



Lawrence Tuapeka News

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Approval of Long Term Plan (LTP) submissions

We are pleased to advise that the following submissions made by the Community Board to the recent Long Term Plan process were accepted by the Clutha District Council:

Hospital Creek

We highlighted that flooding is an issue for businesses and residents on parts of Ross Place. We identified that the clean-out of Hospital Creek from behind the Fire Station to beyond the start of the Cycle Trail would stop the back up of flood waters and alleviate a constant worry for those residents. This work is being carried out this week

Irvine Street kerb and channelling

The area adjacent to Tuapeka Transport's yard has been identified as a suitable place for overflow parking. The Board believes kerb and channelling across the front of the yard will open up the parking opportunities and go some way to reducing the dust issue.

Lower Lancaster Street (the Zig Zag)

The Board has identified this area for an upgrade and agreed to a total revamp of the zig zag area and pedestrian path. This may include reconstructing the path as paved steps, installing a better handrail and the development of a professional planting plan. A concept plan of possible changes is to be formulated and made available for public comment. The power company has highlighted that some trees in this area are beginning to encroach the power lines and will need to be trimmed.

A bouquet to the gardening team



The Community Board are very grateful for the work that Marie Kean, Elaine Crawford, Margaret Pearson and Eileen Grant do towards maintaining the plantings on Ross Place. This team have worked tirelessly over many years planting, maintaining and watering the pittosporums, roses and other plants on Ross Place for our many visitors to town to appreciate. On behalf of the community, thank you for the many hours of voluntary labour you contribute to maintaining these beds.

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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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Approval of LTP submissions continued:

Steep Street Reserve

Over the years, many volunteer groups have been involved in opening access to the reserve with walking tracks and fitness trails. Recently more extensive work to clear deadwood, control weed invasion and extend the walking tracks has occurred, also by volunteers. Following a suggestion around tree trimming/removal in this area to alleviate shading of Ross Place, an arborist's report was obtained by the Board to see where any future work might have best effect. The arborist's opinion was that there would be no significant alleviation of shading by any work in the area. However the report identified an area of self-sown sycamore trees along the creek bank for possible removal. \$10K has been put aside for this purpose.



Recycling in Lawrence

The Board asked that the local transfer station, which is currently open for a few hours on Saturday morning, be made more available to the community.

Children's Playground, Whitehaven Street

A total of \$25,000 has been put aside in the 2019/20 year for refurbishment of this area and more seating. It is envisaged that this may be a community project.



Destination Toilet

The Board believe that the demand for toilets will continue to grow as tourism increases. To this end they have asked Council to consider a 'destination' toilet in another location with better access to vehicular traffic. It was suggested that this could be looked at in the 2020/21 year. The current toilet block on Ross Place is also getting an internal upgrade.

Road Sealing

We have asked that Back Road in Lawrence be included in the Clutha District Council road sealing programme.

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 Information 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 October 3 and November 14.

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. If you've seen something that needs Council's attention, you can easily place a service request through the Lawrence Service Centre, or by ringing 0800 801 350 or via www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Mobile black spots

Recently the Board was distributed with a government update on the roll-out of the mobile black spots fund programme.

It was noted that the Waitahuna area had not been flagged on the priority list for the next few years.

The Board undertook to submit a request for this to be reviewed highlighting the likely extension of the Clutha Gold Trail and the increased tourists it would bring to this area, along with the needs of local residents.

Signage and speed

We have asked NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) to consider signage on Whitehaven Street to highlight the toilet and Information Centre location and the start of the Clutha Gold Trail.

This is following a recommendation from residents who are frequently asked of their location by visitors to town.

NZTA are also looking at installing a portable digital speed checker at the eastern entrance into town, which have proven to be effective in reducing speed.