

Lets Chat : 17 October 2009

Hello everyone,

Another fortnight, two weeks closer to Christmas and so much going on!

In no special sequence let me highlight some key happenings that are top of mind for me. Alamidas Investments, a development company associated with the wider residential development in South East Amberley, has filed its resource consent for application for a major retail shopping centre and supermarket for Amberley. Great news!

We have concluded the remaining discussions with Hurunui Recycling and the long term contract has been signed. Equally great news.

The issues surrounding water and water management strategies continue to dominate our attention, evidenced by Thursday's Press. As a Mayor, I am continuing to put all my efforts into finding the common sense, middle road solutions for all of us. Its time consuming, demanding and somewhat frustrating. But critically important for our future.

Tourism numbers continue to recover, and the Pools and Spa are trading well. How good was the prime time news coverage at Hanmer Springs of the snow?

Best wishes to three of our showcase events over the next two weeks: the Culverden Country Fete, Art in a Garden at Flaxmere and the Amberley A & P Show all deserve our full support.

Sincerely

Garry

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