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Waste management

Plans are underway to move the transfer station from behind the Service Centre to Waipori Road. Once complete, the Lawrence Tuapeka Community Board (LTCB) wishes to investigate what else they can do there such as the development of an AgRecovery site.

Through the Annual Plan process, the LTCB also asked Council to investigate the introduction of a district-wide glass crushing and chipping service. The disposal of green waste for residents throughout the district is becoming quite an issue and chipping what can be chipped of the waste would be of benefit to all. Glass crushing was raised at one of Lawrence-Tuapeka Our Place workshops and was well supported and other areas in the district have also raised an interest. We have suggested a commercial glass crusher and large chipper could be purchased for loan throughout the district or the services supplied by local contractors on a regular basis.



COMMUNITY HOUSING: The picnic table for our community housing residents is now in place and we hear it is being used on a regular basis! Great to see that there is now a social area for all to enjoy.

Freedom Camping

LTCB are looking to conduct a trial camping area for motorhomes at both the current Clutha Gold entrance (opposite the Police Station) and the parks opposite the Vintage Club. This will not only help regulate camping/long-term parking which already appears to be happening in these areas, but also encourage our motorhome visitors to stay in town for eating and drinking options. It is planned to do a tidy up of the carpark area/fencing at the same time. It is envisaged that the Clutha Gold site will be maximum



2-3 nights and the Vintage Club would be strictly overnight (in after 5 pm, out by 9 am). Both sites would be managed by the CDC Freedom Camping Ranger.

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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Lawrence-Tuapeka Our Place Community Plan update

Many of the Community Plan projects identified in the process require a community group to drive them. To date no group has emerged to lead the community hub feasibility study, so LTCB asked that these funds be put towards progressing design plans/redevelopment of the Gabriel's Gully entrance which was also included as part of this project. Clutha Development is continuing to develop some ideas around an improved visitor experience for Gabriel's Gully and these will be shared with the community in due course.



Whitehaven Street playground

This project is being led by a team of volunteers who are making good headway. The upgrade is to incorporate heritage and other local elements with an aim to providing a safer and more enjoyable experience for a greater range of users.

An independent site investigation of the equipment and condition of the playground has estimated a revamp and upgrade of the matting would be around \$200K. Given the age of the equipment, the committee would like to pursue their vision to start again with new equipment and matting which is estimated to be around the same cost.



Council allocated \$40K towards equipment (half-share) and \$25K for new fencing. The LTCB supported the Committee's submission to the AP to increase the halfshare contribution to \$100K towards equipment, plus retaining the \$25K for fencing. The LTCB has limited project funds but will also consider a small contribution towards the upgrade as we feel it is a worthwhile investment in the town's future development.

Steep Street Domain

Our hard-working Domain volunteers have been busy marking trees which require care or attention by an arborist. We have submitted to this year's Annual Plan for increased funding towards the process. The Board has also been in contact with ORC regarding improved maintenance to Weatherstons Creek which borders the Domain and we will be continuing to work through the options.

Quick updates

PEACE GARDENS: We have asked through the Annual Plan for additional funding towards arborist support in the Peace Gardens and some new plantings.

ZIGZAG TRACK: We are awaiting to receive options and costs for the upgrade of the surface of the zigzag path and a replacement railing. Once this work is complete, a planting plan will be considered.

CEMETERY PANELS: Work is progressing on updated information panels for both the Chinese and main cemetery and we hope to have these installed in the coming months.

Elections

It is election year for local government and nominations open for the Councillor and Community Board roles on 15 July and close on 12 August. Voting will be held in September with official results announced on 13th October.

Interested in putting your name forward? Go to: www. cluthadc.govt.nz/council/elections for further information.

Stay abreast of Community Board happenings

If you would like to know what the Community Board have been discussing or will be talking about at their next meeting, you can read the agenda at the Lawrence Community Library a week prior to the meeting.

Copies of Board papers and dates of Board meetings are also available on the Council website

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