

Community Summary: Stirling

What's planned for Stirling in 2011/12?

Sewerage Upgrades

Stirling's sewage treatment system needs a major upgrade in order to meet new discharge consent conditions. Presently, Stirling's sewage is collected and treated in an oxidation pond situated near Anderson Rd about 350m downstream of the Stirling Bridge to Inch Clutha. The treated effluent from the pond is discharged to the Clutha River immediately adjacent to the pond. The Otago Regional Council has 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 \$432,000 + GST. This will add about \$45 + GST to the Stirling wastewater rate in 2011/12. Council is conscious that these are significant costs, however the 35-year consent provides security for the Stirling sewerage scheme into the future.

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 Stirling (Balclutha Ward) pay \$34.06 + 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.

How are Stirling rates expected to change?

(amounts shown are GST exclusive)

Stirling Rating Area	<i>Example One</i> Land Value: 29,000 Capital Value: 99,000			<i>Example Two</i> Land Value: 33,000 Capital Value: 147,000			<i>Example Three</i> Land Value: 33,000 Capital Value: 220,000		
	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	384.40	402.31	387.10	384.40	402.31	387.10	384.40	402.31
District Roading	40.30	40.40	50.13	59.80	60.00	74.49	89.50	89.80	111.47
Local Roading	119.90	120.50	166.49	136.40	137.20	189.42	136.40	137.20	189.42
Footpath Rate	9.10	9.20	9.42	9.10	9.20	9.42	9.10	9.20	9.42
Water	250.80	273.80	252.00	250.80	273.80	252.00	250.80	273.80	252.00
Wastewater	336.10	381.50	384.27	336.10	381.50	384.27	336.10	381.50	384.27
Stormwater	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Upgrade Support	-	0.20	0.44	-	0.40	0.71	-	0.50	1.07
Community Services	10.70	11.00	11.11	12.20	12.50	12.62	12.20	12.50	12.62
Solid Waste Collection	152.10	153.20	156.44	152.10	153.20	156.44	152.10	153.20	156.44
Waste Minimisation	21.60	7.50	7.11	21.60	7.50	7.11	21.60	7.50	7.11
Recycling Collection	-	18.00	18.31	-	18.00	18.31	-	18.00	18.31
Planning & Regulatory	4.90	4.30	4.53	7.20	6.50	6.76	10.80	9.70	10.13
Recreation Centre	-	34.06	-	-	34.06	-	-	34.06	-
TOTAL	1,332.60	1,438.06	1,462.58	1,372.40	1,478.26	1,513.87	1,405.70	1,511.36	1,554.58
% Change		7.9%*	5.1%**		7.7%*	5.4%**		7.5%*	5.5%**
\$ Change		\$105.46	\$129.98		\$105.86	\$141.47		\$105.66	\$148.88

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

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