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**Upcoming Lawrence-Tuapeka  
Community Board meetings**

Wed 26 May 2010, 3pm  
Wed 7 July 2010, 3pm

**Upcoming Council meetings (at the  
Council Chambers, Balclutha)**

Thu 13 May 2010, 1.30pm  
Thu 24 June 2010, 1.30pm

## Help at your fingertips

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](http://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, so your query can be logged and passed onto the appropriate contractor/staff member for response.

Please remember for urgent matters to call 0800 801 350 at any time, so that the matter can be dealt with immediately.

***This newsletter is released via the Tuapeka Times following every second Community Board meeting - approximately every two months. Colour copies are also available on the Council website - [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz), at the Lawrence Service Centre, or if you wish to receive this newsletter direct by email, please contact the Council directly. Our phone number is 0800 801 350.***

# LAWRENCE-TUAPEKA NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL - April 2010

## Power undergrounding, new streetlighting to proceed

The Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board has narrowly voted to go ahead with the undergrounding of the power supply and new streetlights for Ross Place as part of a major enhancement of the main street area in time for next year's 150th Celebrations.

Other work, including an upgrade to the Gabriel's Gully Road entrance and new carpark, a new pedestrian bridge on Gabriel's Gully Road, a new parapet treatment for the bridge on Ross Place and cleanup of the creek, as well as new rubbish bins and street furniture in Ross Place, had already been confirmed.

However, the Community Board felt it was important to consult the community on the power undergrounding and new streetlighting aspects of the project, given the costs involved.

A total of 86 submissions were received on the issue, with 52 of these (or 60%) in favour and 34 (40%) against.

Common comments from those in favour of the power undergrounding and new

streetlighting were that it would tidy up the appearance of the main street, while those opposed felt the costs were not warranted and that other projects should take precedence.

Feedback from some of the submissions indicated that there was some confusion by the mention in the consultation letter of the upcoming new swimming pool project. This was used as an example of another upcoming project which will affect Lawrence-Tuapeka ratepayers, but was not intended to be presented as an 'either/or' choice for submitters.

After considering the feedback, a motion not to proceed with the power undergrounding and new streetlighting was narrowly defeated 4-3, and a motion to proceed was then passed by the Community Board.

The streetscape project will go out to tender in the very near future, although the Community Board will first be approaching the power company to negotiate lowering the price for the work.

## Draft Annual Plan - have your say!

As you may be aware by now, Council is currently consulting on its Draft Annual Plan 2010/11.

The Annual Plan is the document which sets out the projects and services Council intends to deliver over the next financial year and also includes estimates of how much this is expected to cost. This year's plan also includes the following proposed amendments to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19:

- To provide an extra \$1.3 million to the proposed Clutha Recreation Centre, lifting the proposed funding from \$1.2m to \$2.5m.
- To change how the ratepayer contribution to the Clutha Recreation Centre is funded.
- To (a) grant \$1m to West Otago Health Trust and (b) rate a uniform charge to the households who fall within the West Otago Health service area, to pay back the loan principal

and interest charges needed to fund the grant.

A summary of the full Draft Annual Plan including information on the proposed Recreation Centre was published in the Clutha Leader on April 15.

The projected rates change for the Lawrence township in 2010/11 for a medium value property is an increase of 4.2%. The rates change for rural properties vary depending on the rural area and the value of the property. A property with a capital value of \$250,000, for example, could expect an increase of 1.7%, whereas a property with a capital value of \$7.7m could expect a decrease of 1.3%.

For more information on the Draft Annual Plan please go to our website [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz), or visit the Lawrence Service Centre. A submission form is included on the back of this newsletter. Submissions close on Monday 10 May.



**GABRIEL'S GULLY  
GOLDRUSH 150TH**



**CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11 & PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19 SUBMISSION FORM**

*(Note: it is not compulsory to use this form for your submission)*

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone (work):**

**Phone (home):**

**Email:**

Comments on the draft Annual Plan 2010/11:

**A meeting to hear submissions will be held on Thu 20 May in Balclutha.**

**Do you wish to speak in support of your written submission? (please tick)**

Yes

No

**When you have completed your submission:**

Fold and post (freepost – no stamp required).

OR

Deliver to one of the following Council offices:

Main Office, 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha

Balclutha Service Centre, Clyde St

Lawrence Service Centre, Peel St

Milton Service Centre, Union St

Tapanui Service Centre, Suffolk St

OR

Fax to 03 418 3185

OR

You could email your submission/comments to **help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz** (Don't forget to include your postal address).

Comments on the proposed amendments to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19:

(Please use additional pages if required)

**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE MONDAY 10 MAY 2010**

*Please note your submission will be available to the public as part of Council's decision-making process.*