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# WEST OTAGO NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL - MARCH 2009

## Council endorses fluoridation application for Tapanui

Clutha District Council has signed off on the West Otago Community Board's recommendation to pursue fluoridation of the Tapanui water supply.

Last month, the Community Board recommended Council apply to the Ministry of Health for 100% subsidy funding for the capital costs of installing fluoridation equipment at the Tapanui Water Treatment Plant.

The Ministry promotes fluoridation as a cost-effective public health intervention which improves oral health and produces significant savings in dental treatment costs. It therefore makes funding available through its Sanitary Works Subsidy Scheme to put in

fluoridation equipment for communities on reticulated water supplies servicing more than about 1,000 people. Funding could also be made available for slightly smaller communities such as Tapanui. Council's decision to proceed with the funding application to fluoridate Tapanui's water supply follows a non-binding referendums held in 2007, which showed community support for fluoridating the Tapanui, Kaitangata and Milton water supplies.

Council has already approved the introduction of fluoride to the Kaitangata and Milton water supplies, subject to the 100% funding of the capital works from the Ministry of Health.

## BMC student for Youth Council Deputy Chair

Blue Mountain College student Farryn Crawford (pictured) has been elected to the position of Deputy Chair of the Clutha District Youth Council for 2009.

Farryn, a Year 13 student at BMC, was also a member of the first ever Clutha District Youth Council in 2009. She was elected to the position of Deputy Chair by her fellow Youth Councillors at the Inaugural

Meeting for 2009 held on 18 February.



Vicki Philip, a workplace representative on the Youth Council, was elected Chair for a second consecutive year.

Youth Council meetings will be rotated throughout the district this year, giving Tapanui the chance to host a meeting at the West Otago

Community Centre on 27 April from 5pm.

## Superheroes Read



Constable John Mahwinney and Cinderella (Hannah Diamond) attended the prizegiving of the Tapanui Library Children's Summer Reading Programme last week.

Thirty children took part in the Reading Programme, under a new theme this year of 'Superheroes Read'. Each child set their own reading incentive with 19 children reaching their goals and reading 390 books between them.

Winners of the Superheroes Colouring Competition were also announced with Carle Beneke winning the 8-10 year-old category and Leatitia Beneke winning the 5-7 year-old category.

Tapanui Library is open 8.30am to 6pm on weekdays, and remains open until 6pm on Fridays. Broadband Internet is now available at the Library, costing \$2 per 15 minutes or part thereof. Computer access to the Library Catalogue is also available free of charge.