

2023 Autumn Newsletter

Waste minimisation

Hurunui schools blaze the trail with litter-free lunch boxes

Council's Waste team has been working with Leithfield and Waipara school students on how to create litter-free lunches that are both delicious and good for our environment. Creative juices flowed with a range of tasty recipes being shared. Swapping bought food that comes in plastic wrapping for healthy, tasty meals in re-usable containers helps to reduce the amount of litter going to landfill.



Councillors champion recycling with a visit to EcoSort

Do you know what happens to your recycling once your recycling bag is emptied? Hurunui District Councillors Karen Armstrong (West Ward), Dave Hislop (West Ward), Ross Barnes (West Ward) and Robbie Bruerton (South Ward) recently visited EcoSort for a closer look at how our Region's recycling hub manages Hurunui's recyclables. These recycling champions are spreading the word on what we should and should not be putting in our recycling bags.



For the latest Waste Newsletter, please see: www.hurunui.govt.nz/property-rates/rubbish-recycling/additional-information

PROJECT UPDATE: Hanmer Springs weighbridge

The new weighbridge at Hanmer Springs Transfer Station is expected to be up and running after Easter, with the installation of software and the office building the last items for completion. Council successfully applied for funding from the Ministry of the Environment for this important project.

Reserves Upgrades

Hurunui's reserves and green spaces are welcoming spaces for our families to play and relax in. Autumn is a busy time of the year for Council's Amenities team, who look after these spaces and ensure they remain safe and attractive.

Work currently underway includes clearing the Hanmer Springs Reserve gully of weeds and debris from stormwater drains in preparation for Autumn planting, and the play equipment at the Rutherford Reserve playground is enjoying some exciting upgrades.



Chamberlain Park vandalism a 'sad sign of disrespect', says Mayor

The recent vandalism of a Chinese dogwood tree in Chamberlain Park has dismayed local residents and the wider community.

The tree was planted last spring to mark the 125th anniversary of the passing of former Amberley School pupil Rewi Alley. Alley was born in 1897 in Springfield and is best known for the six decades he spent living in China, during which time he established strong ties between China and Hurunui District.

Last year, a tree-planting ceremony took place in the Chinese Garden attended by Mayor Marie Black, the Selwyn Sister Committee, Christchurch China Committee, the Chinese Ambassador Wang Xiaolong and the Chinese Consul to the South Island Madam He Ying.

Three Lancewood trees were also damaged in the incident.

Mayor Marie Black said it only took a small minority to undo the hard work and care of the Council's Maintenance team. "If we don't call out this bad behaviour, we are not acknowledging the significance this garden has in bringing our two cultures together," said Mayor Marie.



Hurunui District Mayor Marie Black in Chamberlain Park's Chinese Garden, where a symbolic tree was destroyed by vandals.

PROGRESS UPDATE: Kowai Amberley pipeline

Work on the pipeline from the Kowai water treatment plant to Amberley township is progressing well, with all of the State Highway road crossings now completed.

The contractor has installed 2.2km of polyethylene pipe, which includes Kowai River Road, Hursley Terrace, Crosses Road and a good part of SH1.

The pipeline gets pressure-tested in stages along the route in approximately 500m to 600m sections, which gives better results and allows for easier fault identification.



PROGRESS UPDATE: Factory Road, Cheviot



Improvement works to strengthen the road pavement and improve drainage on Factory Road, Cheviot, are near completion, with works planned to be completed in early April.

Waste collaboration with local businesses

Hurunui District Council's Waste team member Nicole Hurinui is visiting local businesses across the district to collaborate and share tips on how to manage their waste.

"It's a positive way to partner with our district's business owners to help them and the environment," said Nicole.



Kell's Kitchen owner Kelly Northover and her staff, with Hurunui District Council's Waste and Compliance support officer Nicole Hurinui.