

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Property Services
DATE: 18 February 2009
SUBJECT: Manager Property Services Report

Customer Services staff in Motueka have been occupying the meeting room during December and January while alterations to the customer services area were undertaken. These alterations are now complete and staff are now operating from the new service centre. An official opening will be organised during March 2009.

With the commissioning of the new generator at the main office, the 10 kva generator located underneath the Hydrology section, will be sent to Takaka and exchanged for the smaller generator located at the service centre. The new generator will be capable of running the office at Takaka during a power outage whereas the existing one is only capable of running a small part of the service centre. This generator will be located on a trailer to increase its versatility. The generator currently located at Takaka will be removed from the trailer and located at the Murchison Emergency Services Incorporated where civil defence and ambulance services are located on the Murchison Recreation Reserve.

The redundant 40 kva generator, which is sitting in the main office carpark, will be mounted on a trailer and utilised for community and civil defence purposes.

I recently attended a meeting at St Arnaud to discuss the formation of a community response plan for the area. The community were enthusiastic about having their own response plan which will enable them to manage an emergency during those crucial 72 hours after the commencement of an event as well as those events that are not civil defence emergencies.

The Community Services Manager, the writer and the Mayor recently met with representatives of Carter Holt Limited to discuss the Baigent Memorial Reserve. This is a private reserve currently owned by Carter Holt Limited and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the long term future, ownership and management of the Baigent Memorial Reserve.

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