



Lawrence Tuapeka News

a newsletter from Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board

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Public toilet upgrade

The refurbishment of the inside of the public toilets started in early February 2019. The toilets are getting a makeover which includes internal and external painting, replacement whiteware and tiling of the walls and floors for easy maintenance. While the toilets are out of action, portaloos have been installed outside the old O'Leas building.

The gardens outside the toilet have also had a transformation recently thanks to the town's dedicated garden volunteers (Marie Kean, Elaine Crawford, Margaret Pearson and Eileen Grant) and their helpers. The revamp looks great and the historic element gives further interest to an area that is heavily populated with visitors to the town.



Bridge in domain made safe

The Board would like to congratulate Stevie Robertson, Ali McCraw, Mark Robbie and the rest of the volunteers for their fantastic efforts upgrading the bridge with handrails in the Steep Street domain. The Community Board were happy to support the upgrade with funding for materials. The bridge's safe and solid new construction will serve the community for many years to come and has enhanced this area greatly.

Flooding issues



Planning work for a number of stormwater upgrades is continuing as a result of the November 2018 flood event. This includes working with private property owners as well as the NZTA and upgrades to Council assets to address problem areas in the network.

Significant excavation work has now been done on Hospital Creek from Night n' Day through to the start of the cycle trail to remove obstructions and silt.

Council representatives will be holding a public meeting for residents on Wednesday, 27th February at the St John's Room to discuss any ongoing concerns that haven't yet been dealt with.

Your Community Board

We want to ensure our area continues to be a great place to live! Residents are welcome to approach the Board with concerns or suggestions.

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New rubbish bin

A larger double rubbish bin has now been installed outside the Night 'n Day. We will continue to monitor the area to see if an additional bin also needs to be installed down by the toilet area.

Recycling bins were considered but Council advised against this due to their experience that contaminated rubbish is often mixed in, making all of the rubbish non-recyclable.



Departures and arrivals

The Board accepted with regret Elizabeth Ritchie's resignation in December. This was Liz's second term on the Board and as she now resides in Dunedin, had decided it was time to leave. Liz was a dedicated Board member and local volunteer - her valuable input and support of community projects will be missed.

With Liz's resignation happening within 12 months of the elections, a bi-election was not compulsory and gave the option of an appointment by the Board to fill the vacancy. The Board approached Matthew Little who was the unsuccessful candidate in the 2016 election who has accepted the position. We look forward to welcoming Matt to his first meeting in March.

Quick updates

Signage and speed – the CB are awaiting a progress report from NZTA for our requests on signage on Whitehaven Street and installation of a portable digital speed checker.

Zigzag update – a preliminary design has been received from the landscape architect. Costs and more detail will be worked through, after which feedback from the community will be sought.

Attention dog walkers

A reminder that dogs are not permitted in the cemetery, Clutha Gold Trail or the golf course. Please remember to pick up after your dog in public areas.

**Something
needing
to be done?**

Seen something that needs Council attention?
You can place a service request through the
Service Centre or via 0800 801 350,
or www.cluthadc.govt.nz or visit the Lawrence
Service Centre.

Ross Place footpath

A resident recently presented her concerns on the condition of the footpaths on Ross Place. Various contractors have dug up areas to do work and the quality of the reinstatements of the footpath has been poor. Council staff have advised that it is not cost effective to re-do small areas as the asphalt needs to come from Dunedin, however they acknowledged that closer monitoring and accountability needed to take place on the quality of workmanship undertaken by service providers in future.



Council staff have been working on the current state of repairs to be done.

2019 local body elections

The current members on the Community Board will retire in September with a newly elected board commencing a three year term from November.

There are six elected members on the Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board that meet on a six-weekly basis. Board members act as the communication channel between the community and the Council on issues surrounding the Tuapeka district.

It is a rewarding role and a great opportunity to get involved in local politics. If you are interested in putting your hat in the ring, keep a look out in the coming weeks for further information on the election process from Council.

Stay abreast of Community Board happenings

If you would like to know what the Community Board will be talking about at their next meeting, you can read the agenda/supporting papers which are at the Info Centre and Service Centre a week prior to the meeting. Copies of Board papers from previous meetings are also available on the Council website www.cluthadc.govt.nz



Meeting days for the remainder of this year are 6 March, 17 April, 29 May, 10 July, 21 August and 25 September. Dates of the Board meetings are published in the "Claim the date" section of the Tuapeka Times. Residents are welcome to come along to the Public Forum to voice their opinions/concerns on matters which impact our area. For general maintenance items, service requests can be lodged with the Council.