

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Property Services
DATE: 8 May 2007
SUBJECT: Property Report

CAMPING GROUNDS

The contract for the management of the Collingwood Camping Ground is due to expire at the end of May and provides for a renewal for a further period of one year. We are impressed with the effort made by the present contract managers and are negotiating a one year extension. There is still a reasonable amount of work to be undertaken to bring the camping ground up to a standard which would enable it to be leased out again and a work programme will be agreed upon to ensure that all of the desired works are undertaken. The turnover to 31 May 2007 is expected to be double that reported to us for the period ended 31 May 2006 and we are of the opinion that this camping ground business is now back on the rails.

Approval has been given for the Pohara Top 10 Camping Ground to undertake further building alterations.

An inspection has been carried out of the Riverview Camping Ground at Murchison and again we were impressed with the work done by the lessee to grow the business.

The variation of the Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park at Fearon Street is underway and should be completed during May/June 2007.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The proposed boundary adjustment at the Waimea West Recreation Reserve is destined to go to a hearing. Pending the outcome of the resource consent application the Reserves Act procedures for an exchange of land will commence.

The acquisition of the Murchison sewerage ponds and disposal field land is imminent with the survey plans having been approved by LINZ. When the ponds were constructed the land was owned by the Crown and the ponds constructed with the Crown's consent. Subsequently the land transferred to a private owner who has agreed to allow the Council to purchase them.

Negotiations have commenced to acquire land on Appleby Highway to enable the Appleby Water Pumping Station to be relocated from the highway.

Crown clearance has been received for the purchase of a small area of land adjacent to the Matakitaki Road, Murchison to enable roading improvements to be undertaken.

Discussions have been held with the representative of the new owner of the former postmaster's residence in Commercial Street, Takaka over a possible boundary adjustment at the rear of that property fronting on to Riley Street.

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Exercise Cruikshank is a national pandemic exercise lead by the Ministry of Health occurring over five days in May 2007. Civil Defence will be observing the exercise and will be involved in a strategic discussion exercise on 17 May 2007.

A considerable number of Tasman District Council staff have been placed in emergency operations centre positions. Training for these staff is being organised in June and August.

Exercise Pandora is a civil defence exercise being run throughout the South Island on 14 and 15 September 2007 and staff will have the opportunity of exercising during this time when the emergency operation centre will be tested.

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