

# Community Summary: Lawrence

## What's planned for Lawrence in 2011/12?

### Sewerage upgrades

Lawrence's sewage treatment system needs a major upgrade due to meet present and future discharge consent limits for dissolved oxygen, biological oxygen demand, suspended solids, and faecal coliforms. The previous consent expired in December 2008 and Council asked for a three-year period of grace to achieve more stringent compliance and consider the various options to achieve this. The Otago Regional Council has now granted a new 35-year discharge consent based on the scheme upgrading to a new Biofiltro sewage treatment plant such as the one which has been operating at Kaka Point since the beginning of 2010. The upgrade is required to meet the new consent conditions and ensure the treated sewage being discharged is of an acceptable quality. The Biofiltro system uses proprietary technology originating from Chile to treat sewage effluent in a small and low-cost plant. The treatment is based on the digestion of the sewage by a bioactive sawdust bed supported by a rock drainage layer. The upgrade to the Biofiltro system is estimated to cost about \$587,000 + GST. This will add about \$135 + GST to the Lawrence wastewater rate in 2011/12. However, as can be seen from Long Term Plan forecast column in the rating examples below, this is significantly less than treatment upgrade options which were previously considered. Council is conscious that these are still significant costs, however the 35-year consent provides security for the Lawrence sewerage scheme into the future.

### Water supply upgrade

Physical work will be completed on upgrades to Lawrence's water treatment system. This work is due to legislation which requires all drinking water supplies to "take all reasonable practical steps" to comply with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards 2005. Lawrence received 90% government assistance for the total \$835,000 upgrade of its water supply. The upgrade work will ensure the Lawrence supply is very close to compliant with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards 2005, and will enhance the future security of the local supply.

### Clutha Recreation Centre

This project, being undertaken by a community committee, is due to be completed about July 2011. Council has provided 50% (up to \$2.5 million) towards a total project cost of about \$5 million. Council's contribution will be funded by a system in which ratepayers in different electoral wards pay a uniform amount based on their proximity to the Centre. This will see ratepayers in the Lawrence-Tuapeka Ward pay \$10.22 + GST a year from 2011/12.

### Kerbside recycling

In the 2009-19 Long Term Plan, Council included the introduction of kerbside recycling from the start of the 2011/12 year. This has been deferred until 1 April 2012 to give Council time to tender a new contract for Solid Waste Management including kerbside recycling. The intention is that the kerbside recycling collection will be an additional wheelie bin that would be collected fortnightly. Part of the additional cost would be offset by reducing the waste collection service from a weekly to a fortnightly service. These collections would alternate with residents still putting out one wheelie bin each week. Glass would be excluded given the significant increased cost implications for the kerbside collection of glass - either for the extra collection cost, higher sorting costs or for lower rebates. Drop-off facilities for glass will remain in place, however, at Balclutha, Lawrence, Milton and Tapanui, and Council could look at providing further drop-off facilities for glass around the district. It is estimated the kerbside recycling service will cost an additional \$28-\$37 + GST per household per year.

### Lawrence Swimming Pool

In the 2009/19 Long Term Plan Council included a provision for rate funding 55% of the proposed Lawrence Community Pool. This was split between the Lawrence Community Services Rate and the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board Rate at 25% and 30% respectively. The estimated cost of the pool upgrade has now increased from \$1.57 million to \$1.95 million and Council has agreed to maintain its funding at 55% of this. The pool will add approximately \$58 to rates of those in the Lawrence township and \$75 for those in the remainder of the Lawrence/Tuapeka ward. However, as the increase is loan funded there will be no rates impact until the year following the raising of the loan.

### Parks and Reserves

Council's Greenspace (Parks and Reserves) contract has recently been finalised at a significantly lower price than budgeted for. Lawrence's share of the savings have been passed on this year to minimise the rates increase. This does mean, however, that when the rest of the district receives the savings as part of the 2012/22 Long Term Plan, Lawrence will not.

## How are Lawrence rates expected to change?

(amounts shown are GST exclusive)

Lawrence Rating Area	Example One Land Value: 24,000 Capital Value: 36,000			Example Two Land Value: 36,000 Capital Value: 125,000			Example Three Land Value: 48,000 Capital Value: 210,000		
	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 AP Budget	2011/12 LTCCP Forecast	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 AP Budget	2011/12 LTCCP Forecast	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 AP Budget	2011/12 LTCCP Forecast
UAGC	387.10	<b>384.40</b>	402.31	387.10	<b>384.40</b>	402.31	387.10	<b>384.40</b>	402.31
District Roading	14.70	<b>14.70</b>	18.22	50.90	<b>51.00</b>	63.29	85.50	<b>85.80</b>	106.40
Local Roading	81.10	<b>80.70</b>	101.42	121.60	<b>121.10</b>	152.18	162.10	<b>161.40</b>	202.93
Footpath Rate	5.60	<b>5.60</b>	5.69	5.60	<b>5.60</b>	5.69	5.60	<b>5.60</b>	5.69
Water	432.30	<b>457.60</b>	487.64	432.30	<b>457.60</b>	487.64	432.30	<b>457.60</b>	487.64
Wastewater	214.30	<b>350.60</b>	429.51	214.30	<b>350.60</b>	429.51	214.30	<b>350.60</b>	429.51
Stormwater	133.90	<b>140.00</b>	137.69	133.90	<b>140.00</b>	137.69	133.90	<b>140.00</b>	137.69
Wastewater Upgrade Support	-	<b>0.10</b>	0.18	-	<b>0.30</b>	0.62	-	<b>0.50</b>	0.98
Community Services	86.70	<b>81.20</b>	103.64	130.00	<b>121.90</b>	155.47	173.40	<b>162.50</b>	207.38
Solid Waste Collection	152.10	<b>153.20</b>	156.44	152.10	<b>153.20</b>	156.44	152.10	<b>153.20</b>	156.44
Waste Minimisation	21.60	<b>7.50</b>	7.11	21.60	<b>7.50</b>	7.11	21.60	<b>7.50</b>	7.11
Recycling Collection	-	<b>18.00</b>	18.31	-	<b>18.00</b>	18.31	-	<b>18.00</b>	18.31
Planning & Regulatory	1.80	<b>1.60</b>	1.69	6.10	<b>5.50</b>	5.78	10.30	<b>9.20</b>	9.69
Recreation Centre	-	<b>10.22</b>	-	-	<b>10.22</b>	-	-	<b>10.22</b>	-
LT Community Board	78.40	<b>66.90</b>	79.64	78.40	<b>66.90</b>	79.64	78.40	<b>66.90</b>	79.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,609.60	<b>1,772.32</b>	1,949.51	1,733.90	<b>1,893.82</b>	2,101.69	1,856.60	<b>2,013.42</b>	2,251.73
<b>% Change</b>		<b>10.1%*</b>	19.3%**		<b>9.2%*</b>	18.8%**		<b>8.4%*</b>	18.4%**
<b>\$ Change</b>		<b>\$162.72</b>	\$339.91		<b>\$159.92</b>	\$367.79		<b>\$156.82</b>	\$395.13

\* This figure shows the rates increase from 2010/11 to 2011/12.

\*\* This figure shows the rates increase from 2010/11 to 2011/12 which was projected in the 2009-19 Long Term Plan.