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Hours: Mon - Fri: 8.30am - 5pm (The library is open until 6pm on Fridays)

Please initially contact Council staff (rather than your local Community Board member, Councillor, or our contractor) to report any problems with Council services. Please contact your nearest Council office or call 0800 801 350 if outside of normal office hours.

Upcoming West Otago Community Board meetings

Wed 18 August 2010

Wed 29 Sept 2010

Upcoming Council meetings (at the Council Chambers, Balclutha)
Thu 5 August May 2010, 1.30pm
Thu 16 Sept 2010, 1.30pm

TrustPower Awards

Nominations are now being called for the annual TrustPower Clutha District Community Awards.

The awards are divided into two main categories. The first category is for voluntary groups or organisations, while the second main category recognises and celebrates the contribution individuals make to the Clutha community.

Nominations can be made by contacting Council on 0800 801 350 during business hours or by visiting www.trustpower.co.nz.

Nominations close on Friday 20 August and the awards will be presented on Monday 20 September.

WEST OTAGO NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL - July 2010

How do I go about trimming or removing trees in road reserve?

If a tree on road reserve is causing a problem, please apply to Council to have the tree trimmed or removed rather than first taking it upon yourself to do so.

Council has a Berm Tree Programme for the maintenance and/or removal of trees in the road reserve and unauthorised trimming/removal may lead to enforcement action being taken by Council.

Council has a criteria it uses when determining whether a tree in road reserve may be trimmed or removed and who pays for it. When making a decision, we give consideration to the general principles outlined below:

- If the tree is not an Amenity Tree* and is considered a danger to the public, we will remove the tree.
- If the tree is not an Amenity Tree* but is not considered a danger to the public, then the applicant may be able to trim/remove the tree at their own cost. However, the applicant must first seek approval

from neighbouring property owners/occupiers. Neighbouring property occupiers/owners are determined to be those properties with boundaries within a 100m radius of the tree.

- If the tree is an Amenity Tree*, and is considered a danger to the public and/or affecting an existing building, then the trimming of the tree will always be considered as the first option.
- If the tree is an Amenity Tree*, and is not considered a danger to the public, then the application will be declined.

If you wish to apply to have a tree removed, please contact the Tapanui Service Centre or your nearest Council office to obtain an application form and/or more detailed information. Alternatively, application forms are available on our website at www.cluthadc.govt.nz.

*Please note an Amenity Tree is defined as a tree that has been planted by Council or a Community Group and form part of the streetscape.

West Otago Community Board/Council briefs

Tapanui Water: Work on the \$750,000 worth of water treatment upgrades for Tapanui is underway. The work, which is 80% subsidised by central government, is expected to be fully operational by early August, while a new water reservoir will be installed in November. Fluoridation of the Tapanui water supply is also expected to be operational soon. The capital cost of this work is being funded 100% by central government.

Local elections: In October this year, Clutha District Council will hold its three-yearly elections for a Mayor, Councillors and Community Board members.

Nominations of candidates open on 23 July and must be in the hand of the Electoral Officer at the Clutha District Council office, Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha not later than noon on Friday the 20th of August 2010. Each candidate must be nominated on the prescribed nomination paper, which will be available from the Clutha District Council in Balclutha or any Service Centre (Tapanui, Lawrence and Milton), or online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz

The preliminary electoral roll also opens for public inspection on 23 July at Clutha District Council and the Tapanui Service Centre. You can update your enrolment

details by going online to www.elections.org.nz, calling 0800 367 656 or completing the appropriate form at any Post Shop before the ratepayer electoral roll closes on August 20. Voting documents will only be sent to those whose names are included on the electoral roll, and to the postal address given. Voting papers will then be delivered to mailboxes from 17-22 September, with voting closing at Noon on 9 October.

For more elections information, please contact our Electoral Officer on 0800 801 350 or go online to www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Creative NZ Funding: Tapanui West Otago Promotions was one of seven recipients during the latest round of Creative NZ funding. It received \$1,300 for an artist/banner maker to work with the four local schools to create a series of banners to display in the area. Creative NZ funding is designed to increase participation and interest in the arts, and enhance/strengthen the local arts sector. Applications for the next funding round close 31 August.

Cemetery Kiosk: Council recently installed an information kiosk and block numbers at the Tapanui Cemetery to assist people to locate the burial plot of their loved ones. The kiosk houses a map identifying block areas as well as historical information.



Clutha Country
where everyone says hello