

West Otago News

A newsletter from the West Otago Community Board

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Road Closures



A few issues regarding road closures have come to the Community Board's notice following the recent floods. We would like to remind all drivers that when a barrier

is across the road, placed by Council staff/contractors, then take note that the road is closed, and if you go into these areas you could be prosecuted. We also understand that if your vehicle is damaged by accessing a "closed road", you may have problems claiming insurance for your vehicle.

Cell Phone Coverage

West Otago is still experiencing some black spots regarding telecommunications, especially in the Spylaw and Moa Flat areas. The Community Board is working hard on your behalf to get better coverage into these areas. It is of concern to us that it makes it very difficult for our volunteer services, when there is an accident and adequate coverage is not available.

Online Newsletters & Water Scheme Notifications

It's really easy to sign up for Council's new online newsletter called Our Council: E-Newsletter. It comes straight to your inbox following Council meetings and aims to keep you informed about the latest news and decisions. Rural Water Scheme customers can also sign up to receive email notifications about any issues with their scheme. Check out www.cluthadc.govt.nz/onlinenewsletters.

New Subdivision

It's great to see a new subdivision taking shape in Tapanui with a lot of interest being shown in the sections available. This will enhance the southern entrance into Tapanui.

Open Forum

We are hoping to hold a waste disposal and open forum workshop for members of the public in the near future. This will be advertised in the Blue Mountain Express, so keep your eye out.

Dogs

We would like to remind you that if you own a dog in the Tapanui or Heriot townships, then adequate fencing must be provided at your place of residence to keep the dog under control. Also, when walking your dog, please carry a plastic bag to pick up any droppings. We are proud of how our small towns look and want to keep our footpaths clean – you can help with this. Thanks in advance!



Service Requests

A reminder that if you have any issues or anything that needs fixing near your place, you can contact the Tapanui Service Centre on 03 204 8306 or 0800 801 350 and they will help you lodge a service request. You can also make a service request online through Council's website: www.cluthadc.govt.nz. These are followed up by Council staff, but if no action is taken, then please ring us again. For urgent matters, call 0800 801 350 at any time so the matter can be dealt with directly.