



Clutha District Council

Lawrence Township Stormwater Update

September 2018

Drain Maintenance: Council engaged local contractor, Bill Fitzgerald, to undertake clearing of the drain behind Ross Place. This was added to the budget through the recent Long Term Plan (LTP) Process after discussions with concerned locals. This drain had been maintained by the ORC in the past but had not had any attention for some time. This work also included the creation of a bund on Irvine Street to direct water away from the township and keep the water in Wetherston Creek.

The upper catchment of this drain is Hospital Creek and this is a natural watercourse on private property. Council has a project this year to engage with the local community about whether should be publicly maintained. Initial estimates for the work required will be developed followed by engagement with the local community.

Council staff have also inspected Hospital Creek and identified a number of obstructions. Staff will be engaging with service providers and property owners to remove these obstructions.

Capital Upgrades: The Lismore Street culvert was replaced earlier in 2018. Council also confirmed capital upgrades of \$181,000 for Lawrence through the recently adopted LTP. Engineers are currently scoping the work and designs are expected to be completed in the next few months. Construction is planned to start in mid-2019. This includes upgrades in the Irvine Street area, Harrington Place, Pladda Street, and other culvert upgrades. The work in Lawrence was identified as a high priority within the district and as such was budgeted in Year 2 of the LTP.

Liaison with Otago Regional Council: Staff have followed up with the ORC as we were expecting information back from them earlier in the year regarding capacity and maintenance issues for some creeks including Wetherston and Hospital Creeks. This work is yet to be undertaken and we are waiting for feedback from the ORC regarding the timeframe.

The main work areas in the Lawrence township are shown on the map below.

