

Let's Chat : 2 May 2009

Hello everyone

Welcome to winter! In view of the headlines around us regarding flu, possible pandemics and so on, I wish you all the best of health. Keep warm and take care.

Long Term Plan Submissions

You might be interested to know that we received 196 submissions on the Hurunui Long Term Plan. Of these, 78 commented to a greater or lesser extent on Council's proposed Hurunui Water Management Strategy, and of those 68 were in full support. The balance of submissions cover an extremely wide variety of topics, with no single issue emerging.

We really appreciate your feedback, and look forward to hearing the submissions in the week commencing Monday 11 May.

Ben Marr

Elsewhere in this issue you will read about young Ben Marr's award for bravery from Scouting New Zealand.

I just want to take this opportunity to recognise Ben, and to convey our thoughts to him and his family through these difficult times.

Rumble Strips

I have been watching the correspondence on this subject, and wondering whether or not I should comment. Having now also read the correspondence in the Christchurch Press about the Highway Patrol campaign in the Hundalees to focus drivers on keeping left (despite what some letter writers seem to think is their divine right to cross the centre line), I am flabbergasted at the whole issue. The rumble strips are a disincentive to keep left, they disrupt smooth, "flowing" driving and they are an outright impediment to slow traffic (such as car and loaded horse float) to pull to the left and let others pass, plus the noise effects. It is a subject I plan to pursue in the appropriate circles.

Sincerely

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