established recycling drop-off facilities in Lawrence, Milton and Tapanui follow the installation of the service at Mt Cooee landfill in Balclutha in December 2009.

More information on recycling and waste management services in the Clutha District is available online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz.

	All mixed paper is acceptable in a good clean condition.
	All aluminium, steel and tin cans (rinsed).
	All plastics (lids removed & rinsed) numbered 1 or 2 on their base.
	All glass bottles and jars (lids removed and rinsed).
	All cardboard flattened and no bigger than 1 metre by 1 metre.

Request for Service?

Did you know that if you have a request for service, or would like to report any problems with Council services, that this can be done online?

By visiting Council's website at www.cluthadc.govt.nz, requests can be made on a diverse range of issues, from potholes in the road to abandoned vehicles. Visit the 'Contact Us' section of our website to fill in the online request for service form.

Your request will be passed onto the appropriate staff member/contractor for action and also logged into our database where it will be recorded and the response will be tracked.

Please remember for urgent matters to call 0800 801 350 at any time, so that the matter can be dealt with immediately. And, of course, service requests can also be lodged by contacting your nearest Council office or Service Centre during normal office hours.

Events Diary

Events listed here are sourced from the district events calendar, available at www.cluthacountry.co.nz and were correct at the time of printing. To have your event listed on the website, please contact Community Coordinator Jean Proctor 03 418 4048 or email community@eclutha.org.nz

NOVEMBER

17 Oct - Nov 30 - Rhododendrons, Black House Brewery, Weatherstons (Lawrence), www.hbbh.co.nz for more details.

Thu 4 Nov - Frocktail Fashion Show, Whitechapel, Lawrence, 7.30pm Whitechapel Gifts, Toni (03) 204 8812.

Thu 4 Nov - Toko's Got Talent, THS (03) 417 8620.

Sat 6 Nov - Milton Primary School Garden & Kitchen Tour, Coronation Hall, 1pm, \$15 adults, \$5 children.

Sat 6 Nov - Tri Pounaweia, 2pm start. Triathlon & Duathlon, www.catlins.org.nz, or contact Anne-Marie 027 601 0974.

Sat 6 Nov - South Otago Gun Club Open Champs, Trish Campbell (03) 418 3066.

Sat 6 Nov - Pukeawa Hall Garage Sale/Clearing Auction fundraiser, 11am - 2pm, Hana Lawrence (03) 415 9533.

Sat 6 Nov - Youth Bands & Fireworks, Balclutha Showgrounds, donation entry, contact Kayleigh Broad (South Otago Youth Trust) kayleigh-p@hotmail.com or 021 0277 2393.

6-7 Nov - Clutha Country Music Club Annual Talent Quest, Colleen Hosking, (03) 418 2602.

Sunday 7 Nov - Lawrence Country Fair, from 10am. Stallholders contact the Lawrence Information Centre.

Sunday 7 Nov - Lawrence Spring Duathlon, 2pm start. www.lawrence.co.nz or contact Margaret Larsen 485 9623, Bronny Bugden 485 9878, or email daisy5@vodafone.co.nz.

Sun 7 Nov - Taieri Mouth Coastal Classic, 8am - 5pm, www.coastalclassic.co.nz or Peter Street (03) 481 7999.

Thurs 11 Nov - Over 80's Lunch, 12.30pm, Tapanui RSA, \$25, contact M Read (03) 204 8505.

Sat 13 Nov - Owaka Swimming Pool Fundraising Auction 10am, donations accepted, Raewyn Martin (03) 415 8751.

Sat 13 Nov - Kaitangata Black Gold Trail: Mountain Bike and Half Marathon, see www.kaitangatablackgold.co.nz or contact Jean Proctor 0274 139 349.

Fri 19 Nov - South Otago Plunket Christmas Market, Balclutha Memorial Hall, Camille McAtamney (03) 418 3972.

Fri 19 Nov - DISCO, staged by the 2010 A&P Show Queen entrants, venue The MAD House, further detail to follow.

Saturday 20 Nov - West Otago A&P Show, Gay Stringer (03) 207 2895, email gay@kowai-angus.co.nz

Thursday 25 November - 2010 A&P Show Queen Fashion Show, venue H&J Smith, further detail to follow.

26-27 Nov - South Otago A&P Show. (03) 418 1693, email soap@xtra.co.nz.

Sunday 28 Nov - Show Jumping Competition, Balclutha A&P Showgrounds, Michelle Horton 418 0303 or 027 698 7000.

DECEMBER

Fri 3 Dec - No Mean Feet Fundraising Dance Concert, 7pm - 9pm, Balclutha Memorial Hall.

Sun 5 Dec - Carols in the Kirk, 7pm, Milton Presbyterian Church.

Tues 7 Dec - Young Reflections, Heriot Primary School, 7.30pm.

Sat 11 Dec - Tokomairiro A&P Show, contact (03) 417 4968.

Sat 11 Dec - Pawakata Trail, Simon McRae (03) 206 4053.

Sun 19 Dec - Balclutha Christmas Show & Can Cruise, 3.30pm to 6pm. Jean Proctor 027 329 4567

Mon 27 Dec - Kaka Point Big Dig and Sand Sculpting, Karoro Creek Beach, from midday, contact Lisa Lyall 0275 427 742 or lisa.lyall@hotmail.com.

Fri 31 Dec - Pounaweia New Year Celebration, 5pm - 1am, contact Anne-Marie (03) 415 8398.

Fri 31 Dec - Papatowai Beach Carnival.

Fri 31 Dec - Kaka Point New Year's Eve Family Beach Party, 7.30pm onwards, contact Lisa Lyall as above.

JANUARY

Sat 15 Jan - Kaka Point Market Day, contact Pauline Simpson, 03 412 8783 or psimpson@xtra.co.nz.

21-23 Jan - Lawrence Summer Arts Festival, www.lawrence.co.nz

Goldrush Heritage Centre:

The Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th Celebrations are now less than five months away and the organisers are busy finalising the event programme.

As part of this prestigious weekend of celebrations, a very large marquee will be erected in Gabriel's Gully to hold the Goldrush Heritage Centre; the centre point where all the historical displays of memorabilia, photographs, artifacts etc along with arts and crafts from the Goldrush days 1861 - 1911 will be on display.

The descendants of goldminers, prospectors, Lawrence industries and pioneer entrepreneurs hold the key to the success of the Heritage Centre and are therefore being encouraged to join with their families to collect items and stories on the Tuapeka Goldfields Area for contribution for the weekend display.

Your information and presence at the celebrations would be welcomed.

There will also be an opportunity for Pioneer Storytelling during the weekend. Descendants are invited to retell Goldrush stories which have been handed down through



Dredge at Tuapeka Flat, 1900, courtesy of Tuapeka Goldfields Museum Inc.

generations.

Application Forms to apply for Exhibition and/or Commercial space in the Marquee are available from the convenors Peter and Elaine Herbert or online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz.

Peter and Elaine would really appreciate hearing from descendants who have not already been in contact with them. Email pjecherbert@xtra.co.nz, write to PO Box 518 Wanaka 9343 or phone 03 443 4480.

To keep up to date with the latest information on the Gabriel's Gully Goldrush 150th Celebrations, go online to www.cluthadc.govt.nz. You can sign up to receive newsletters and updates emailed straight to your inbox.

Got a project in mind that will:

- encourage participation in the arts? OR
- support diversity in the arts? OR
- encourage young people to engage in arts?

... then you may be eligible for a grant from the Creative Communities NZ Scheme. Application forms and guidelines available at your nearest Council office or online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Applications close Tuesday Nov 30

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Does your junior sports team?

- have young people aged 5-19 years? AND
- require subsidy for travel to local competition?

... applications are now open to the SPARC Rural Travel Fund for expenses which will be incurred from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011. Applications and guidelines from your nearest Council office or go online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz

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Applications close Fri 19 Nov

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