



Lawrence-Tuapeka News

A Newsletter from the Clutha District Council - December 2011

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Meeting agendas online

A reminder that residents and ratepayers can keep track of decisions made by Council and Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board, with meeting agendas available online.

Meeting agendas for the full Council, Standing Committees, the District Development Board and the Community Boards are accessible via the Council website www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Agendas are generally available online on the Monday prior to a particular meeting. Agendas can be downloaded in PDF, either in full, or by each agenda item to make the service more user-friendly and accessible for those on dial-up Internet connections.

Online Service Requests

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, 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.



Lawrence Best Street Competition

The Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board has confirmed a 'Best Street' Competition for Lawrence this summer.

The competition has been organised to help raise local people's pride and ownership in the presentation of their township. It also follows recent changes to Council's berm mowing guidelines which encourage landowners/residents to take responsibility for the upkeep of their berms.

Mystery judging of all streets in Lawrence will take place on or about 14 February, so

there is still plenty of time to work together with your neighbours to get your street looking great.

Judges will be looking for the best presented street frontages, including berms, fences or hedges, and any planted areas in front of the fence, hedge or boundary.

A 'Best Street Sign' will be awarded to the winning street, and a BBQ/sausage sizzle organised for them by the Community Board.

The winning street will be announced in late February.

Update from the Water Services desk

Sewage treatment: Construction of Lawrence's new Biofiltro sewage treatment plant is complete and undergoing commissioning.

The new system is built to comply with stricter effluent quality conditions in the newly issued discharge consent.

The Biofiltro Plant treatment system is based on the digestion of sewage by a bioactive sawdust bed supported by a rock drainage layer.

Odour issues: Recent weather conditions have resulted in odour issues at the Lawrence oxidation pond. Our contractor has addressed this issue by increasing aeration to the pond and breaking up sludge. It is expected that the reduction in load provided by the Biofiltro system will

also reduce instances of odour issues over time. Other options, such as an additional aerator, will be reviewed and presented to the Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board.

Water storage tank: Due to unsuitable ground conditions at the water treatment plant, the new water storage tank for Lawrence has been located at an adjacent site on private land, with construction now underway. Council would like to note its appreciation to the property owner, Bruce Purvis, for his cooperation with this.

This additional storage capacity provided by the new water storage tank will provide a much better security of supply and operating flexibility for the township.

Hey Kids - Libraries Summer Reading Programme!



Clutha District Libraries' summer reading programme is on again this year,

Thanks to sponsorship from The Trusts Community Foundation, all Clutha District libraries are again offering the free, incentive based reading programme these summer holidays. Each child sets their own reading target, with incentives along the way and a book prize for those who reach their reading goals.

The reading programme is being run under the theme of 'Be a Legend - Read!' this summer. The idea is to encourage all Year

1 to Year 8 children to keep reading while they're off school these summer holidays, and to have some fun along the way.

Registrations open at Lawrence Library on Monday 5 December and close Friday 23 December.

