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Upcoming Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board meetings

Wed 4 November 2009, 3pm
 (final Community Board meeting for 2009)

Roading cuts frustrate

Road users in the Clutha District face a massive \$7.8 million reduction in planned spending on their roads in the next three years – an overall reduction of approximately 14% - as a result of the National Land Transport Programme released recently by the New Zealand Land Transport Agency.

Mayor Juno Hayes says the government's focus appeared to now be on state highways at the expense of local roads in rural areas such as Clutha. Unlike state highways, local roads are partly funded by rates.

Mayor Hayes says the reduction in planned funding will result in less work being able to be carried out than was planned.

Council's District Assets Committee Chairman Peter McPherson said the funding reduction was a huge blow for areas such as Clutha, which had the potential to lead New Zealand's economic recovery through the export of primary produce and needed investment in roads for this purpose.

"About three-quarters of Clutha's 2,916km roading network is made up of gravel roads which can deteriorate very quickly. The best highways in the world will be of no use if trucks cannot get to them," Mr McPherson said.

"It appears that the powerhouse of the New Zealand economy - the southern rural sector – is being left in the cold as funding in other areas has been given a higher priority."



LAWRENCE-TUAPEKA NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL - OCTOBER 2009

Lawrence community successful at awards night

The Lawrence-Tuapeka community's willingness to roll up its sleeves and help out others was evident at the recent TrustPower Clutha District Community Awards.

Ross Lyders was one of four individuals to receive a Civic Award, while two other Lawrence community organisations were recognised at the awards night last week.

From running discos for local children 40 years ago, to running the bus for the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner trip today, Ross Lyders has done it all! Ross has a special knack of finding of finding funding for events, often at his own time and expense. He is able to build a team of helpers around any community initiative and has always come

through with a successful outcome.

Congratulations to Ross on receiving this Civic Award for a lifetime of voluntary contributions to the community.

Meanwhile, Lawrence Area St John was runner-up in the Health and Well-Being Category. Its achievements over the past 12 months include the introduction of a 'Caring Caller' telephone service which buddies up volunteers with an elderly person who they call on a regular basis; providing 'Care Packs' with toiletries etc for patients admitted to hospital in emergency situations; fundraising to complete the refurbishment of their building; and have introduced a free First-Aid Course for Mums.

The Lawrence Golf Club was also runner-up in the Sports and Leisure Section for its outstanding work in fundraising and constructing its new clubhouse and carrying out improvements to the course.

Congratulations to the entire community on these achievements.



TrustPower Award winners 2009

Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board briefs

Lawrence Utility Services: Consultants and contractors are expected to be appointed shortly to implement the \$835,000 water upgrades for the township, of which 90% is being subsidised by the government.

Investigation of sewage treatment options is also continuing, with a number of promising solutions being considered for odour control and discharge upgrade.

Lawrence Streetscape: A number of items for the Lawrence Streetscape Project in preparation for 2011 celebrations are progressing. Of note, plans for the upgrade of Hospital Creek Bridge (on Ross Place) have been submitted to the NZTA for approval; design is underway for the footbridge to cross Hospital Creek on Gabriels Gully Rd;

layout options for the Gabriels Gully carpark have been finalised; and an onsite meeting has been held to discuss the Gabriels Gully walking track. An archaeological assessment is now required for the use of the water race as a walking track.

Council Neutral: Council has agreed to remain neutral on Contact Energy's proposals for new electricity generation on the Clutha River. Contact is currently considering options for further electricity on the river and recently gave an informal briefing to Councillors and Community Board members on its plans. Council will wait for all options to be announced before deciding on whether to take a different stance.

Wheelie Bin woes

- ! We would like to remind residents that bulky items that cannot be enclosed within a wheelie bin and any article or material which can damage the collection truck (e.g. steel bars, concrete, timber etc.) are not permitted to be placed in wheelie bins.
- ! Wheelie bins put out for collection must weigh less than 30kg, and **waste must be fully contained** within the approved wheelie bin with the lid **fully closed**.
- ! There have been several bins around the district recently which **have not been picked up** because they have been **too full!** Property owners are also liable for the replacement cost of a wheelie bin damaged by hot ash or any other non-permitted waste.

