



What's happening in Clutha for Rugby World Cup 2011?



Otago rugby legend David Latta

SPIN IT WIDE

By the time you read this, the Rugby World Cup will be just over a month away.

While Clutha Country won't be hosting any games, it will welcome fans from Argentina, England, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Romania and Scotland who will be enjoying all our area has to offer in between their teams' matches at Dunedin and/or Invercargill.

There's also a special event or two organised for local people and visitors to enjoy.

On Sunday 11 September, Catlins Promotions and the Owaka Rugby Club will host The Catlins World Invitational Touch Rugby Competition. As well as Junior and Open categories, there will also be a cup for the Best Dressed and Most Supportive Cheerleading Team! Add in some entertainment, a barbecue and stalls, and this promises to be great family afternoon out for visitors and locals alike.

Teams of up to 12 are eligible to enter the tournament, with six players - and no more than three males - allowed on the field at any one time. So get your regional, theme, or international team and supporters together

and book in to win fame!

More information is available online at www.catlins.org.nz and registrations can be made by contacting Murray Hewitson on 415 8935 or email klmhewie@xtra.co.nz by Saturday 3 September.

Another fun and easy way to get behind RWC 2011 is to 'adopt a second team' by learning phrases in that country's language, dressing up in the adopted team's colours and decorating businesses and schools. The 'Adopt a Second Team' toolkit is packed full of ideas and suggestions and you can find more information online at www.nz2011.govt.nz/get-involved.

And as this newsletter went to print, plans were also in the pipeline for another very special rugby event in Clutha Country during the time of Rugby World Cup. Look out for more details in the coming weeks!

We're very much looking forward to being part of the "Stadium of Four Million".

For more information go to:
www.spinitwide2011.co.nz

A word from the Mayor

Bryan Cadogan
Mayor,
Clutha District



It has been an exceptionally busy time for Council recently - no sooner have we finished the Annual Plan than we start on our triennial Long Term Plan.

The Annual Plan posed many challenges; balancing the desire to maintain fiscal prudence with the unavoidable requirements of maintaining services and fulfilling requirements imposed on us with such things as sewerage upgrades.

The pragmatist in me accepts that while I would have personally desired further reductions in the overall rate requirement, an overall Annual Plan figure increase of 3.25% (down from the 8.64% anticipated in the Long Term Plan) is under the rate of inflation and a responsible approach from Council as we strive to push our district forward at an affordable pace.

Please be aware though that the overall figure of 3.25% masks what is happening in some of our individual communities with Lawrence and Owaka in particular facing increases that are far greater than desired (9.25% and 8.15% respectively).

The proposed way forward on the Benhar and Tokoiti sewerage issue will now also have an impact across the district with some of the costs being spread across all sewerage connections. While there are no 'perfect solutions' for this longstanding problem, I am confident the residents of these two small communities will be able to move forward without being forced out of their homes due to economic hardship. I do want to be clear to all ratepayers, however, that a figure in the vicinity of \$20 a year will be charged to cover payment.

On a brighter note, with Spring just around the corner let's hope for settled weather as our district moves into a calving and lambing season that has the potential to brush off the recession and herald better times for us all. I spent a morning at a stock saleyards recently to see for myself the very pleasing strength of prices across the board. The world's ever increasing demand for protein places our district in an exciting position. Grass and water is what we have in plentiful supply and if prices hold, we are on the cusp of something special. All the best to our rural communities in the coming months!

Inside Council

- a look at Civil Defence in the Clutha District



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. In this edition we look at Civil Defence in the wake of the series of devastating earthquakes which have rocked Canterbury over the past 11 months.



Photo: Christchurch, February 2011
by Neil Macbeth

What we do

Council employs an Emergency Management Officer, Brendon Smith, to perform a number of Civil Defence duties. This includes maintaining systems, communications and resources that can be used during an emergency; recruiting and providing training for a network of volunteers throughout the district; promoting Civil Defence awareness and preparedness; monitoring known hazards; and responding when emergencies arise.

A Civil Defence emergency is only declared when there is a real threat to people and property, and the event is beyond the normal capacity of emergency services. The Declaration allows extra resources and legal powers to be called on as required. If this happens, the Civil Defence organisation takes over to co-ordinate the response. Council's own staff and other material resources form a basis, and are supported by locally available resources of emergency services, government departments, by voluntary organisations in the community, and by individual volunteers.

How this activity is funded

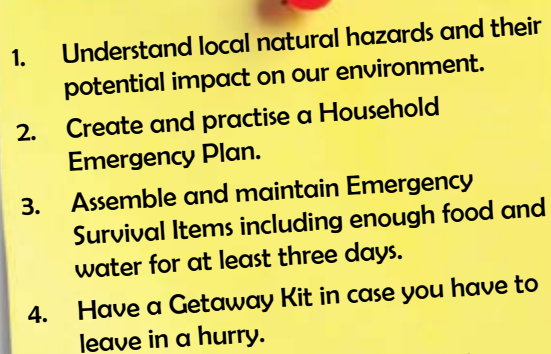
Civil Defence is funded by the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) which is set on all households across the district, as well as a small contribution from government subsidy.

This funding method recognises that the entire community benefits from this service. It means that everyone who pays a UAGC currently contributes around \$11.50 through this rate to pay for Civil Defence/Emergency Management.

In the event of a natural disaster, there may also be assistance from outside agencies related to central government to assist in the cost of managing and recovering from the disaster.

Being prepared

Research shows that about 90% of people know what things they should be doing to prepare themselves for the possibility of a major disaster, however only about 50% of people actually have. Pleasingly, this figure has been trending upwards in the Clutha District in recent years (53% in 2010 compared to 39% in 2006). However, as recent events in Canterbury have demonstrated, it is vital that all residents take steps to prepare, as it could mean the difference between life and death in a serious event.

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1. Understand local natural hazards and their potential impact on our environment.
 2. Create and practise a Household Emergency Plan.
 3. Assemble and maintain Emergency Survival Items including enough food and water for at least three days.
 4. Have a Getaway Kit in case you have to leave in a hurry.

For more information, including checklists and brochures, refer to the front of the Yellow Pages, visit your nearest Council office or Service Centre, call us on 0800 801 350, or go online to www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Project Progress

Work is progressing well on the \$3.5 million upgrade to the Balclutha Pool. The changing rooms and old gym areas have been gutted while preparations have been made for the removal and replacement of the old asbestos roof. The upgrade will also include a reconfiguration of the current Learner's Pool to provide a better and safer area for toddlers with a shallower 'beach' entry pool, a renewal of the heating and ventilation system and upgraded pool entrance. Efforts are underway to fundraise the additional \$169,000 required for a therapeutic pool and bulk head for the main pool.



Balclutha Pool Upgrade
Began: May 2011
Completion: Early 2012



Biofiltro Upgrades
Began: June 2011
Completion: Winter 2011

Sewage Treatment Upgrades: Site works are now underway for the new Biofiltro sewage treatment facilities at Lawrence (pictured), Owaka, Stirling and Tapanui. These new facilities are intended to comply with stricter effluent quality conditions in the newly issued discharge consents. The Otago Regional Council has granted a new 35-year discharge consent for each respective scheme based on them upgrading to a new Biofiltro sewage treatment plant such as the one which has been operating at Kaka Point since the beginning of 2010. Construction is expected to be completed some time this winter.

Water Treatment Upgrades: Work is nearing completion on major water treatment upgrades for Balclutha, Kaitangata, Lawrence and Tapanui. These upgrades are due to legislation which requires drinking water supplies to "take all reasonable practical steps" to comply with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards. The upgrades received significant funding assistance from central government. The Balclutha, Kaitangata and Tapanui upgrades are now largely completed while work was getting underway on the Lawrence upgrade at the time this newsletter went to print.



Water Treatment Upgrades
Began: 2010
Completion: Summer 2011/12

Keep track of major project progress online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Water works

Fault Reporting - Please contact Council (not our contractor or your Councillor) to report any problems with Council services. Please call your nearest Council office, or call 0800 801 350 if outside business hours. Our receptionist or after hours service will take the details and pass them on to our contractor for action, and your call will also be logged into our database so the response can be tracked.

Public Health Notice - Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a cup-full of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Restricted Water Supplies

Water Storage: At least two days on-site storage of water is required, as Council water supplies are not guaranteed. Operations critically dependent on water should consider installing greater storage capacities.

You are responsible for maintenance of your private tank(s). Tanks should be checked at least annually, and cleaned as required. Tank cleaning can be arranged through Council's contractor or your plumber. Covering of tanks with secure lids and blocking of open holes will greatly reduce the amount of contamination and frequency of cleaning.

Reciprocal Library Membership extends to Dunedin City

Clutha District residents can now join Dunedin Public Libraries for free! This extends Clutha's existing reciprocal library relationships with Gore, Southland and Invercargill.

It is easy for permanent Clutha residents to become a member of any of these libraries; photo ID, address verification (such as a bank statement), and an alternate contact are all that is required.

Please note that when using another library, their policies must be followed and any books borrowed from them (e.g. Dunedin) must be returned to that library.



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 Wed 31 August

Photo: Jennifer Markman



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Events Diary

Events 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 418 4048 or email community@eclutha.org.nz

AUGUST

August 3-6 - South Otago Theatrical Society's 'The Wizard of Oz', tickets from 100% Clutha District, or online at www.iticket.co.nz. For more info phone Sarah Van Asperen 418 2985.

Sat 6 - Catlins Coast Rally, www.esc.co.nz.

Sat 6 - Heritage Linen Sale, Tokomairiro Cooperating Parish Milton Presbyterian Church, from 1pm. Linen, collectables, china and more. More info Donna Allison 417 4434.

Fri 12 - Tokomairiro Toy Library presents Milton's Own Master Chef, Coronation Hall, Milton, Tickets \$30 available from Milton Hammer Hardware. Mayor Bryan Cadogan will be competing against three Milton residents, with Master Chef finalist 2011 Stu Todd as judge.

Sat 13 - Catlins Got Talent, Owaka Community Centre, 7.30pm, ph Kim Dodds 415 8954.

Sun 14 - Mid-Winter Market, Clinton Community Centre, 11am - 4pm.

Sat 20 - Goldfields Educare Hypnotist Show.

Sun 21 - Winter Concert, St Andrews Church, Clyde St, Balclutha, 2pm start, variety entertainment, afternoon tea to follow.

August 22 - 25 - South Island Secondary Schools Soccer Tournament, Balclutha Showgrounds, 16 teams from the South Island will be attending, with final to be held on Thursday 25 August.

Sun 28 - Clutha Country Music Concert, Frances St, Balclutha, 1.30pm - 5.00pm, \$5 entry, more info ph Eileen Cook 418 1211.

SEPTEMBER

From September 3 - Daffodil Dayze, Harts Black Horse Brewery, Weatherstones, Lawrence.

Sun 11 - The Catlins World Invitational Touch Rugby Competition, organised by Catlins Promotions and Owaka Rugby Club (more info on cover page).

OCTOBER

Sat 15 - Black Gold 'Off Your Trolley' Derby, Kaitangata. Various age categories, plus best presented trolley and driver, and most original trolley. More info online at www.kaitangatablackgold.co.nz; Facebook 'Kaitangata Black Gold Club'; Twitter 'KaiBlack Gold'.

Wed 19 - Clutha District Sports Awards 2011

Sat 22 - Back to Beaumont Day, Beaumont Hall from 10.30am. Picnic lunch, Hangi or Spit Roast, registration adults \$20, children \$5. More info and registrations contact 485 9448 or email bigseal@xtra.co.nz.

Fri 28 - Black Gold Kai Club Annual Disco, Kaitangata. More info online at www.kaitangatablackgold.co.nz; Facebook 'Kaitangata Black Gold Club'; Twitter 'KaiBlack Gold'.

Sat 29 - Lawrence Rally, www.lawrencerally.co.nz

Sat 29 - Tapanui Fire Brigade Honours Evening, West Otago Community Centre from 8pm.

29 - 30 October - Waitahuna Gully 150th Gold Strike Celebrations.

What's in your shed?



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Otago/Southland
Bookings close: 2nd September

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Clutha District Sports Awards 2011

The South Otago Athletic Club is proud to be hosting the Clutha District Sports Awards for 2011.

The award categories are Senior Sports person, Junior Female, Junior Male, Athlete with a Disability, Coach, and Services to Sport.

The qualifying period is 1 September 2009 to 1 September 2011, and nominees may be entered in more than one category.

Nomination forms and criteria will be sent to all sports clubs, or are available by

contacting Rowena Bunting by emailing rowenabunting@xtra.co.nz, calling 418 1430, or fax 418 1344.

The Awards night will be held at the Rosebank Lodge in Balclutha on Wednesday 19 October from 7pm. The guest speakers are nine times Coast to Coast winner Steve Gurney and elite triathlete Tony Dodds.

Tickets cost \$30, or \$25 if 18 years and under. This includes a complimentary drink on arrival and a light supper.



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