

January to March 2015

QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Central Otago District Council



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Our Activities

'Our Activities' provides a detailed overview of our activities from the last quarter and looks ahead to planned work for the next three months.

The groups of activities incorporate the core services that we deliver and we give particular consideration to how these core services contribute to the community in our decision-making process.

While some of the activities relate to legislation such as the Building Act 2004 and the Resource Management Act 1991, they contribute to the community's social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being and therefore also contribute to the community outcomes in some way, either directly or indirectly.

Corporate support provides the internal processes and support required for the organisation to carry out its activities.

WATER	Water Demand Management		
WASTEWATER			
STORMWATER			
TRANSPORTATION			
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE	Waste Minimisation	Elderly Persons' Housing District/Commercial Property Public Toilets Airports	
COMMUNITY SERVICES	Parks & Recreation Cemeteries	Community Facilities Libraries Swimming Pools	<i>District Development</i> Economic Development Tourism Community Planning Visitor Information Centres Central Otago Brand Promotions & Grants
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT	Resource Management Building Control Liquor Licensing Dog Control & Registration Environmental Health Emergency Management		
GOVERNANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES	Elected Members' Support	Administration Buildings Personnel Communications Customer Service & Administration Financial Planning & Reporting Information Systems	

WATER



Water

OUR SPACE

We manage 10 public water supply schemes, servicing approximately 14,400 residents. We aim to supply the community with treated water at a suitable pressure and quantity. Each scheme is different but operates under the same basic process. Water is drawn from a lake, river or bore before being treated to a required standard. Treated water is then pumped to elevated storage reservoirs for distribution. The reservoirs ensure sufficient quantities are available for consumption and firefighting while the elevation produces the required pressure.

In providing this we collectively utilise 57 pumps, 357km of pipes and 73 tanks or reservoirs.

The water supply service is a primary contributor to all three of our community outcomes.



Our goal is to provide certainty in the quality and availability of residential water supplies, as well as education on water conservation.

Our Measures

How we Measure Success	Our Aim	Comments
Water consumption per property per annum	Water consumption is stable at 450m ³ per annum per connection	On Target
Proportion of our budgeted works programme completed annually	90% of annual plan budgeted works completed within the financial year	Reticulation Renewals contract has been awarded. The successful tenderer is expected to commence Physical Works July 2015.
Number of requests for service received from customers	Number of service requests trending down from 900	On Target
Time without water per customer per annum (planned and unplanned)	Maximum shut down = 6 hours 99.7% sys availability No more than 5 shutdowns per property	None in this quarter.
Flow and pressure at connection	Number of low pressure or flow complaints trending down Number per year where flow is less than 25 litres/min Number per year outside the pressure range of 300Kpa – 900Kpa	Zero reports, As above. None.
Water loss from the network as a result of system leakage	Water loss does not exceed 30% of winter night flow	Not monitored.

Compliance with the microbiological criteria of the NZ Drinking Water Standards	Zero failed E-coli tests	Achieved.
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Cromwell

The operation and maintenance of the Cromwell water supply scheme has been business as usual in the third quarter of the financial year. As a result there is nothing of significance to report this quarter.

Roxburgh Water Supply

The irrigation of the Rugby Sports Ground in preparation for the A&P show tested the treatment plant. The flows from the irrigator have varied from 20-50 l/sec with the plant only able to produce 30 l/sec. Communication with the operator and internal staff raised awareness of the impact that these large uses can have on our system at the time.

Alexandra

Bridge Hill Rising Main Rupture

Tidy up work to several properties in Bodkin Road and the River Track was completed this quarter following the water main failure event at Christmas. The work in the River Track area is continuing to give problems after the rain event recently.

Council commissioned engineering consultants Beca CH2M to produce a repair options report, the result will be presented to Council in the fourth quarter of the 2014/15 year.

Molyneux Park Irrigation Alexandra Backfield Irrigation

The contract was awarded for the installation of the pop up irrigation system designed to replace the rain gun irrigator. Physical works on site are due to commence mid-April 2015.

Fulton Hogan have pressure tested the existing pipework for the back field irrigation works. The pipe

is in good condition avoiding the need for additional expense of a replacement water main.

Omakau Water Supply

After a heavy rain incident affecting the water quality at the intake the water was found to be more turbid than usual. So to be on the safe side a boil water notice was issued and in place for about three days.

Water Supply Reticulation Renewals

The contract for the renewals in Alexandra, Naseby, Ranfurly and Roxburgh at a tendered price of \$692k is expected to be completed by the end of September 2015.

Water Reticulation renewals are planned in the following towns:

- Alexandra: Brandon Street (Bringans Street to Ventry Street)
Glencarron Street (Full length 275m)
Thomson Street (Taylor Street to Walton Street)
- Naseby: Derg Street to Boffin Street (Swimming Dam Road to Ness Street)
- Ranfurly: Caulfield Street (Charlemont Street to Northland Street)
- Roxburgh: Branxholm Street (South of Abbotsford Street)
Tamblyn Drive adjacent LRV Lodge

WASTE water



Wastewater

OUR SPACE

We manage eight public wastewater schemes (Alexandra, Bannockburn, Cromwell, Lake Roxburgh Village, Naseby, Omakau, Ranfurly and Roxburgh), servicing approximately 12,500 residents. Each scheme pumps, reticulates and treats the wastewater generated by your household as well as from businesses and industrial processes. Wastewater is treated to a statutory standard and then discharged into a nearby water body or onto land.

In providing your wastewater service we utilise 216km of pipe, almost 2000 manholes and 81 pumps. Privately owned septic tanks are used in townships without reticulated schemes.

The wastewater service is a primary contributor to two of our community outcomes.



We strive to provide reliable, secure wastewater disposal systems where needed in the district, seeking continual improvement in our wastewater discharge standards.

Our Measures

How we Measure Success	Our Aim	Comments
Proportion of our budgeted works programme completed annually	90% of budgeted works completed within the financial year	Alexandra Wastewater Upgrade delayed due to contract negotiations process; contract to be awarded with physical works to commence by end of year, completion May 2015. Reticulation Renewals contract has been awarded. The successful tenderer is expected to complete the physical works by September 2015.
Number of requests for service received from customers	Number of service requests trending down from 100	On Target.
Property hours affected by system blockages	Less than 0.5% experience sewer outages per year	On Target.
Sewage is managed without risk to public health	Frequency of blockages affecting a single property, no more than twice a year	None in this quarter.
Compliance with resource consents in relation to wastewater discharges to water ways	100% compliance	Achieved.

Ranfurly Wastewater Treatment Plant

Resource consent process - Council have received feedback from all of our key stakeholders to the consent and have met with Otago Regional Council on-site and discussed the details of the operation and application. There have been no major issues raised to date and we are waiting for the final decision.

Major Projects

Alexandra Wastewater Ultraviolet Treatment Upgrade

Council received an extension of time from the Otago Regional Council allowing the completion and commissioning of the Ultraviolet disinfection plant by 1 January 2016.

Council awarded the "whole of the works" contract to Marshall Projects Ltd, completion and commissioning of the upgrade contract is planned for November 2015.

Cromwell Wastewater Resource Consent Renewal

There are four distinct projects associated with consent compliance, these are itemised below with the corresponding compliance date:

- Site Landscaping Works - completed
- Sludge Removal and Disposal - completion date 1 December 2015
- Treatment Plant Upgrade - completion date 1 January 2019
- Bannockburn WW Effluent Pumping & Pond Decommissioning - completion date 1 January 2021

Beca Consulting Engineering have completed the design and will prepare tender documents for the Bannockburn wastewater effluent pumping.

Bannockburn wastewater - the falling main to the oxidation pond was condition and performance assessed by CCTV inspection this week. The condition and performance ratings will be used to determine what renewals works will be included in the upcoming pump station and pipeline tenders.

Landscaping and planting of the pond site experienced regrowth of Poplar shoots. Southern Landmarx Ltd has re-sprayed regrowth plants.

Wastewater Reticulation Renewals

The contract for the renewals in Alexandra, Cromwell, Omakau and Roxburgh at a tendered price of \$578k has been awarded to Pipeworks Ltd and is expected to be completed at the end of October 2015.

Wastewater reticulation renewals are planned in the following towns:

Alexandra:	Between Ventry Street and Bringans Street (Brandon Street to Shannon Street) Earnsclough Road Eureka Street
Cromwell:	Between Donegal Street and Molyneux Street (Blyth Street to Alpha Street)
Omakau:	Leask Street (Alton Street to Hindon Street)
Naseby:	Strode Avenue (Near 7 Strode Avenue)
Roxburgh:	Scotland Street (15 Scotland Street to 17 Paisley Place).

STORM water



Stormwater

OUR SPACE

The stormwater activity provides for the safe removal of excess rainfall that does not naturally permeate into the ground. We manage stormwater for 10 townships.

Stormwater is conveyed directly to waterways using piped infrastructure, natural water courses and open channels. We have a responsibility to ensure communities are not adversely impacted by localised flooding. This includes liaising closely with the roading activity on ponding issues. Flood risks from large catchments, like the Clutha and Taieri rivers for instance, are managed by the Otago Regional Council (ORC).

In managing stormwater run-off we utilise over 91km of pipes channels and open drains with more than 800 manholes.

The stormwater activity is a secondary contributor to two of our community outcomes.



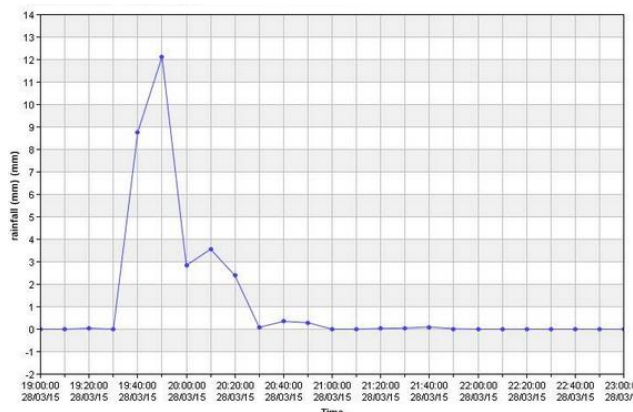
Our goal is to provide better planning solutions and improved stormwater maintenance, as well as education on stormwater reuse.

Our Measures

How we Measure Success	Our Aim	Comments
Proportion of our budgeted works programme completed annually	90% of budgeted works completed within the financial year	Annual expenditure is at 0% spent in this quarter.
Number of requests for service received from customers	Number of service requests trending down from 10	9 service requests in this quarter with 13 for the year.
Compliance with resource consents	100% compliance	Achieved.

Alexandra Stormwater

A rain event Saturday night 28 March 2015 – with 30mm of rainfall the volume was not overly significant. However it was the rate at which it fell that made this event a significant one. With the peak of the rain falling in 20-30 minutes the NIWA Database (HIRDS) states that for Alexandra this was a 1 in 60 year event. The intense nature of this storm far exceeded the capacity of our stormwater system of soak pits and road drainage. Excess runoff then either ponded, backed up into building spaces or utilised gardens and road carriageways as secondary overland flow paths. Both the roading and water services teams have been busy addressing the issues related to impacts of this event.



TRANSPORTATION



Transportation

OUR SPACE

The transportation activity is a primary contributor to all three of our community outcomes. It enables the movement of goods, people and services across our district.



We utilise a significant number of transportation assets to deliver our community outcomes. The largest of this is more than 1850km of roads spreading throughout the district. Most of these, approximately 1360km, are unsealed roads or tracks.

We utilise 176 bridges, just under 5000 culverts and close to 12,000 hectares of road reserves.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Council's goal is to ensure an efficient, fully accessible, safe roading network.

The core values we aim to deliver are:

- Timely intervention
- Informed customers
- Quick response
- Efficient work practices
- Quality outcomes

Timely Intervention

Calls for January and February were similar to the last 3 years, with an increase again in March. While call numbers have remained comparable with the last two years since November, the high numbers in July through to October means that the total for the year to date is still tracking high overall.

There have been staff and role changes across both the Council and contractors management teams in the past 15 months and this has resulted in some changes to the way work has been done in the past three years. We also have challenges relating to changing land use, increased demand, and constrained funding which means we are not able to undertake the extent of proactive work desired such as metalling and drainage work and grading of tracks.

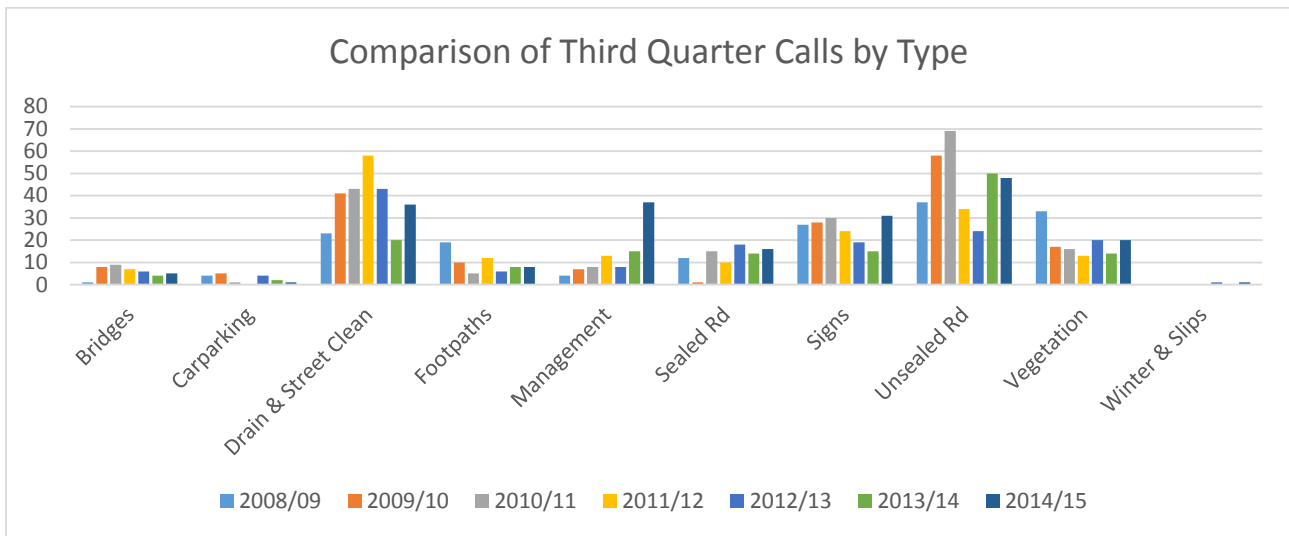
We have been reviewing where there are opportunities for change to enable us to better identify where issues on the network are occurring and address these before they impact on customers.

There are a number of areas where we are making changes and focussing our efforts:

- Annual review of routine maintenance programs and adjusting these based on new evidence available (such as adjusting grading programs based on traffic count data on gravel roads and land use change that is occurring, more frequent clearing of problem mudtank/culvert sites)
- Timing of annual tasks such as urban spraying so they are done before issues become a concern to the public
- increasing and targeting funding to proactive activities which reduce failure demand (such as increased drainage and metalling budgets and funding availability for track work)
- using evidence and optimised decision making to reduce budgets where risks are lower (such as reducing the sealed road renewal budget)
- improving the accuracy of estimates and consistent and effective programming
- adoption of the bylaw to enable on-going issues to be resolved

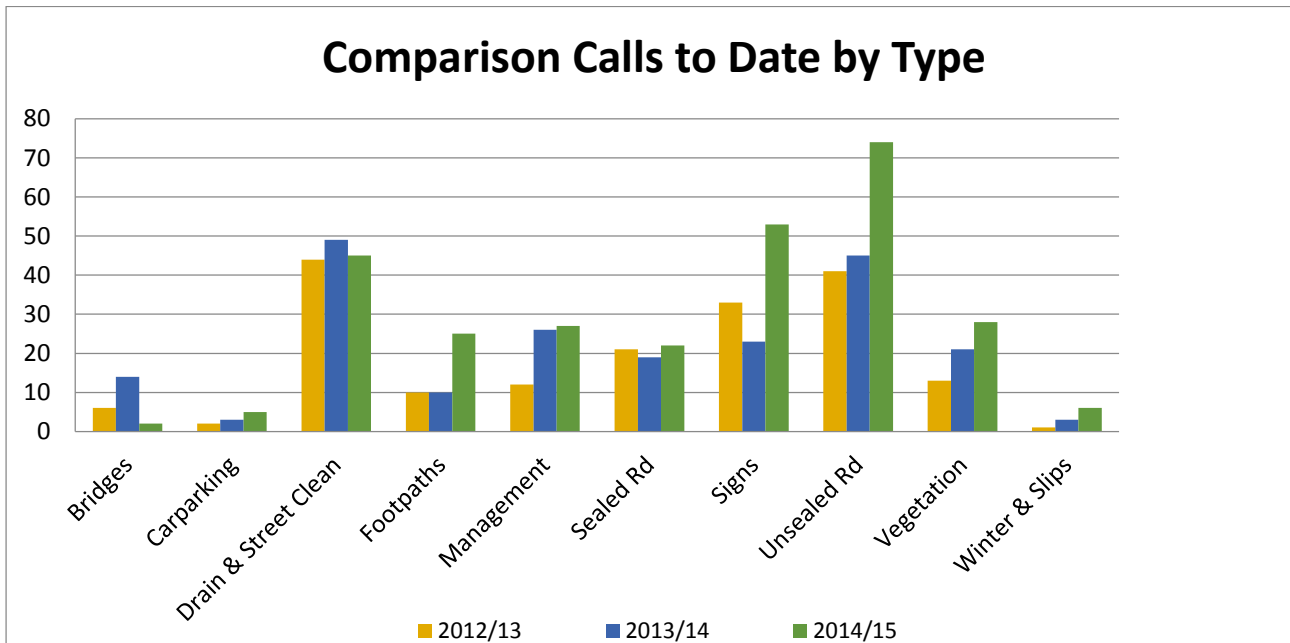
Rolling in changes will continue to August, when the work programs for next year are largely finalised following confirmation of NZTA funding for the next three year period.

Year to date comparisons	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Number of calls to 31 March	446	508	423	332	355	445



There has been a big spike in Management Calls this quarter. These were as follows:

Roxburgh Bridge work	6
Seal Extension request	1
Stock on Road	6
Speed limits	4
Work Council has done	3
Damage done to road by others	4
Parking	1
Request for extra paths	1
Heavy vehicles	2



Quick Response

The average time taken to issue a consent during the second quarter was 0.6 days, meaning that on average Consents are approved the same day.

The number of consents issued for the year to date has levelled out over the last quarter and is now up 21% on the previous year, and is 54% increase on the number processed in the same period 4 years ago.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Av time to issue during 2014/15
Traffic Management Plans	66	81	75	101	0.3
Road Opening Notices	81	87	103	127	0.2
License to occupy	4	5	17	16	4.6
Yard encroachment	2	5	2	4	0.3
Vehicle crossings	23	22	23	28	1.3
Generic Traffic Management Plans	11	8	15	14	0.6
Road Closures	5	10	8	5	
Total	192	218	243	295	0.6

Quality Outcomes - A Safe Rooding Network

The crash statistics are sourced from the NZTA Crash Analysis System (CAS). As it takes up to 3 months for crashes to appear in this system, the data provided for this report is updated for the previous quarter rather than the current one.

The crashes on local roads are tracking similar to the last 3 years. The total number of crashes on State Highways and local roads are higher than last year but similar to some previous years. The significant change is the increase in the proportion of crashes on the highways relative to local roads.

The tables below show comparisons for the first half of the year against the same period for the previous five years.

Comparison of Crash Statistics for the first half - 1 July – 31 December

Number of Crashes on Local Roads	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Serious	3	8	2	3	1	2
Fatal	0	1	0	0	0	0
Number of People Injured on Local Roads						
Serious	3	8	2	3	1	2
Fatal	0	1	0	0	0	0
Number of Crashes on All Roads (State Highways & Local Roads)						
Serious	9	8	5	10	4	9
Fatal	0	1	0	1	1	0
Number of People Injured on All Roads (State Highways & Local Roads)						
Serious	12	8	5	14	6	12
Fatal	0	1	0	2	1	0

Physical Work Programme

Significant progress is expected to be made on the 2013/14 Renewals programme within the next quarter.

Sealed Road Resurfacing

Resurfacing of sealed roads is programmed to be completed by 31 March. The status and timing of the current program is as follows:

Road Name	Location	Status
Agnew Rd	Ida Valley Omakau Rd Intersection approach	Complete
Aurum Court	Full length	Complete
Bendigo Loop Rd	Approach to northern Intersection	Complete
Bennett Road	Dust suppression section - 2nd coat	To be eco sealed next year
Clare Road	Fisher Lane intersection approach - 2nd coat	Complete
Danseys Pass Rd	Welcome Inn Hill	Complete
Danseys Pass Rd	Traction seal & dust suppression Smiths bend - 2nd coat	Complete
Danseys Pass Rd	Bridge 119 approaches - 2nd coat	Complete
Dunorling St	Full length	Complete
De Bettenar Place - Added	Full length	Complete
Earnsclough Road	Between Hanning Rd & Paulin Rd	Complete
Elsbeth Street	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Ethereal Crescent	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Fisher Lane	Fisher Lane full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Fraser Court	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Fraser Domain Rd	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Gilligan's Gully Rd	SH 85 intersection approach - 2nd coat	Complete
Glassford Rd	Rehabilitation site - 2nd coat	Complete
Hartley Ct	Full length	Complete
Hodson Rd	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Iles Street	Full length - 2nd coat	Part only deferred due to new fuel stop

Junction Court	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Kawarau Court	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Keddell Road (South)	Fisher Lane intersection - 2nd coat	Complete
Letts Gully Rd	Previous rehabilitation site - 2nd coat	Complete
Mckellar Court	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Mitchell Street	Stuart Rd to Hanrahan Lane	Deferred to next year kerb work required
Munroes Lane	Dust suppression section - 2nd coat	Complete
Murray Terrace	Elsbeth Street Intersection	Complete
Nelson Road	Ida Valley Omakau Rd Intersection approach	Complete
Northburn Rd	SH 8 intersection approach - 2nd coat	Complete
Olds Crescent	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
O'Neill Lane	Approach to Rockview Road - 2nd coat	Complete
Ord Rd	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Paerau Rd	Bridge	Complete
Partridge Road - Deferred	Scott Terrace to end of road	Deferred due to private road issues
Patearoa Road	Hill past Golf Course on approach to Patearoa - 2nd coat	Complete
Pioneer Court	Full length - 2nd coat	
Quarry Court	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Ree Crescent	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Reef Road	Ida Valley Omakau Rd Intersection approach	Complete
Reef Road	Ida Valley Omakau Rd Intersection approach	Complete
Robertson Court	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Rockview Road - Added	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Scott Terrace	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Shannon St	SH 8 to Ventry St	Complete
Shennan Rd	Fisher Lane intersection approach - 2nd coat	Complete

Shortcut Road	SH 6 to Partridge Lane intersection - 2nd coat	Complete
Shortcut Road	Approach to SH 8A intersection	Complete
Springvale Rd	Between Letts Gully Rd and Golden Rd	Complete
Terrace Street	Full length - 2nd coat	Complete
Teviot Rd	Between Loop Rd and School Rd (extending from last year)	Asphalted, reseal March
Upper Taieri Paerau Road	Bridge approach	Complete
Upper Taieri Paerau Road	Loganburn Ford Rd intersection	Complete
Ventry St	Shannon Street to School	Complete
Ventry St	cul-de-sac head	Complete

The only reseal site remaining is Teviot Road. This will be undertaken in April, weather permitting.

Metalling

The status of the metalling program is shown on the table below. Roads in the Roxburgh area have been confirmed for metalling following completion of the Manuherikia area, which was completed approximately 11% below estimate. Any further roads which may be added are likely to be in the Gimmerburn/Patearoa area. This will be dependent on actual cost of the remaining work on the program below compared to estimate.

Road	Start	End	length	Status
Cemetery Rd (Kyeburn)	State Highway 87	House	1000	April
Cemetery Rd (Naseby)	End of Seal	Cemetery	539	April
Danseys Pass Rd	Danseys Pass Reserve Road	District Boundary	8943	Deferred
Drybread Cemetery Access Road	Glassford Road	Gate	1050	Complete
Duggan Road	Wallington Road	End Of Road At Gate	1520	Complete
Eask Street	Eos	Lua Street	80	April
Geddes Rd	Ring Fence Road	Ridge Road	2176	April
Glassford Rd	Chestermains Road	Start Of Seal	1586	Complete
Hepburn Rd	Racecourse Road	Chestermains Road	1434	Complete
Hepburn Rd	Chestermains Road	Cattlestop	781	Complete
Killarney Street (Naseby)	Broom Street	End Of Street	260	April
Lauder Flat Rd	State Highway 85 Cl	Becks School Road	4161	Complete

Lauder Road	End Of Seal	Racecourse Road	5776	Complete
Leask Rd	State Highway 85	End Of Road At Junction	1282	Complete
Longlands Rd	State Highway 85	Cattlestop	1600	April
Mawhinney Road	Racecourse Road	Bridge	310	Complete
Mccready Road	Danseys Pass Rd	End Of Road At Gate	695	May
Muddy Creek Rd	S.H.85 Cl	Glassford Road	9706	Complete
Omakau Cemetery Access Road	Deaker Street	End Of Road	162	Complete
Plantation Road	SH 85	House At RP 330	330	April
Ridge Rd	White Road	Danseys Pass Road	7806	May
Stafford Rd	Racecourse Rd	Huddleston Rd	1575	Complete
Swinburn Back Road	Scott Lane	SH 85	3000	May
White Road (Kyeburn)	End Of Seal	Ridge Road	2003	May
Added				
Huddleston Road			4616	Complete
Huddleston Road	Spot metalling 3 sites	for Eco Seals	680	Complete
Grovers Hill Road	State Highway 8	End of Road	515	Complete
McElligot Road	Roxburgh East Road	End of Road	1326	Complete
Awikiki Road	McElligot Road	End of Road	985	Complete
Cave Creek Road	Knobby Range Road	End of Road	1570	Complete
Elliot Side Road	State Highway 8	Elliot Road	93	Complete
Gordon Road	Knobby Range Road	End of Road	580	Complete
Lake Onslow Road	Three Brothers Road	Timaburn Road	5885	Complete
Sanders Road	Wright Road	Lake Onslow Road	7725	Complete
Timaburn Road	last House	Lake Onslow Road	3162	Complete
Knobby Range Road	Gordon Road	last House	5524	Complete
McNeish Road	Knobby Range Road	End of Road	1670	Complete
Woodhouse Road	Roxburgh East Road	End of Road at gate	1396	Complete
Wright Road	End of Seal	Sanders Road	6530	Complete

Spot metalling has been undertaken on the Track section of Lake Onslow Road. This is being funded by Transpower/Electrix to rectify damage that occurred during use of the road in the winter to access the pylons.

Metalling of Danseys pass Road has been deferred until next year. This is due to delays in getting an ORC resource consent for extracting gravel from the Kyeburn River. This was as a result of the time it has taken to get sign off from one of the affected parties. Further work will be undertaken within the Maniototo area instead which will include Tyrone Street and Brinsdon Road which will improve the condition of this road for use by the school bus over winter. We are proceeding with the resource consent to enable work to proceed as soon as weather conditions permit in spring.

Minor Improvement Program

Work has commenced on the underpass. We are currently holding fire on further minor improvement projects until the external funding contributions and the cost savings from scope and design changes to the underpass project are finalised.

We are proceeding to get resource consents to enable work to progress on the following work within the next 12 months as funding is available.

- Brinsdon Road flood site
- Factory Road flood site
- Auripo Road bridge replacement

The Rooding Manager met with the Otirehua Community Plan group to discuss speed limits and the low level of compliance that is occurring of the 50km restriction in Otirehua. The Community is very supportive of the proposal to install a permanent speed warning sign to help address this issue in the short term, with longer term options regarding the 70km zone to be reviewed once the new legislation and requirements for setting speed limits is available later this year.

Fruitgrowers Road

NZTA have approved the funding for remedial work on Fruitgrowers road this financial year.

A resource consent is required for the work which involves approximately 23,000m³ of material to be moved and a consultant is currently preparing the resource consent application on behalf of Councils Rooding team.

Negotiations with Contact regarding financial responsibility for the work, and permission to access their land and provide a fill site nearby are still underway.

If all goes well then work may be able to commence on site in late May or June. If we do not commence work this financial year then we will need to go back to NZTA to review the availability of funding for this work next financial year.

Bridges

Underwater inspections have been undertaken on the Millers Flat Bridge piers. This was done with an underwater camera, and the images are being reviewed now. A posting review is also being undertaken to identify what work is required to enable the bridge to be able to take 50 tonne trucks.

A review is currently being undertaken on the remedial options for the Roxburgh Bridge, we expect to receive a recommendation on this by mid-May.

Eco Seals

The Eco Seal programme has been for this season. Eco sealing on sites on roads which have been metalled in Roxburgh, and those underway in the Maniototo will be occur in spring.

Strategic Planning

Roading Policy and Bylaw

The Roading Bylaw is currently out for consultation with submissions closing on Friday 27 February. The bylaw is the culmination of 18 months of policy development and consultation, with the proposed bylaw providing the opportunity for a simplified regulatory environment.

The proposed bylaw also addresses a number of calls and issues which have been raised with Council under Management in our call monitoring data.

Activity Management Plan

Staff have been extensively involved in development of the Activity Management Plan (AMP) and a business case following Treasury Guidelines for Better Business Cases. The draft AMP and Business Case was submitted to NZTA for their deadline of 30th November.

An initial assessment has been made of the AMP by NZTA Head Office staff which is largely supportive of the programme that has been proposed. The proposed programme represents a 17% increase to NZTA on what was previously funded.

The increase in rates cost is modest at approx. 2%. The difference in cost increase to NZTA and rates is due to reallocation of work that we are currently doing unsubsidised back into the NZTA program, along with an increased request for subsidy to support the administration functions Council provides in order to deliver a Land Transport Program. The outcome of this is that a larger portion of the program has been submitted for funding by NZTA which has a flow on effect by reducing the share funded by rates.

Some further discussion will be required before the program fully meets NZTA assessment requirements. This relates to increases in the costs of administration, professional services, and LED lighting. We will also be required to provide evidence to support the proposed reduction in expenditure on sealed road renewals.

One Network Road Classifications

The One Network Road Classification (ONRC) framework has been applied to the network, and Councils Roading Hierarchy has been amended slightly enable it to be aligned with the ONRC.

This means we are now able to report directly against the ONRC, while still using the previous Roading Hierarchy for prioritising and programming of work on the gravel roads, which all fall within the Access and Low Volume Access classifications of the ONRC.

Changes in hierarchy classification have been made to gravel roads which were classified as Intermediate Roads but have a traffic count or estimate of lower than 50 vehicles a day. These have been reclassified as minor roads. Some Minor Roads have likewise been reclassified as Intermediate Roads where counts are higher than 50 vehicles a day.

We expect that further changes will be required over the next two years as traffic counting provides us with more accurate information regarding road use.

These changes will flow onto the grading programmes in March. We expect this to better align resources to demand.

The level of service section of the draft CODC AMP is being provided to the industry in February as an example of how to embed the ONRC into levels of service.

We are also required to develop a Transition Plan by March which documents what we will be doing to ensure the ONRC is embedded into our management of the network. The Local Government Centre of Excellence (Equip) will be working with us to develop the CODC Transition Plan so that it can be used by Equip as an example for other Councils.

OTHER infrastructure

waste minimisation airports
elderly persons housing public toilets
district/commercial property



Waste Minimisation

OUR SPACE

There are two distinct areas of service in providing this activity. Waste management collects and disposes of your rubbish. Waste management also provides access to transfer stations, green waste drop-offs and recycling. Waste minimisation focuses on leading, facilitating and educating the community on wiser use of resources and environmental sustainability.

At present we provide a weekly kerbside wheelie bin service to approximately 7500 properties (domestic and commercial) across the district. A further 888 properties are served by a private company. We provide weekly kerbside recycling also, but only in the larger townships of Cromwell, Clyde and Alexandra. We supplement this with 10 recycling drop-off points throughout the district and we support Central Otago WasteBusters to process all recycled materials. We also operate five green waste (organic material) drop-off sites. All residual waste, that cannot be reused or recycled at our transfer stations, is disposed into the Victoria Flats landfill in Queenstown.

Waste minimisation is a primary contributor to two of our community outcomes.



LEVEL OF SERVICE

Engage the community in waste reduction and wiser resource use

SUCCESS MEASURE

Provide learning opportunities around wiser use of resources and waste minimisation

Enviroschools

Highlights – Provided by Enviroschools Facilitator



Schools

Newly appointed Enviroschools (ES) facilitator is making contact with the schools and developing working relationships with teachers, principals, students and wider school community.

Bee corridor project has been implemented in most schools now, with autumn being the optimal planting time.

Project Gold planting at Clyde end of Alexandra-Clyde river track, involving Clyde Enviroschools group, school principal, ES facilitator, DOC & volunteers.

Growing Food From Seed guide distributed to various schools as a resource for their own planning.

Support and mentoring by outgoing ES facilitator for newly appointed while learning new position and responsibilities.

Plans and Issues

Enviroschools Level 1 training at Raglan for ES facilitator at end of April.

Otakau Empowerment Fund application sent to all schools – supporting sustainable projects in schools.

New facilitator to meet all schools principals and head teachers.

Early stages of Thyme Festival planning is underway for Enviroschools involvement.

Central Otago teacher training workshop scheduled for May, theme of "Global Issues".

Enviroschools Otago Regional Team

Regional facilitator's team meeting scheduled for 23 April in Dunedin.

Solar Energy slide presentation to be made available to public on REAP website.

MAD4CO slide presentation to Wakatipu U3A to be made available to public on REAP website.

All of the above resources are also made available to the Communications Coordinator at CODC.

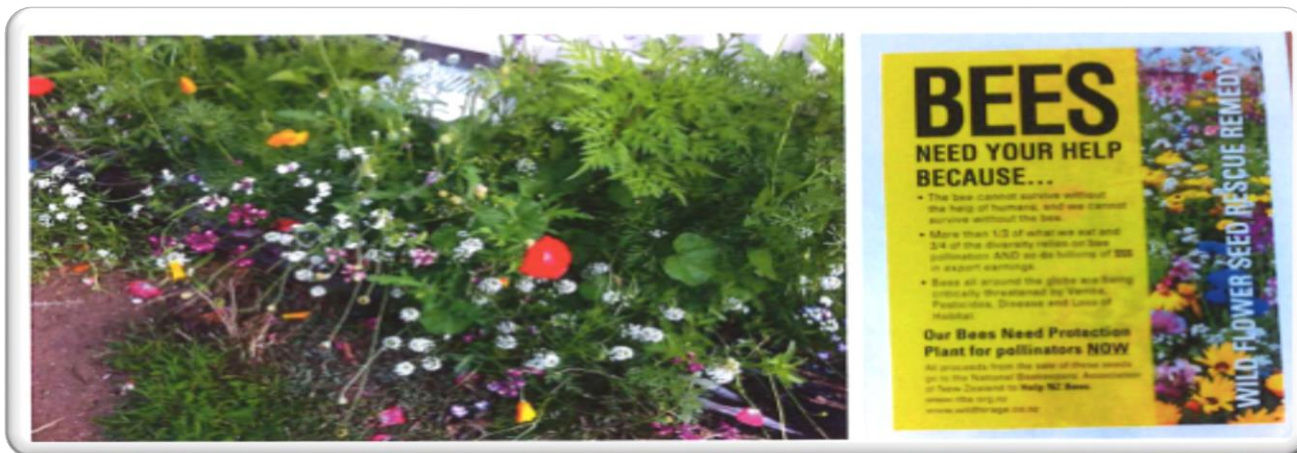


Photo of Goldfields Primary School 'Bee Friendly' Garden'

Central Otago WasteBusters

Highlights (This Quarter) – Provided by COWB

Health & Safety

Health and Safety continues to be of paramount importance to our organisation, all workers and volunteers have been issued with appropriate H & S protection. All staff recently completed a site-safe induction refresher to reaffirm COWB health and safety policy and procedures. A recent audit was conducted on site to ensure every electrical appliance and socket was safe, all were tagged by a warranted electrical safety officer. Several staff have completed their training and gained their licences for 'Class 2 Heavy Traffic' and 'Wheels, Tracks and Rollers' endorsements along with Waste Collections Traffic Leaders (WCTL), Fork lift operators, Site Management Traffic Supervisors (STMS), First Aid training, Electrical Inspection training, Fire Training and Agrecovery Training all to keep them up-to-date with the latest Health & Safety procedures.

Re-use Shop

Our new website and Facebook page is proving effective for advertising our silent auctions, operating hours and promoting our shop for customer enquiries. A new door has been added courtesy of the 'Men's Shed'. Operating hours have changed for the winter they are now, Saturday and Sunday 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Community Education

Our Marketing and PR Manager has been representing COWB by attending M4CO meetings to network with other likeminded groups in Central Otago. Most of our Community Education is currently being channelled through our Facebook page and online media opportunities.

Volunteers

Volunteers contribute in the vicinity of 44 hours per week to our organisation on the sorting line, shop, repairs (washing machines, bicycles and lawn mowers) and sorting plastics in the bunkers. Community Workers contribute in the vicinity of 30 hours per week and have proved an invaluable part of the COWB team. The Volunteers were invited to a luncheon this week, to hear an update on the future of COWB, many felt sad that COWB were facing the end of an era as a Community recycling organisation

and after years of dedication to the recycling cause, they felt some-what undervalued.

Plans and Issues (Next Quarter)

Look Ahead

Seven staff including the General Manager are currently going through the redundancy process, this group also includes staff who have worked as recycling operators for the past ten years, another eight staff will be made redundant once the kerbside recycling contract comes to an end in May 2015, this is a very stressful time for our employees as many of our staff require certain levels of support and will face difficulties securing other employment opportunities.

COWB Board and management have been working with Sue Coutts from Wanaka WasteBusters and AllWaste to formulate options moving forward, these include operating the shop, processing depot, commercial collections, events and education activities on the COWB site under the umbrella of Wanaka WasteBusters.

Other Waste Minimisation Activities

Provided by CODC Waste Minimisation Officer

Recycling and Refuse Services

Council has approved the rollout of kerbside recycling across the district. Each property that currently has a refuse kerbside collection will receive two recycling bins, one for glass and the other for mixed recycling.

The pickup schedule for the new kerbside recycling collection has been confirmed and the 4 weekly pickups will commence on a rolling basis from 25th May. A specific calendar for each collection area will be delivered with all bins. Roll out of bins will commence mid-April. Media release were sent out regarding the start of the new service and more targeted information has been placed in local newsletters, bulletins etc.

High volumes of glass and recyclables continue to be taken to the drop off facilities with continued non authorised use by commercial operators causing reported overflow issues at Omakau, Ranfurly and Roxburgh.

The WMO has been seconded onto the 'TA Forum' as part of the national body 'WasteMinz' sector groups. The forum's main priority this year is determining the best way of collecting, collating and sharing waste information so to enable territorial authorities to effectively plan waste minimisation and management activities.

CODC has supported the Behaviour Change WasteMinz sector group in conducting research and launching a national campaign focusing on food waste. The 'Love Food Hate Waste' campaign launched, with more information about the campaign on FB.

Closed Landfills

As a requirement to remediate landfill caps at St Bathans, Tarras (old area not the recently closed portion) and Ettrick, land surveys have been completed by 'Landpro'. The groundwater monitoring/geotechnical engineers at 'Engeo' will prepare site specific plans for stabilisation where erosion has occurred on banks and steep inclines. A location for the new monitoring bore required at the Tarras Closed Landfill will also be advised.

Community Sustainability

Presentation on the MAD4CO model for the 'University of the Third Age' (U3A) in Queenstown. The presentation focused on the collaborative opportunities to work with NGOs, government organisations, schools, community and private sector towards community sustainable living practices and greater environmental awareness.

'The Nappy Lady' aka Kate Meads came and ran two workshops in Cromwell and Alexandra. This year saw local community groups willing to host and promote the events leading to over 80 participants. Those attending have indicated they would like further learning opportunities on how to be waste free at home.

Staff attended the A&P Shows at Omakau, Ranfurly and Roxburgh. An informative display of waste minimisation and recycling tips and tools was shared.

The schedule of events for MAD4CO for the next year is looking very busy, with work and activities currently focusing on NZ's position on climate change at the next COP15 (Paris climate change conference), a sustainable house tour to celebrate Earth Hour at the end of March and a Pecha Kucha night to celebrate International Day for Biological Diversity in May.

Statistics

Due to a technical malfunction the quarterly KPI table cannot be provided.

Other Infrastructure

OUR SPACE

The other infrastructure activity includes the following sub-activities:

- We provide housing predominately for the elderly. Council own 98 flats in Alexandra (23), Clyde (3), Cromwell (31), Ranfurly (26) and Roxburgh (15).
- We provide public toilets in towns across the district and at recreation facilities and parks. These are available for residents and visitors.
- We own and lease a variety of commercial and farm properties. We also develop land for sale that is not contributing to community outcomes and where it is considered unlikely to do so in the future. The income from commercial property is used to fund other Council costs.

- We manage the assets at the aerodromes at Alexandra, Cromwell and Roxburgh. The users are generally recreational private pilots and some commercial users for such things as top dressing of farms.
- We own and manage a number of forestry blocks. These forests also provide an amenity value for the community for walking and biking.

The services provided by other infrastructure are a primary contributor to two of our community outcomes.



Elderly Persons Housing

Occupancy Rates:

		Occupancy rate-end of Oct - Dec 14 quarter		Occupancy rate-end of Jan – March 15 quarter	
Area	Units	Tenanted	Occupancy rate	Tenanted	Occupancy rate
Alexandra	23	20	86%	20	86%
Clyde	3	2	66%	3	100%
Cromwell	31	28	90%	29	93%
Roxburgh	15	12	80%	11	73%
Ranfurly	26	16	60%	16	60%
Totals	98	78	77%	79	82%

The Tenancy Survey was sent out to the tenants in March with a return date of 1 April 2015. The results are not available at this time as they are being collated.

The rent review undertaken by QV has advised that units in Cromwell, Clyde and Alexandra be increased by \$10.00 per week. The rental increase for Roxburgh units is \$5.00 per week and the 10 newer units in Ranfurly are also to be increased by \$5.00 per week. Tenants will be formally advised of the rental increase in April.

Alexandra Airport

At a meeting on 25 February Council agreed on the market rents for sites at the Alexandra airport. Two new hangers are under construction and leases executed. As part of the site clearing by the parties, advantage was taken of the differ availability to remove tree stumps from past tree felling.

Two other parties are preparing resource consent applications for three more hangers/apartments and have verbally agreed to lease terms. Formal lease documents are being progressed.

This year hanger interest and uptake has been double what was forecasted. In discussions with perspective Lessees and with some free advice from an airport consultant, the development concept plan has been further refined with more developed design layout, having regard to minimum taxi way width hanger apron requirements.

While passing through the area, the opportunity has also been taken by that same company's airport Engineering Consultant and its Planning Consultant to visit the airport have preliminary discussions with regard to the proposal in 2015/16 to widen the land use options under the current airport designation. This will better position Council to seek and for uptake of interest for aviation associated activities.

The Property Manager and District Development Manager are also working together in discussions with parties for possible commercial aviation associated activities at the airport.

Weller and Associates has layout out sites and plotted the plan to determine accurate site locations. This has been required for the new site leases and so it has been done for additional sites also.

Further work has been done on future water supply options for the airport with assistance from a local water engineer (Ken Higgle).

Discussions have been opened with the Manuherikia Irrigation Company with regard to possible irrigation water to assist with Lucerne production.

Cromwell Aerodrome

There is interest from two parties for hanger sites at Cromwell. Both are undertaking due diligence before progressing further.

Toilets

Champagne Gully Toilets

The toilets have been closed due to a water leak and ongoing pump capacity issues which resulted in the tank needing filled every few days. A report was commissioned to assess the current system and provide options for improvement, which recommended installing a more efficient system. The Vincent Community Board has approved funding for the new water supply system. Pricing is currently being confirmed.

Use of Traveller Public Toilets

Lode Lane

User numbers for the quarter were as follows:

- January
Total 26,175 users
Daily average 845 users
- February
Total 19,797 users
Daily average 707 users
- March
Total 19,955 users
Daily average 644 users

Pioneer Park

User numbers for the quarter were as follows:

- January
Total 11,643 users
Daily average 376 users
- February
Total 8091 users
Daily average 289 users
- March
Total 7480 users
Daily average 242 users

Roxburgh

This toilet is an Exeloo toilet so comes with counter software. Some reconfiguration is required to obtain more useful reports in a similar format to the other toilets.

A security camera was installed in February 2015 to view the newly developed Barry Avenue frontage. There are now 4 security cameras located within the complex which provide views from the south, east, north and western sides of the building.

While no reports of vandalism have been reported since the original security cameras were installed, the

Police were able to identify an offender who had illegally taken a handbag from one of the cubicles after it had been left by a previous user. Due to the high quality of the photos provided, the registration number of the vehicle was identified and the information was used in court. The Police were very appreciative of the very clear high quality photos provided by the cameras.

Cromwell Town Centre

Christmas decorations were removed by the Contractor at the end of January.

Christmas banners were removed and replaced with new Welcome to Cromwell and summer banners.

Highlands Event banners were erected as follows:

- Festival of Speed banners were erected on 8 January 2015 and removed after the event on 8 February 2015.
- Race to the Sky banners were erected on 30 March 2015 and will be removed on 23 April 2015.

Twelve new banner arms have been purchased specifically for the Welcome to Cromwell banners and will be erected on the poles that currently have no banner arms.

There is an ongoing issue where persons have tripped over the old pavers in the Centre of the Mall, due to tree roots pushing the pavers up. Contractors are engaged on a frequent basis to alleviate any reported trip hazards.

The old concrete rubbish bins and red light poles are currently being repainted. New adhesive signs advising that "No Dogs, No Bikes, No Scooters, No Skateboards and No Rollerblades are permitted" will be installed on the bins throughout the Mall.

Letters have been sent to the following businesses:

- Murray Terrace business owners after complaints were received about business and client vehicles being parked in the western Mall carpark.
- To 6 food premises reminding them of the conditions of the Alfresco Dining Policy which relate to keeping the frontage of their business clean.
- To all Mall property owners and business owners requesting that urgency be given to rectifying the numerous veranda leaks that are occurring around the Mall. An electrician

who was engaged to repair faulty veranda lights, reported that in most instances the light fittings were full of water and that there is huge problem with water lying on and beneath the veranda surfaces.

Cromwell Town Centre Redevelopment

The light poles for the Murray Terrace carp park frontage and the Barry Ave Mall entrance arrived from the supplier the incorrect colour and some issues with Banner hangers. The supplier is using local contractors to rectify the issues. So there has been a delay in light installation.

The concept plan for the Big Fruit reserve was adopted by the Community Board subject to one change to the eastern view shaft.

Work on developed design elements has commenced to come back to the Board with rough order cost estimates. That will require some survey work and cut and fill quantity estimating.

Enforcement

Two enforcement notices were issued to the owners of vehicles that were being advertised for sale and parked on Barry Avenue. The owners were in breach of the Council's Trading in Public Places Bylaw. They were all contacted and requested to remove their vehicles.

Other Council Property

Pines Land north of the Alexandra Netball Courts

An invitation for registration of interest for purchase and development of the land was prepared for advertising in all of the main national papers, sending to interested parties, Local Real Estate Agents and established national retirement business operators.

Clyde Railway Station

An Agreement to lease with Shebikeshe bikes was executed. When all conditions in the Agreement are met a lease can be issued.

The proposed lease was publically notified as required by the Reserves Act. Two submissions were received and considered by the VCB. The Board determined that none of the concerns raised prevented the enjoyment of the reserve for the purpose it was reserved and the lease was approved.

Shebikeshe bikes have submitted their resource consent application for the intended use.

Lake Roxburgh Hall and Reserve

Preliminary scoping for subdivision and possible sale of the hall and sections was undertaken and presented to the Teviot Community Board as part of the draft Long Term Plan workshop.

Alexandra Suspension Bridge 1882

An Invitation for Registrations of Interest for the preparation of a Feasibility Study on the use of the bridge as the base for a walking/cycling bridge across the Clutha River at Alexandra was advertised. Three Registrations were received and the working group, with input from a research consultant recommended by CLT, will select a successful candidate. A report will go to the Vincent Community Board based on this recommendation for approval to apply for funding for the Feasibility Study.

Vallance Cottage

A public picnic was held at Vallance Cottage in January with descendants of the original Vallance Family also attending. A list of interested people from the community was collected for future assistance with management of the cottage.

A Conservation Plan is proposed, to be funded by Lotteries, which will advise on further restoration and future use.

A meeting was also held on 11 March with some agreeing to get together for organising a working bee in May to tidy up the garden before winter.

Centennial Milkbar Building, Ranfurly

Council have accepted a cash settlement to repair the fire damage to the building. The repairs will be undertaken by an Alexandra based building contractor, with work expected to commence in April.

Patearoa Recreation Reserve

A grazing lease of approximately 11 hectares has been issued to a neighbouring landowner on part of the Patearoa Recreation Reserve. The income from the lease will assist with the operational costs of the Patearoa Recreation Reserve.

COMMUNITY services

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Parks, Reserves & Cemeteries

OUR SPACE

Access to parks, reserves, rivers and recreational facilities are important for our overall well-being. Maintaining high quality open spaces is what makes our district an attractive place to live, work and play.

Our overarching goal is to provide recreational facilities that work for the users. This includes:

- Managing street and walkway gardens
- Managing parks, gardens and playgrounds
- Supporting a wide range of sporting codes through the preparation of fields and facilities
- Provision of education and enforcement for the waterways of Lake Dunstan and the Clutha River from Cromwell to Roxburgh.

In providing this activity we utilise 146 hectares of land and 19 playgrounds.

The provision of cemeteries assists with peace of mind for people, knowing their loved ones will rest in peaceful, well-kept environments. There are three classes of cemetery within the district, open cemeteries controlled by cemetery trustees, open cemeteries we control and closed cemeteries managed as reserves. We are responsible for 11 cemeteries, three of which are considered closed.

Parks, reserves and cemeteries contribute to all three of our community outcomes.



Cemeteries

It has been a busier quarter for the cemeteries in terms of burials and ashes burials with 15 burials or ashes.

- January 2015 – Alexandra 2 burials, Ranfurly 1 burial and 1 ashes.
- February 2015 – Alexandra 5 burials and 1 ashes, Clyde 1 ashes, Ranfurly 1 ashes.
- March 2015 – Alexandra 2 ashes and Cromwell 2 ashes.

The new Clyde cemetery beams were planned and construction of these began in late March.

There was a presentation to Council from the University of Otago on the proposed investigation of ground anomalies identified in the ground penetrating radar work carried out several years ago. This original proposal was to begin with the Moa Creek cemetery and Council has asked for additional information and a report on this proposal.

Parks and Reserves

Overall the summer has been great with the weather being very settled during January and into February. This hot weather saw irrigation systems throughout the district working at capacity to keep recreation areas as green as possible. Late March saw the start of an autumnal change which has reduced irrigation demand.

Cromwell

The Draft Cromwell Sportsgrounds Reserve Management plan for the Anderson Park, Alpha Street and golf club leased area was completed over the quarter and the Community Board approved the document to go out for community comment.

Helped to host a community meeting on the future designs for the Big Fruit area in front of the Cromwell mall. Then assisted with design of this area to go back to the Cromwell Community Board for approval so that finalised designs and costings can be carried out.

Carried out on site meetings with the Community Board to look at greenways projects in the vicinity of

the Goldfields primary school. This work will begin during early April.

Vincent

Fraser Domain was closed for camping in the previous quarter and this has been monitored over the summer. There has been no use of the area for camping.

Work was carried out in the previous quarter on Aronui Dam to reduce the amount of raupo in the dam area after the Community Board decision to take over this area. This was completed at the end of the year and the Dam refilling over January. Work on the outlet structure down to Lanes Dam was also completed and this has allowed water to flow down to Lanes Dam and replenish the water in this area. This was an example of a great community effort with many different organisations and individuals giving their time on a free basis.

The BMX Park at Molyneux Park hosted the BMX South Island championships with over 300 competitors. This was a well-attended event and was well organised by the Alexandra BMX club.

Molyneux Park was used for Ford Cup cricket in late December by the Otago Volts team and then was used in early January for two games by the Otago Sparks (the Otago women's cricket team). Reports on the pitch and the support services have been positive and we hope to see more games being hosted there in the future.

Work commenced on sealing the remaining paths at the Glad McArthur Gardens in Pioneer Park and this was completed prior to Easter. The work on tidying up the irrigation in the gardens is underway and will be finished now the paths have been completed.

Both Omakau and Clyde camps have agreed to have WIFI provided for their campers use and have been working through with a provider to establish this.

Molyneux Park backfields irrigation contract awarded to Fulton Hogan and will commence in early April 2015.

Clyde War Memorial had restoration/tidying work done by local volunteers to the surrounds in anticipation of Anzac Day.

Restoration of the Alexandra War Memorial was completed in the last quarter with the RSA to install their flagpoles for Anzac Day and the planting of poppies around the monument to be completed early April.

Teviot Valley

Work has been carried out on the Roxburgh War Memorial including water blasting, cleaning it down, plastering and repainting. Work was also carried out

on the band rotunda including putting a mowing strip around the edge of the rotunda to tidy up this area.

Maniototo

Met with the Maniototo Community Board on the proposal to begin a Reserve management plan for Maniototo reserves. Work has begun on pulling together information on all the reserves and the letter of intent to carry out the reserve management plan has been advertised.

Worked with the Ranfurly RSA to remove some trees around the Ranfurly war memorial and the RSA has proposed replacement trees for this area.

Clutha Management

It has been a busy quarter for Clutha Management.

Work was completed at Pinders Pond by the Roxburgh Lions and this has resulted in the area being tidied up significantly. This involved the final sowing out of grass. This was a very popular area for camping this season and reflected the loss of the camping ground at Ettrick

Enforcement activities were carried out on the lake over the summer season with 28 days being spent undertaking enforcement. Overall there was a good number of users on the lake due to the great summer weather experienced this year. Users were primarily from Otago and Southland with an increased number from the Canterbury region.

The enforcement officer participated in a search and rescue exercise held in late March with other agencies as this was based off a Lake Roxburgh gorge event.

The enforcement officer was involved in the removal of a car that ended up in the lake in early February.

Work was carried out on the surface of the Alexandra to Clyde track in this quarter. There was gravel respread on the track to remove sandy spots that were hard for cyclists to negotiate.

Community Facilities, Libraries & Swimming Pools

OUR SPACE

Our community facilities and buildings provide places for social, sporting and cultural interaction.

Our libraries promote literacy, education and the exchange of information and ideas. We provide libraries under a shared services arrangement with Queenstown Lakes District Council. We run libraries in Alexandra, Clyde, Cromwell and Roxburgh and share resources of those based in the Queenstown Lakes District. We also have a partnership with schools in Millers Flat, Omakau and Maniototo.

Swimming pools contribute to the health and well-being of the community and add to the attractiveness of the area. They provide a place for people to learn to swim, particularly for our young people, which Council has recognised as being increasingly important when so much of our district is surrounded by water. We manage the Cromwell Swim Centre and Molyneux Aquatic Centre directly, along with community swimming pools in Ranfurly. Millers Flat is operated by a community trust and the Roxburgh Community Board financially supports the school to facilitate swimming.

Community facilities, libraries and swimming pools contribute to two community outcomes.



Community Facilities

Roxburgh Entertainment Centre

The timber floor in the Town Hall has been sanded and recoated. The supper room floor will be also be recoated in April.

Digital movie equipment has now been installed in the Theatre with funding raised by Roxburgh Entertainment Centre Improvements and Promotions Inc.

Cromwell Memorial Hall Redevelopment

In the prior quarter a contract was let for architectural services for the hall redevelopment. This quarter the review and update of the concept plan commenced with a workshop with the architect and Community Board.

In the two updated plan options have been presented with further design progressing.

Cromwell Museum

Building maintenance work that the Council had been agreed prior to the Trust taking over the Museum, has been completed.

Libraries

Library Programmes

Pre-school story time sessions held weekly in the Clyde, Alexandra, Cromwell and Roxburgh are well supported by a regular group of children and their care-givers.

Books for Vanuatu

An initiative to supply boxes to RSE workers to ship goods home to Vanuatu has been set up by Richard Cronin of S.P.L. Richard is associated with Western Union which he has set up at Seasonal Solutions to facilitate RSE workers transferring money home.

As part of this initiative, Richard has supplied Central Otago Libraries with boxes to fill with books for schools, children and adults. Vanuatu is desperately in need of reading material, even more so now since the cyclone hit.

Alexandra Library has pulled together two boxes of books from our collection of weeded books to go to Vanuatu. These have been selected based on a certain criteria that has been supplied to us. Each box contains around 400 books.

Weeding on Condition

Central Otago Libraries have been working through weeding books based on their condition. As this is the first concerted effort to do this, the project has taken a lot of staff time and effort over the last three months. All libraries have now completed this project.

Conferences

In March, the District Library Manager attended the South Island Library Managers conference held in Dunedin. This was attended by almost all library managers from around the South Island. Rachel Van Weil, Director of 'Opening the Book', the UK's leading consultancy in customer centred library design, facilitated a workshop at the meeting. Rachel challenged everyone to start thinking about how to change library environments to improve the experience for our customers. She also gave some insight about the psychological and physical factors which encourage people to pick up books. For more information on 'Opening the Book' go to www.openingthebook.com.

Service Launch

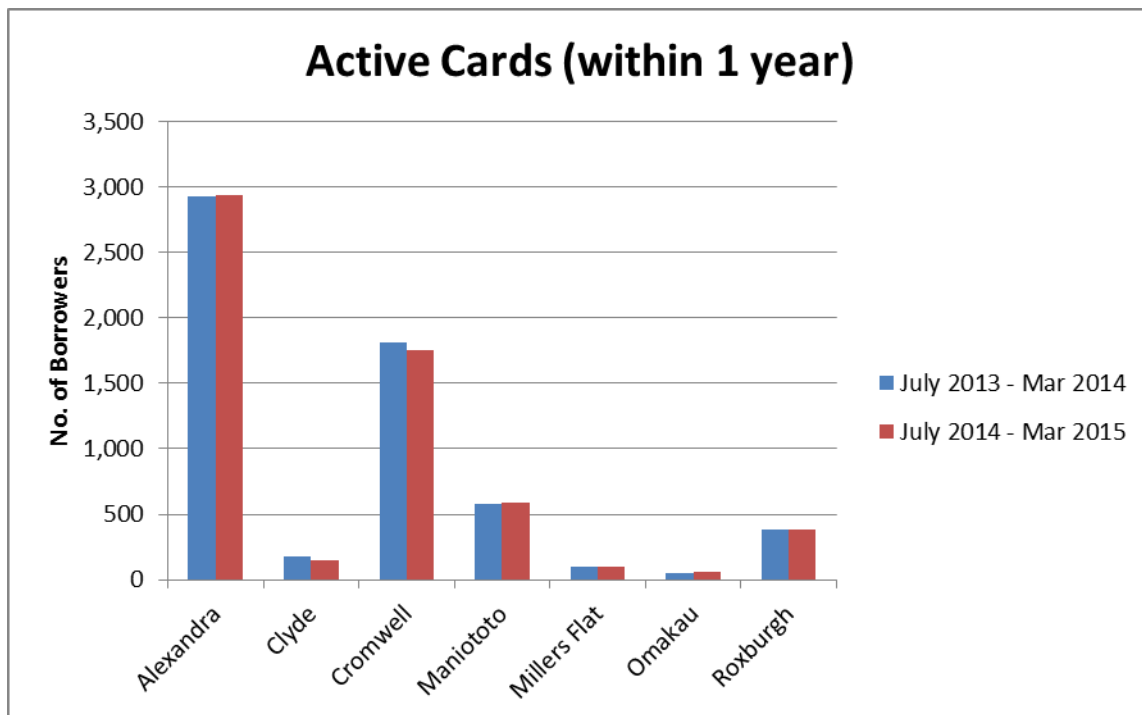
Cromwell has joined the "Books On Prescription" scheme run by WellSouth, part of the Southern District PHO.

Books covering a range of commonly experienced mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and stress are provided by the scheme and are available from the library by patron enquiry or GP "Prescription".

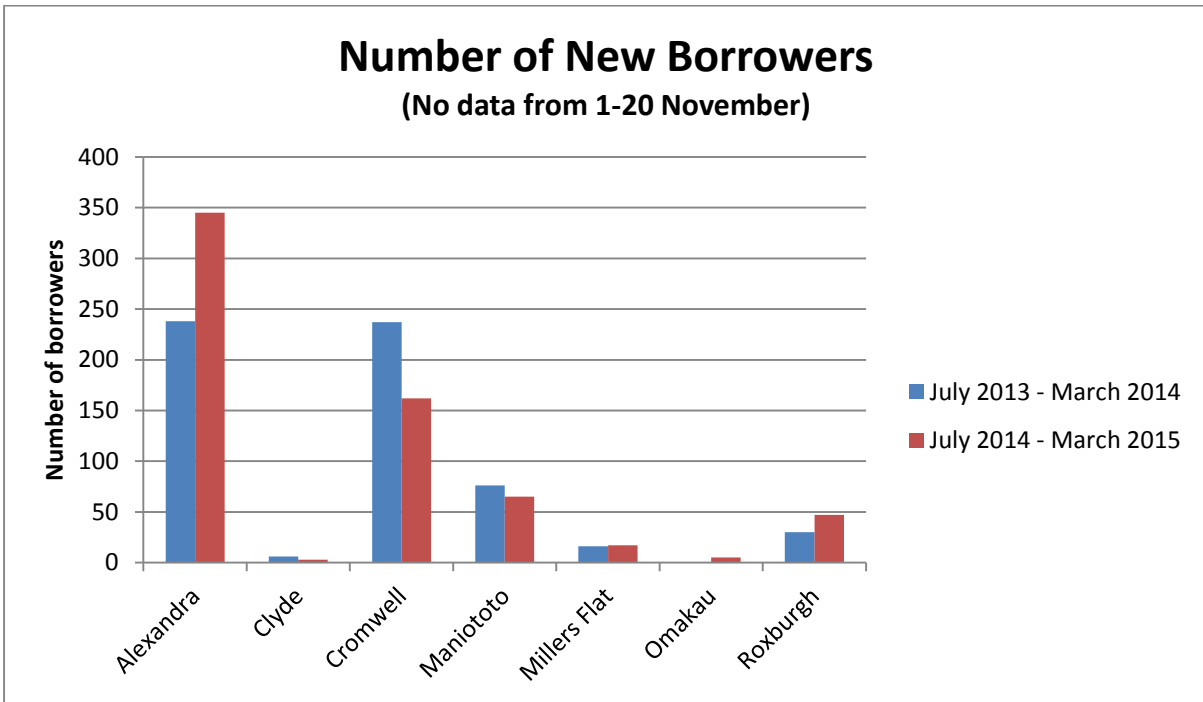
Books on Prescription are now held by Alexandra, Cromwell, Maniototo and Roxburgh Libraries.



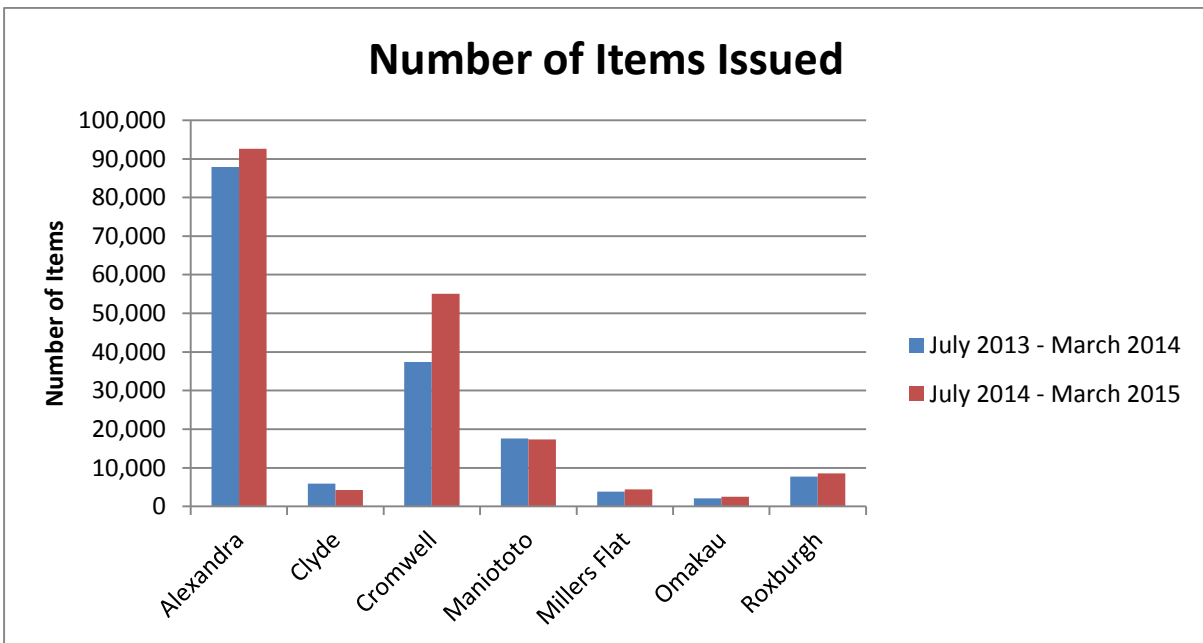
Statistics – July 2014 to March 2015



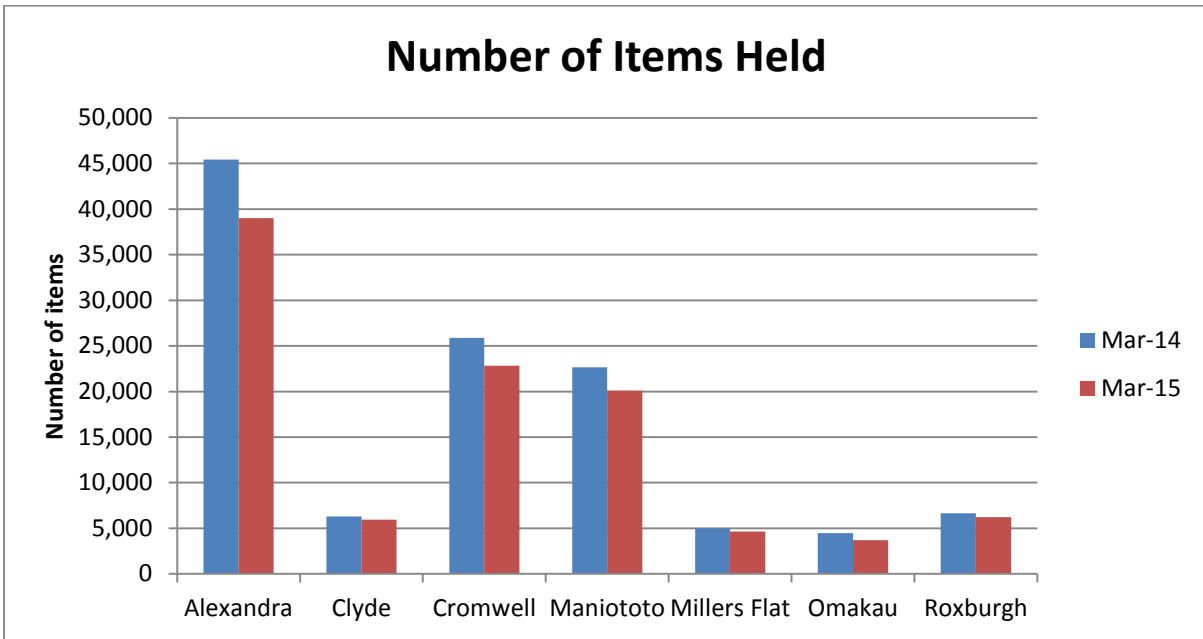
Active Borrower numbers in Clyde and Cromwell have shown a slight decrease in the period July 2014 to March 2015 in comparison to the same period the year before. All other libraries have shown a slight increase.



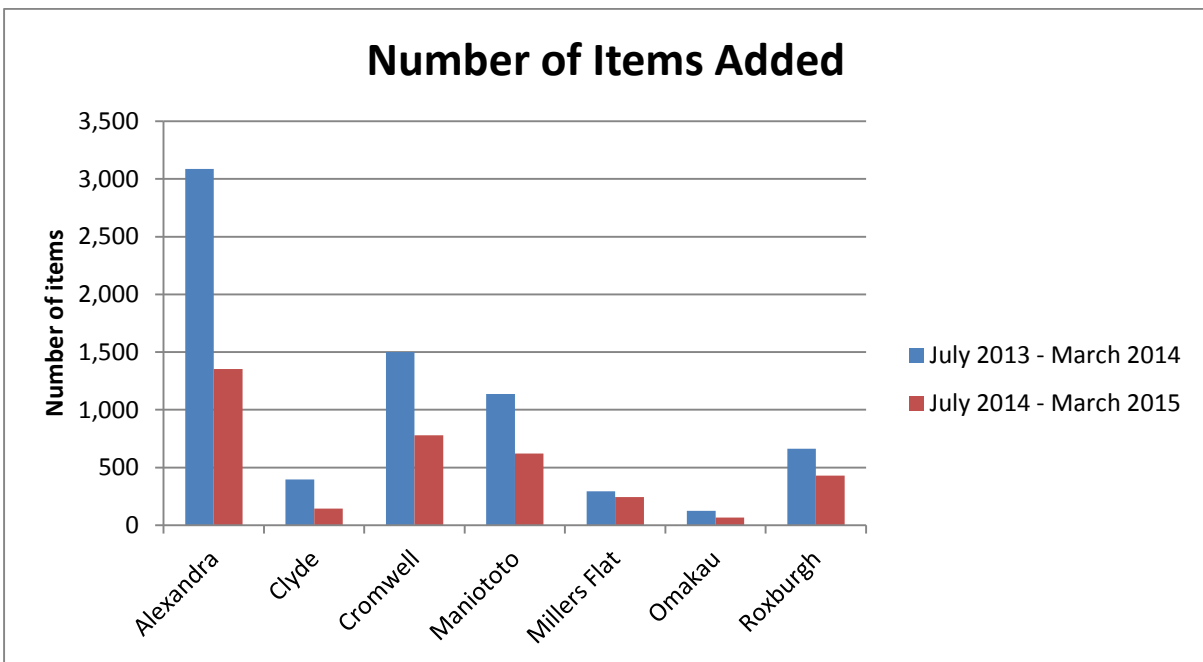
The overall number of new borrowers at our Central Otago Libraries has increased in the period July to March 2015 in comparison to the same period in 2013. Alexandra and Roxburgh have had the biggest increases of new borrowers.



The overall number of items issued within Central Otago Libraries has increased by 13.7% from July 2014 – March 2015 in comparison to the same period in 2013-14. As can be seen from the above graph, Cromwell has had the most significant increase followed by Alexandra.

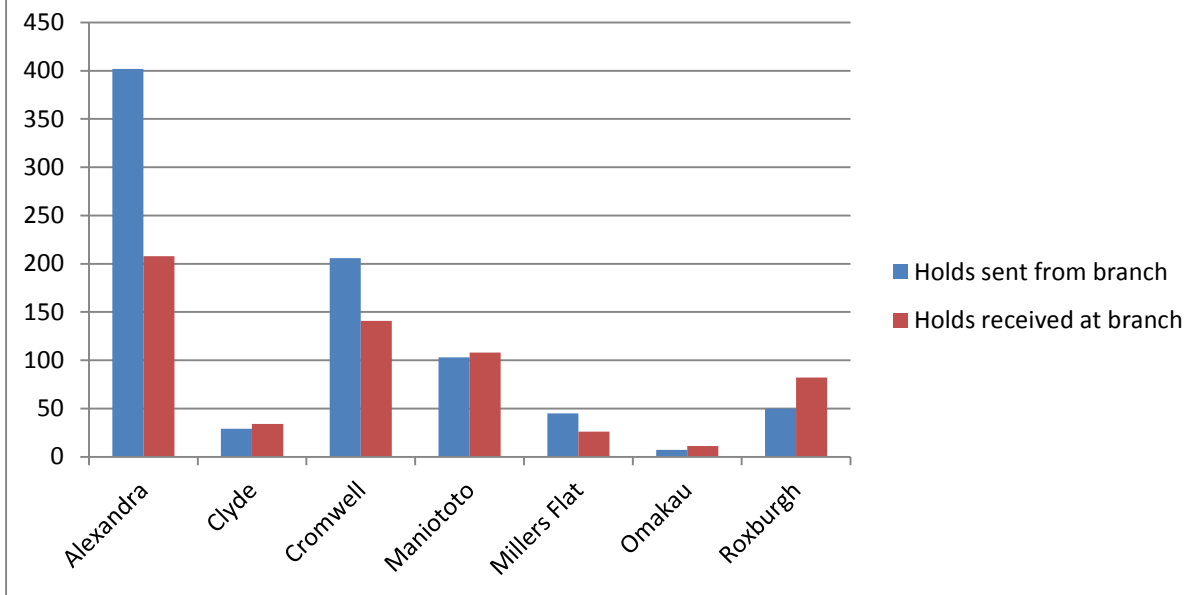


The overall number of items held has decreased by 12% in March 2015 in comparison to the same month last year. This is due to the weeding project that staff have been undertaking.



The number of items added to the Central Otago Library collection has decreased in the period July 2014 to March 2015 in comparison to the same period in 2013-14. This is due to the transition to Kotui that occurred in this period. This is now resolving with new material arriving and stock being rotated between our libraries.

Number of holds sent and received at branches - March 2015



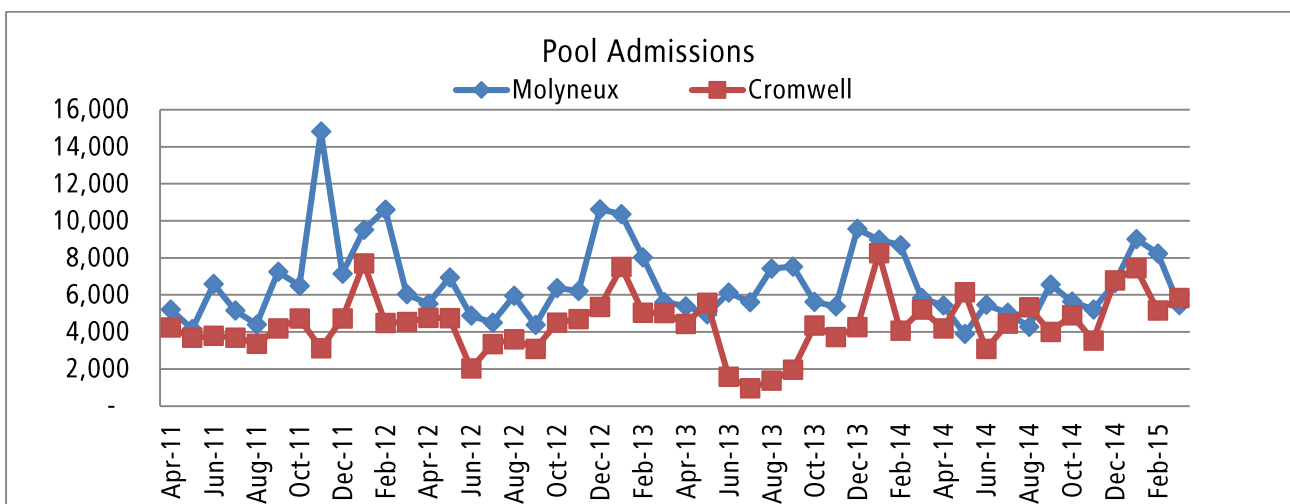
In March 2015, a total of 842 items were sent to other CQ libraries from Central Otago. A total number of 610 items were received at all our branches in Central Otago from CQ libraries.

Swimming Pools

Staffing has been steady over the quarter. We have advertised for vacant roles in Cromwell and after our first round we still had vacancies. We then readvertised in late March and there has been good interest. Both pools have good rosters of casual staff at the current time and this allowed for smooth running over the busy holiday break with both pools having their university students back to help fill any gaps. Advertising for the next batch of casuals will occur in July.

Overall numbers using the pools has been steady with numbers fluctuating month to month depending on the weather.

Central Swim School numbers enrolled in Term 1 with 208 students at Molyneux Aquatic Centre (220 in 2014) and Cromwell Swim Centre having 186 students (189 in 2014). Note both pools do not have holiday programme numbers in the 2015 figures yet. Staffing for the swim school has been a challenge over the last term and this is anticipated to continue into early Term 2.



Cromwell Swim Centre

It has been a steady quarter for Cromwell pool with numbers through the pool exceeding last year's figures by 5.1%. The month of January was down compared to last year due to the better weather allowing people to use the lake for recreation however gains have been made in February and March.

Investigations into energy efficiency options for the pool were completed and a preferred option was determined to alter the use of the electric heatpump heating and the gas boiler to maximise energy savings and ensure the pool is operating efficiently as possible. Options associated with sharing electricity costs with the neighbouring turf are also being explored.

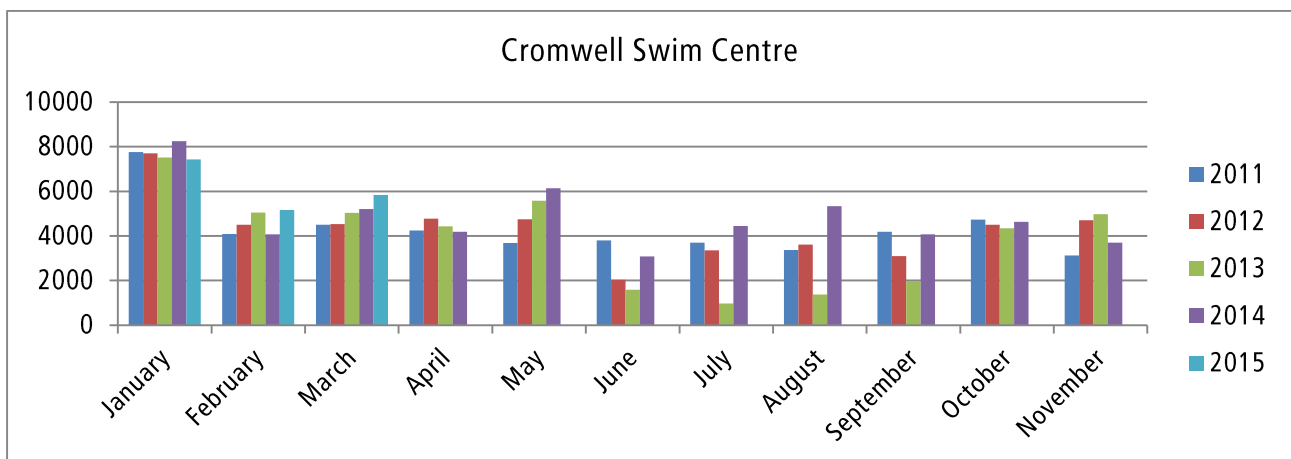
The agreement with the Cromwell Plunket was renewed for the upcoming year. This was for partially sponsored passes to go in their new baby packs to encourage parents to try out the pool. The first 50 had been used in new baby packs over the last year and this was an ideal opportunity to encourage new users with on average one to two passes being used each month.

Advertising of the pool activities has continued through the local Cromwell papers. This has included events on at the pool and advice for locals on when best to use the facility.

The pool hosted the Central Otago Swim Sport and the Central Otago Primary schools Triathlon over the quarter as well as the local schools swim sports.

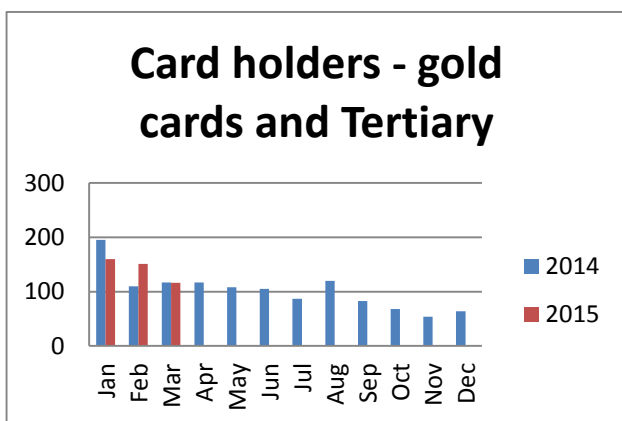
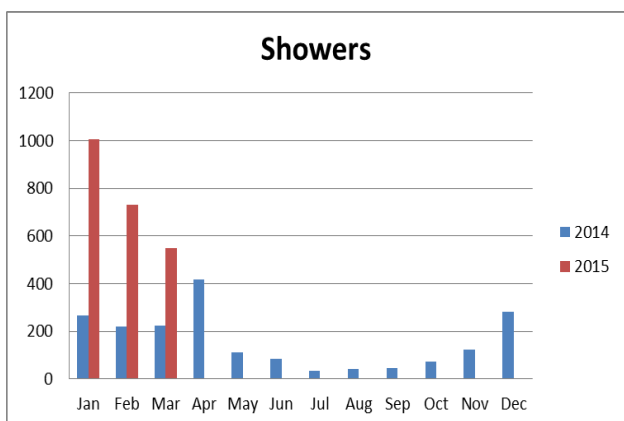
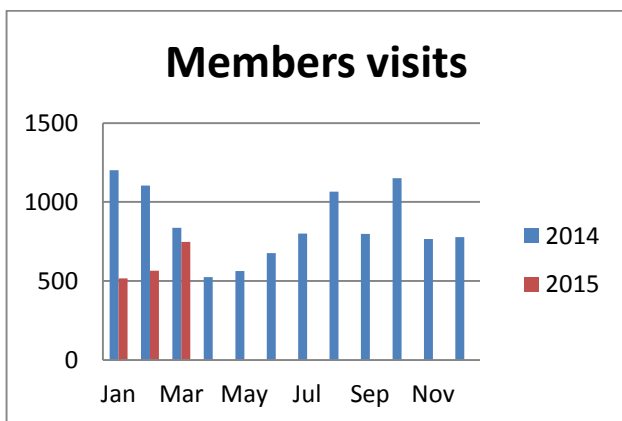
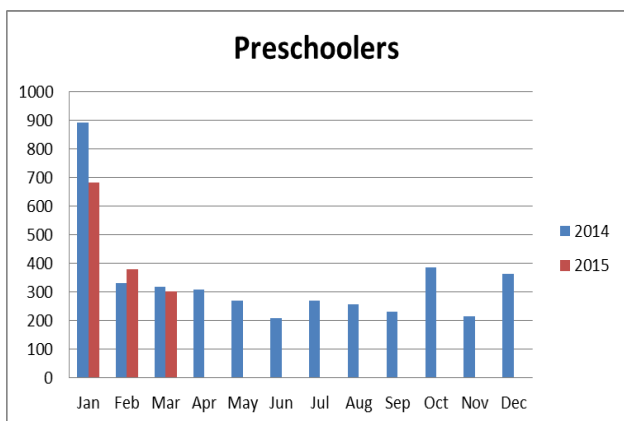
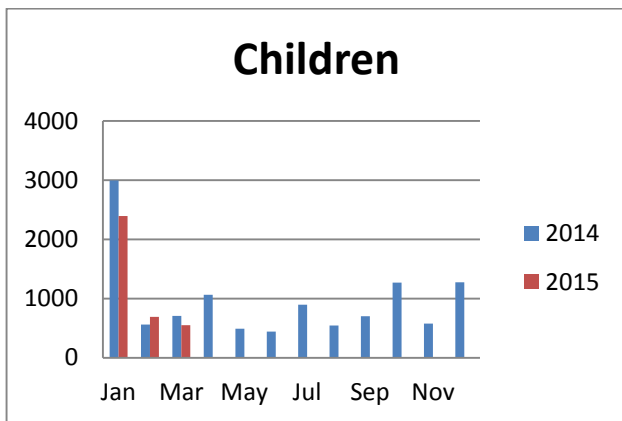
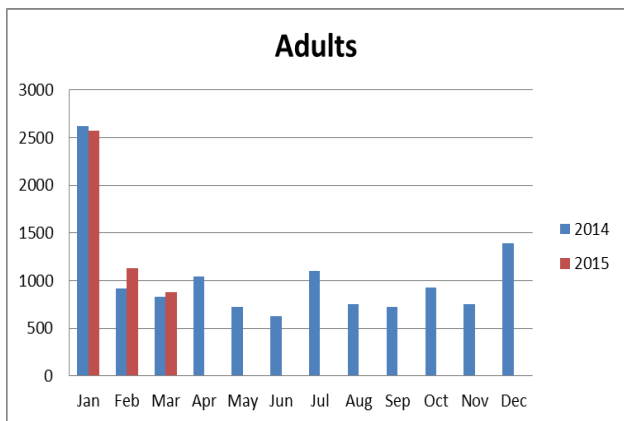
A celebration of the 30th anniversary of the pool was held in March. This included colouring competitions and a special ceremony (and a birthday cake) to recognise this event.

Work has been underway on improving the ventilation in the plant rooms with this work being tendered in late March.



This is admissions to the facility per month.

Some breakdowns of the above figures for people using the facility for the last year include:



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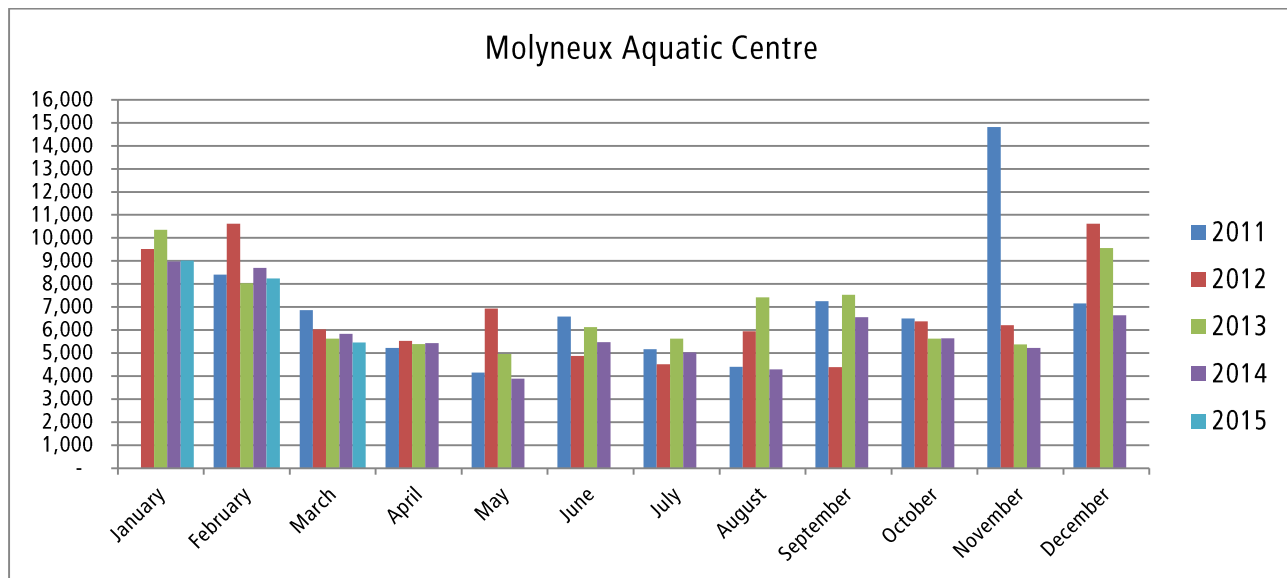
Overall numbers through the pool are down for the quarter by 3% with January up compared to last year but February and March having reduced numbers of users.

The pool had a busy run of events in February when it hosted the various local schools swim sports, Dunstan High swim sports and then the local schools triathlons.

Sponsored tickets were provided for the cricket and BMX events held in early January but there was a low % of tickets returned for the free swims. We will review the value of these promotions to try and get people to visit the facility.

The main outdoor pool area with the new shade sail installed over the toddler’s pool has been very popular with the younger families on these hot summer days. This has allowed additional use of the pool in hot days by younger users rather than families worrying about sunburn. It has also provided a shade area for staff to stand under while monitoring this outside pool.

The outdoor pool was closed in late March as the weather cooled and the pool lost temperature.



This is admissions to the facility per month.

Ranfurly Pool

Ranfurly pool had a successful season with the fine weather encouraging people to use the pool. Many of the days in January the main pool was sitting around a steady 29 degrees.

We have had four good staff on at the pool this season and this reduced to two people from February when a couple of our university students went back to study. The pool remained open until the end of the March.

The pool was regularly used by local aquajoggers and people doing fitness work and then in February the facility was used by the schools for school swimming.

Date	Season Pass	Pre School (Free)	Adults Admission	Children Admission	Total
Jan 15	423	246	255	971	1895
Feb 15	266	60	51	219	596
Mar 15	271	68	39	238	616
Total	960	374	345	1428	3107

District Development

OUR SPACE

We facilitate economic opportunity indirectly with the provision of infrastructure, recreational and cultural assets. We directly facilitate economic opportunity with the provision of a business development programme, a regional tourism organisation, community planning, visitor centres, managing the regional brand and a modest promotional grants fund.

The district development activity is a primary contributor to all three of our community outcomes.



Economic Development

Central Otago Labour Market Survey

The horticulture and viticulture surveys were conducted in the course of this quarter. A total of 55 horticulture surveys were prepared with 23 of these selected for face-to-face interviews, and for the viticulture sector 124 surveys were prepared with 29 of these identified for face-to-face interview. The consultants have now commenced the analysis of their findings and are in the initial stages of drafting their report.

Cycle Trail User Surveys

In the course of the quarter the second part of the three part user survey of the Otago Central Rail Trail was completed as were the first of the two part surveys of the Roxburgh Gorge and Clutha Gold Trail user surveys. The purpose of the surveys is to capture

the views and opinions of users of the trails including visitors to Central Otago, to quantify the economic benefits that these trails bring to the district, and to provide information that will enable more effective promotion of Central Otago to target markets and demographics. This is the first time users of the Roxburgh Gorge and Clutha Gold Trails have been surveyed since they opened to the public so the information gathered will establish a base line against which to chart future usage and trail driven development.

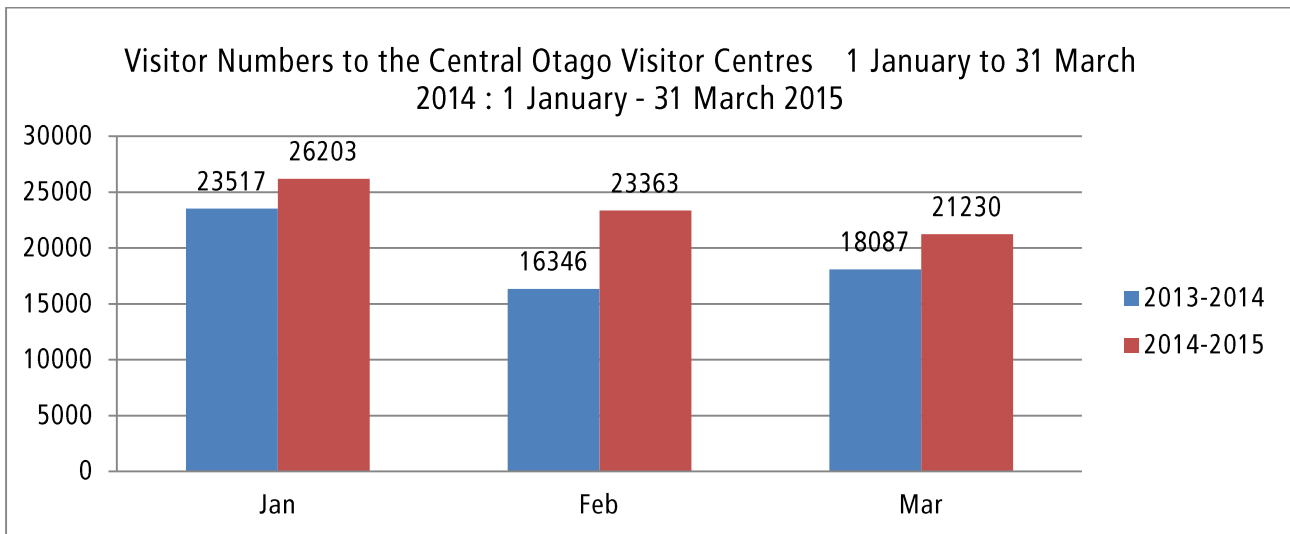
Central Otago Premium Fruit

While the apricot crop was smaller than usual as a result of weather events earlier in the season stunning summer weather plus new plantings produced Central Otago's the largest ever cherry crop of over 3,000 tonnes, double that of the 2014 harvest. The Central Otago Premium Fruit Ltd project working with its partners in key Asian and United States markets made excellent progress. A particularly exciting development was the successful use of social media to connect directly with end-use customers in China.

Digital Broadband

Access in Central Otago to ultra-fast broadband retained a high profile throughout the quarter. Council received a presentation from the Digital Office on implementation of the Otago Digital Strategy, for which the CODC has allocated funding, and a number of priority activities were identified that the Digital Office will be asked to focus on in the district. Roxburgh Area and Millers Flat schools have made progress with their project to share their excess UFB capacity with their local communities. Millers Flat subject to final approvals from the Ministry of Education, is ready to go live. Work will start shortly on a tower that will give coverage across Roxburgh and the upper Teviot Valley for the Roxburgh Area school service.

Visitor Information Centres



Overview on Visitor Numbers

Central Otago Visitor Information Centres saw a 1.4% increase in visitors during the 3 months of January, February and March 2015 from the previous year. The increase in visitor numbers was due to growth in visitor numbers to the Cromwell and Roxburgh Visitor Information Centres, while the Alexandra and Ranfurly centres had decreases in number of visitors.

Alexandra and Ranfurly centres have had new electronic counters installed between the two periods of data which can produce variances in door count numbers due to differences in the technology. However there have been overall increases in the numbers of bookings, average spend per origin and total revenue that are positive indicators of performance.

The breakdown of visitors using the centres by origin shows slight increases in the percentage of overseas and domestic visitors from outside of Central Otago using the centres (relative to use by locals) compared to the same period in 2014.

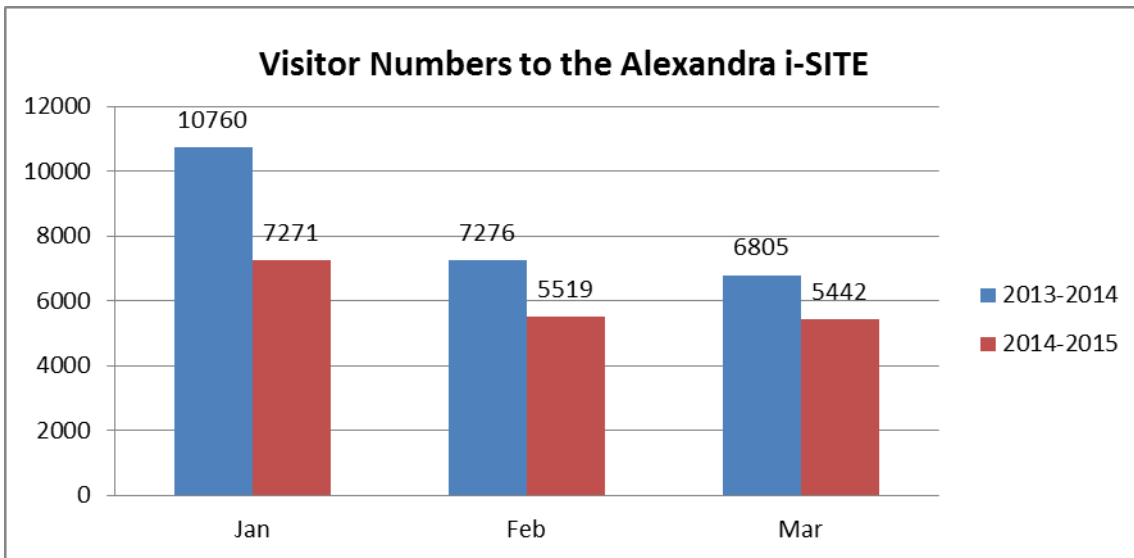
Number of Bookings		
2014	2015	% Increase
2320	3175	36.9%

Average Booking Sale by Origin of Visitor			
January - March	2014	2015	% Increase
Local - Central Otago	\$56.98	\$67.20	17.9%
Domestic	\$141.40	\$245.95	73.9%
International	\$157.24	\$176.46	12.2%

Visitor Bookings Origin		
January - March	2014	2015
Local - Central Otago	23.0%	20.1%
Domestic	30.4%	31.5%
International	46.6%	47.8%

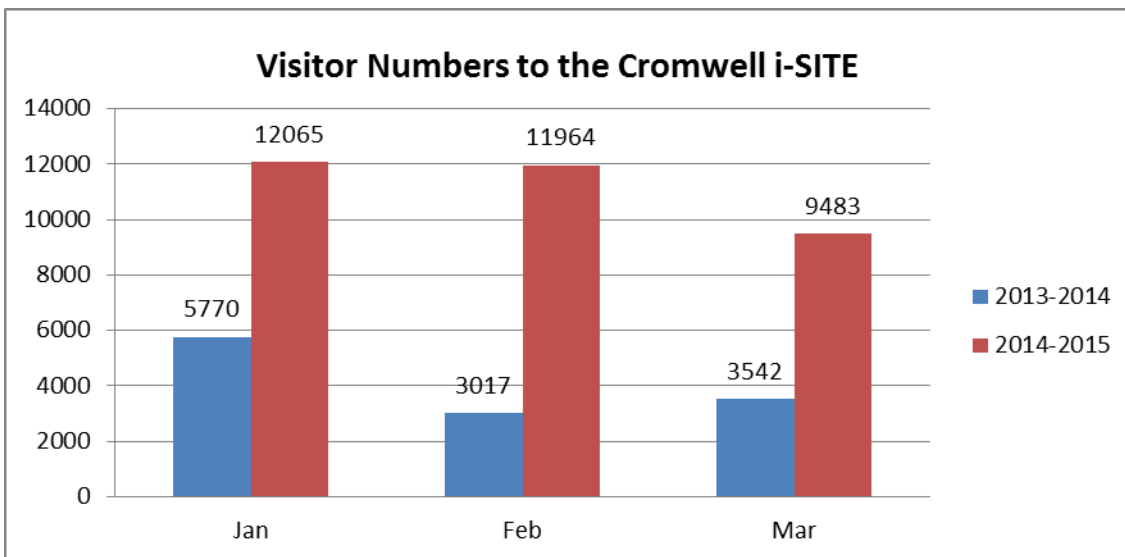
Alexandra

A new door counter was installed October 2014, different to that previously used, so statistics are likely to vary from the previous year. Overall bookings by origin were similarly distributed between locals (29.3%), domestic (33.2%) and international visitors (37.5%)



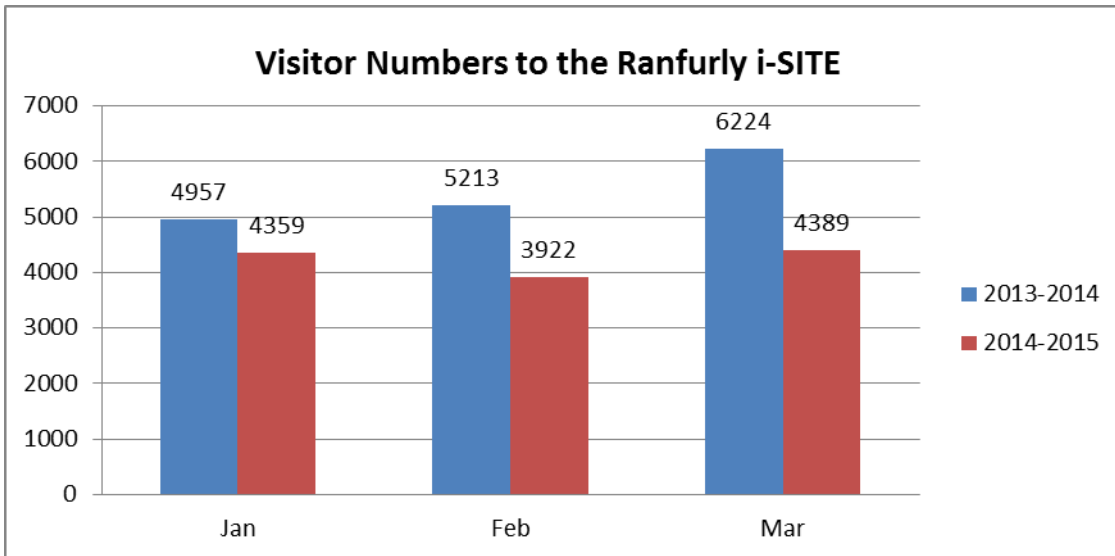
Cromwell

Visitor numbers show significant increases, mostly due to the new building and its improved location as of December 2014. International visitors were the largest percentage (58.4%) of visitors to the centre making bookings, followed by domestic visitors (28.3%) and locals (13%).



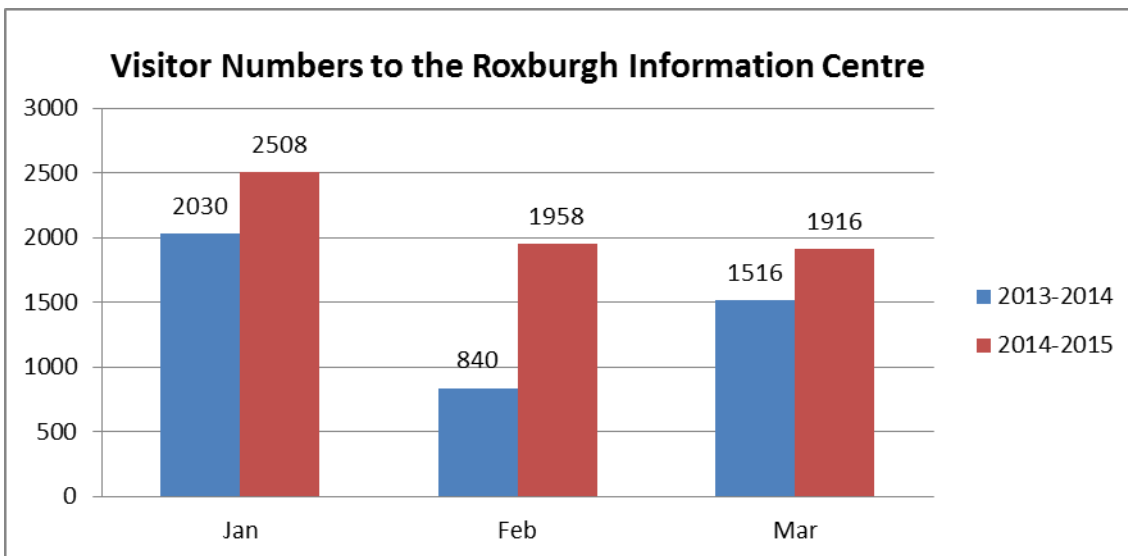
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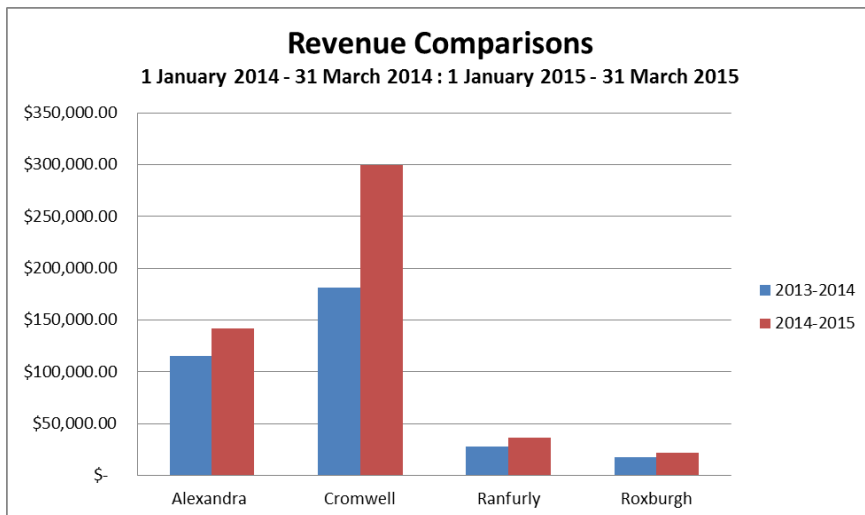
Visitor numbers were down for two reasons. Last year a number of events ran during Art Deco weekend, leading to over 1000 people coming through the centre in one day. This was not repeated in 2015 due to the Art Deco weekend being cancelled and the Festival in the Park being held away from the centre. Secondly a defective door counter was replaced in October 2014. A more accurate counting system is starting to better reflect the actual numbers through the centre. International visitors were the largest proportion (48.6%) of visitors making bookings, followed by domestic visitors (38.1%) and locals (13.3%).



Roxburgh

Roxburgh Centre continued to see good visitor numbers following the amalgamation of the library, service centre and visitor centre services in October 2013. Fully defined visitor centre numbers cannot be reported as the current door counter records people entering the building to access all three combined services. Most bookings made at the Roxburgh centre were made by domestic visitors (45%) followed by locals (35.5%) and international visitors (19.5%).





Revenue

Overall revenue is up 45% (\$157,556) across all centres compared to the same quarter last year. All centres had solid growth in bookings from the previous year, Alexandra and Cromwell also significantly increased event ticket sales. Revenue from retail sales continued a decrease across all centres.

Bookings

Total bookings for all centres increased by 54% (\$157,473). Bookings accounted for 89% of revenue.

- Alexandra: Booking sales were up 28% compared with the same period last year.
- Cromwell: Booking sales increased significantly on the previous year, up 68% (\$115,148).
- Ranfurly: Booking sales increased 74% compared with the same period last year.
- Roxburgh: Booking sales increased 39% compared with the same period last year.

Retail Sales

Total retail sales for all four centres decreased by 16% (\$8,153) from the same period last year.

- Alexandra: Retail sales decreased 23% this quarter compared to last year.
- Cromwell: Retail sales decreased 2% this quarter compared to last year.
- Ranfurly: Retail sales decreased 20% this quarter compared to last year.
- Roxburgh: Retail sales decreased 13% this quarter compared to last year.

Event Sales

Event ticket sales increased 298% (\$7121) this quarter compared to the same period last year. Alexandra and Cromwell were the main performers with ticket sales being Cromwell 1639% increase and an increase at Alexandra of 216%.

- Alexandra: event tickets were sold for Art in the Garden run by the Alexandra Community Arts Group.
- Cromwell: event tickets were mainly sold for 5 events run by the Cromwell Community Arts Council as well as the Cromwell Wine and Food Festival.

Alexandra

Jan - Mar 2015	Visitors *	18232
Jan - Mar 2014	Visitors	24841
Visitor numbers decreased by *		27%
	Gross Revenue	% of total sales
Bookings	\$ 119,376.65	84%
Retail	\$ 15,242.50	11%
Event Tickets	\$ 7,159.00	5%
Display Rental	\$ -	0%
REVENUE 2015	\$ 141,778.15	100%
REVENUE 2014	\$ 115,350.68	100%
Revenue increased by		23%
Cost of retail goods sold		63.4%
Commission earned		\$ 14,524.47

*disparity in visitor numbers because of defective door counter

Ranfurly

Jan - Mar 2015	Visitors	12670
Jan - Mar 2014	Visitors*	16394
Visitor numbers decreased by*		23%
	Gross Revenue	% of total sales
Bookings	\$ 26,724.95	73%
Retail	\$ 10,001.45	27%
Event Tickets	\$ -	0%
Display Rental	\$ -	0%
REVENUE 2015	\$ 36,726.40	100%
REVENUE 2014	\$ 27,950.64	100%
Revenue increased by		31%
Cost of retail goods sold		41.5%
Commission earned		\$ 2,715.95

Cromwell

Jan - Mar 2015	Visitors	33512
Jan - Mar 2014	Visitors	24216
Visitor numbers increased by		38%
	Gross Revenue	% of total sales
Bookings	\$ 283,312.02	94%
Retail	\$ 13,124.78	4%
Event Tickets	\$ 2,087.21	1%
Display Rental	\$ 1,336.00	0%
REVENUE 2015	\$ 299,860.01	100%
REVENUE 2014	\$ 181,716.78	100%
Revenue increased by		65%
Cost of retail goods sold		49.4%
Commission earned		\$ 29,310.12

Roxburgh

Jan - Mar 2015	Visitors	6382
Jan - Mar 2014	Visitors	4386
Visitor numbers increased by		46%
	Gross Revenue	% of total sales
Bookings	\$ 16,661.00	76%
Retail	\$ 5,019.14	23%
Event Tickets	\$ 260.00	1%
Display Rental	\$ -	0%
REVENUE 2015	\$ 21,940.14	100%
REVENUE 2014	\$ 17,732.20	100%
Revenue increased by		24%
Cost of retail goods sold		85.5%
Commission earned		\$ 1,667.60

Note: commission earned is on bookings and events

Hours of Operation

Alexandra summer hours commenced 26 December, open 9am – 6pm daily.

Cromwell summer hours commenced 17 December, open 9am – 7pm daily.

Ranfurly summer hours commenced 26 December, open 9am – 5.30pm daily (closed one hour daily for lunch/jobs)

Roxburgh summer hours commenced 29 September, open 9am – 5pm daily (closed 30 minutes for lunch in weekends)

Alexandra winter hours commence 20 April, open 9am – 5pm daily.

Cromwell winter hours commence 20 April, open 9am – 5pm daily.

Ranfurly winter hours commence 20 April, open 9am – 5pm daily (closed one hour daily for lunch/jobs)

Roxburgh winter hours commence 1 May, open 9am – 5pm Mon-Fri (closed weekends)

Tourism Central Otago (TCO)

Consumer Events

COVI Motorhome, Caravan and Outdoor Supershow

TCO attended New Zealand's largest camping and outdoor show which was held in Auckland at the ASB Showgrounds over 3 days 12 – 15 March.

TCO's stand was particularly popular in the Stop and Stay zone of the show with the competition prize of a 6 day motorhome holiday put together with the assistance of Britz campers (official partner of Nga Haeranga – NZ cycle trails) and local operators. Attendance at the event was 20% up on the September 2013 event – exceeding 18,000 people over the three days. The majority of show attendees were from the upper half of the North Island and many people spoken to already have plans to visit the South Island within the next 12 to 18 months that included spending time in Central Otago. This meant there was significant opportunity to help people with planning their list of activities and places to visit, as well as the chance to clearly deliver the regions camping guidelines.

Cycling holidays, Central Otago's unique scenery, the chance to be close to but away from the main tourism destinations and exploring the regions wineries were top items of interest. Cycling the Otago Central Rail Trail was as popular as ever, and this year the Roxburgh Gorge and Clutha Gold were particularly interesting new trails for those planning a return visit.

The motorhome and caravan market are a key segment of the Central Otago visitor market. Research confirms they stay longer than the average visitor – i.e. the average New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) member spends 75 nights away from 'home' per annum. In Central Otago they also form part of our seasonal workforce.

Total Sport Events

As part of its cycling campaign, TCO has attended two Total Sport Events this quarter – the North Shore Coastal Challenge, 7 March and the Dual 26 March. The final event in the series is the T42 in May. A full report on the campaign will be made in the June 2015 quarter, at the completion of the full year's activities.

Travel Trade

Tourism New Zealand Market Insights Event – Sydney

In February TCO met with 13 Australian wholesalers in Sydney to update them on Central Otago products. With a large increase in the number of Australians now flying directly into Queenstown there was very high interest in self-drive holidays both in Motorhomes or rental cars. Both cycling and wine day trips from Queenstown into Central Otago are also very popular options for those without their own transport.

South East Asia Agents Famil

On 21 March ten South East Asia New Zealand Specialist Agents made a short stop in Central Otago as part of a whistlestop South Island itinerary. The agents visited Highlands Motorsport Park to showcase who showcased their trade ready product that is suitable for the SEA market. The famil was organised by Tourism New Zealand to support the Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines codeshare service between Singapore and New Zealand.

Inbound Tour Operators Sales Calls

The Marketing and Product Development Manager completed a schedule of training and sales meetings with ten targeted inbound companies in Auckland 10 – 12 March. There was strong interest in cycling day product and new experiences.

Inbound tour operators provide a vital link between the suppliers of New Zealand tourism product and the overseas travel companies which buy it. As specialists in inbound tourism, Inbound Members promote and sell New Zealand travel packages to offshore buyers such as wholesalers, travel agents, meeting planners and event managers.

They also play an important role as tourism 'brokers' for overseas travel companies, providing a wide range of services including advice on product, price and availability, coordination of travel arrangements and payments, and supervision of product delivery.

Media

Qantas Inflight Magazine – The Australian Way

TCO hosted Glenn Cullen Australian based writer for Qantas Inflight magazine 6 – 11 October. A 6 page feature article on Central Otago as a cycling destination featured in the March issue of the magazine as well as online <http://travelinsider.qantas.com.au/new-zealand/other/things-to-do/new-zealand-cycling-the-south-island>. The Equivalent Advertising Value of this article is \$94,501. It showcases several of the regions

cycling experiences – in particular the Otago Central Rail Trail and Roxburgh Gorge Trails. It also profiles heli-biking and associated activities.

Unlike most international journalists he rode the full length of the Rail Trail undertaking a number of interviews with people throughout his journey.

Anthony Lambert UK

Tourism New Zealand’s International Media Programme worked with TCO to host Freelance journalist Anthony Lambert on the Otago Central Rail Trail 2 – 4 February 2015 as part of a 17 day New Zealand Itinerary. Mr Lambert had secured a number of commissioned articles for a range of UK publications including The Daily Telegraph, Journeys Magazine, Wanderlust Magazine and Cycling World.

Pinkbike.com – Fabien Barel and Matt Wragg

TCO supported a Central Otago local Mountain Bike contact to facilitate filming opportunities in Central Otago for Pinkbike.com’s Matt Wragg and World Mountain Bike Champions Fabien Barel and Sam Hill 17 to 20 March. The support included obtaining a Film Permit for DOC areas. Significant social media exposure of Central Otago cycling took place while the crew were in the region.

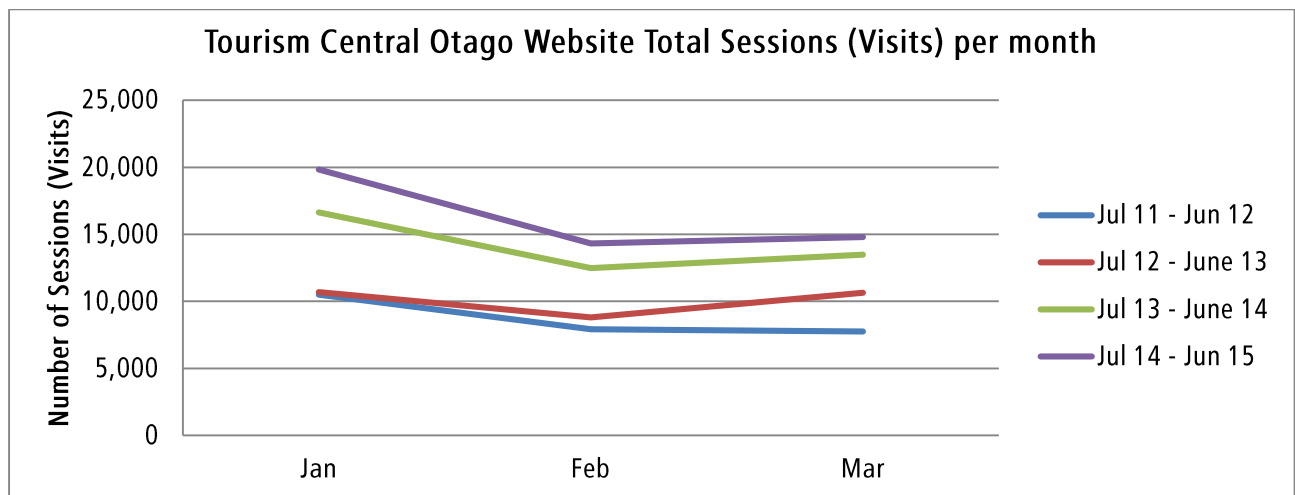
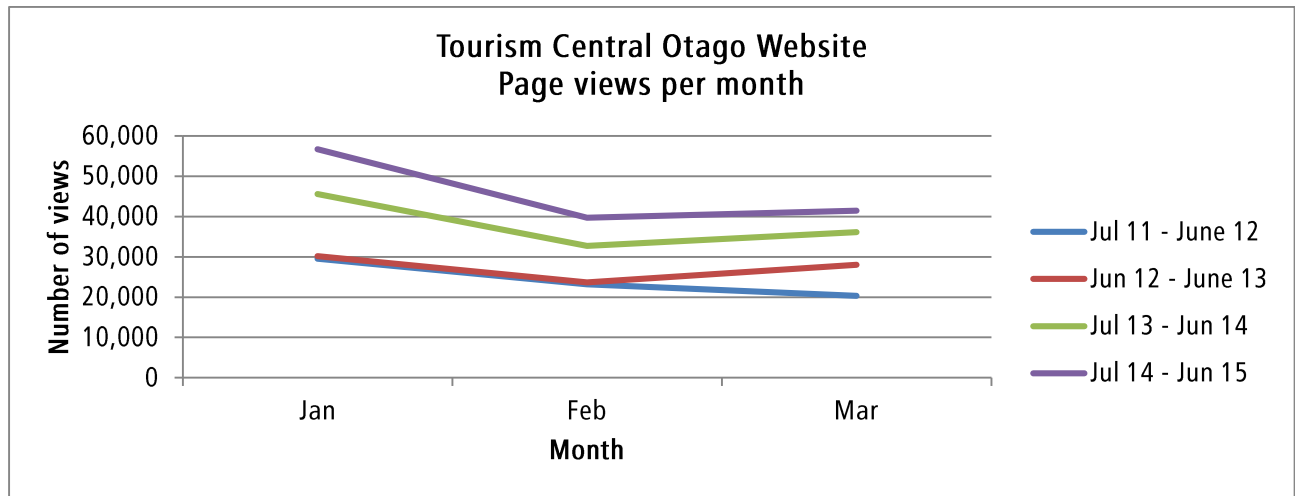
Digital & Social Media Marketing

Activity during this period has focused on the redevelopment of www.CentralOtagoNZ.com and updating and creation of support materials for TCO Trade activity in Australia and Auckland.

Website Statistics

The graphs below show the ‘Total Sessions’ and ‘Page Views’ for the Central Otago NZ website compare figures for the January to March quarter over the last four years.

The visitation has followed a similar trend dropping from our summer peak activity across the December and January period.



Community

Omakau Community Plan

The Omakau Community Plan was finalised in December 2014. The working group who drove the Plan has named themselves “Manuherikia Future” and are now developing their organisational structure and calling on volunteers to assist with the first of their priority projects.

Ophir Community Plan

The development of the first community plan for Ophir is underway. Community surveys, business surveys and visitor surveys have all been completed and the results are currently being analysed.

A community workshop is scheduled for Sunday, April 12th at 10.00am, in the Ophir Memorial Hall.

St Bathans Community Plan Review

Due to a low response rate to surveys and the low turnout to the community workshop, information gathered for the preparation of a new St Bathans Community Plan was not considered to be representative of the views of the St Bathans community as a whole. It was therefore considered to be not appropriate to write a new community plan at this time. The St Bathans Area Community Association (SBACA) has been provided with a report that summarises the comments made by the small number of St Bathans community members who did contribute to the information-gathering process, and it is hoped that these comments may be of useful discussion points for future meetings.

Naseby Community Plan

The Naseby community has requested the development of a third community plan. The majority of actions from their 2010 Plan have been either actioned or are considered no longer relevant to their community's needs, and they are keen to plan develop a new vision and set of actions for their community.

Visitor surveys will be distributed prior to Easter and resident surveys will follow soon after. The community workshop will be held after winter, probably in September.

Funding Applications

Ministry of Youth and Development Partnership Fund

The Cromwell and Alexandra Youth trusts are currently preparing a combined application for the

annual funding round for the Ministry of Youth and Development Partnership Fund. The grant is submitted and administered by the District Council, on the Youth Trusts' behalf. The funding is targeted at projects that support young people aged 12 to 24, to develop skills, knowledge, and experience to participate confidently in their communities. Applications close April 17th, 2015.

Feasibility Study for the Eden Hore Fashion Collection

An application has been lodged with the Lottery World War One Commemorations, Environment, Environment and Heritage Committee to provide 100% funding for a feasibility study on the long-term curation and display of the Eden Hore Fashion Collection. The committee is scheduled to review the applications in late May, and Council will receive feedback after this.

Community Outcomes

The 2015-2021 edition of Central Prospects – Community Outcomes and Actions has been circulated to elected members and is available to view on the CODC website.

Museums

Cromwell Museum

The Cromwell Museum Trust commenced as museum operators and administrators of the Cromwell Museum, at the beginning of 2015. The Trust, comprising volunteers from throughout the community (including representatives from both the Cromwell Genealogy Society and the Cromwell Goldfields Heritage Trust), is managing the day-to-day operation of the museum and management of the Community Board's museum collection. The museum now includes the floor space previously occupied by the Cromwell I-site and the trust has been busily developing new displays for this area.

The Cromwell Museum Trust has scheduled its official “opening” on April 17th.

Service Level Agreements for Alexandra District Museum Inc. (ADMI)

Service Level Agreements are currently being negotiated between the Alexandra District Museum Inc. (trading as Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery) and both the District Council and Vincent Community Board. The SLAs detail the services that ADMI must provide to both the Council and Community Board in return for their annual funding grant.

Regional Brand

Central Otago Awards





Preparation for this year's Central Otago Awards has been a major focus for the brand manager in this quarter. These Awards are based around our regional identity brand and its values. This biennial event is an opportunity for Council to celebrate the level of innovation and amazing talents in the local community.

To date the judging panels, venue and guest speaker have been confirmed, and the entries and nomination forms have been developed. This year a website dedicated to the Central Otago Awards has been developed for easy access to the information; the design has been inspired by the layout of the Awards certificates – www.centralotagoawards.co.nz Forms are also available at all Council offices. The closing date for entries and nominations is Wednesday 27 May.

The Awards ceremony will be held at the Roxburgh Theatre on the evening of Friday 4 September when all finalists and winners will be recognised and honoured. The brand manager is delighted to have secured Sir Ray Avery as the motivational speaker. From a street kid to award winning scientist, entrepreneur and inventor to New Zealander of the Year for 2010, Sir Ray Avery has a remarkable story to tell.

Opportunities

To show Council's commitment to the Central Otago regional brand in its various forms of communication, the brand manager has been assisting with the ongoing development of additional templates, in particular for the business cards and Power Point presentation. The suite of templates are now finalised and show a consistent look across the multiple mediums. Below is an example of the new layout for power point presentations and business cards.

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A body of work has already been completed for capturing the Central Otago wine story, in terms of the history, people, nature of the Central Otago wine region and its key attributes and values, a powerpoint presentation was developed to present to groups, however to make this presentation suitable for the website fine-tuning to the presentation and script has been required. An approximately four minute video clip is going to be produced with voice over and will be included on the Central Otago regional brand website. The intention is to create similar video clips for the Central Otago fruit story and high country in the next financial year and these will be also be uploaded on to the website.



Developing a profile that presents the provenance story associated with Central Otago fruit and the Central Otago Premium Fruit project has been a piece of work that brand manager has worked on this quarter. This will be a useful resource to present or give to interest parties when the need arises to showcase more about Central Otago's unique positioning.

Promotions

Vincent

TCO attended two Promote Dunstan Meetings this quarter. The group is continuing to make progress with its key projects, including the Clyde Railway Station, Footsteps in Time recognition plaques, Heritage Trail signage and the successful Clyde Wine and Food Festival Event.

Cromwell

TCO attended two Cromwell Promotions Group meetings this quarter. The group has successfully completed the Summer Series Events for the current financial year. A re-print of the Cromwell Brochure is underway.

Maniototo

TCO attended one Maniototo Promotions Group meeting this quarter. The committee confirmed that it would go ahead with organising the Bards, Ballads and Bulldust event in mid-2015.

The Maniototo Community Board received an application from Maniototo Promotions Group to the 2014-15 year promotion grant at its February meeting. It approved the requested grant of \$1,250 for the promotion of a Bards, Ballads and Bulldust event.

PLANNING and environment

planning civil defence
rural fire building control
liquor licensing dog control and registration
environmental health



Planning & Environment

OUR SPACE

Planning and Environment encompasses the following activities:

- Resource Management
- Building Control
- Environmental Health
- Liquor Licensing
- Dog Control and Registration
- Emergency Management

All planning and environment activities contribute to all three of our community outcomes.



Building Control

Number of Building Consents Processed and Value of Building Work

In the period 1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015 a total of 161 Building Consents were issued at a value of \$ 13,295,114.

An analysis of trends in building consent numbers and their values indicates that the number of consents received in this quarter was down 1.2% and the value was also down 8.3% when compared to the same period last year.

Processing Times

The Winchart indicates that the end to end processing times for building consents was an average processing time of 20.7 customer days (not statutory processing days)

Note:

The end to end times shown on the Winchart provides a quarterly average processing time in customer days (including weekends)

In terms of the statutory processing time frames the average processing time for the quarter was 7 working days, well within the statutory requirement of 20 working days. 100% of all consents issued were issued within statutory timeframes.

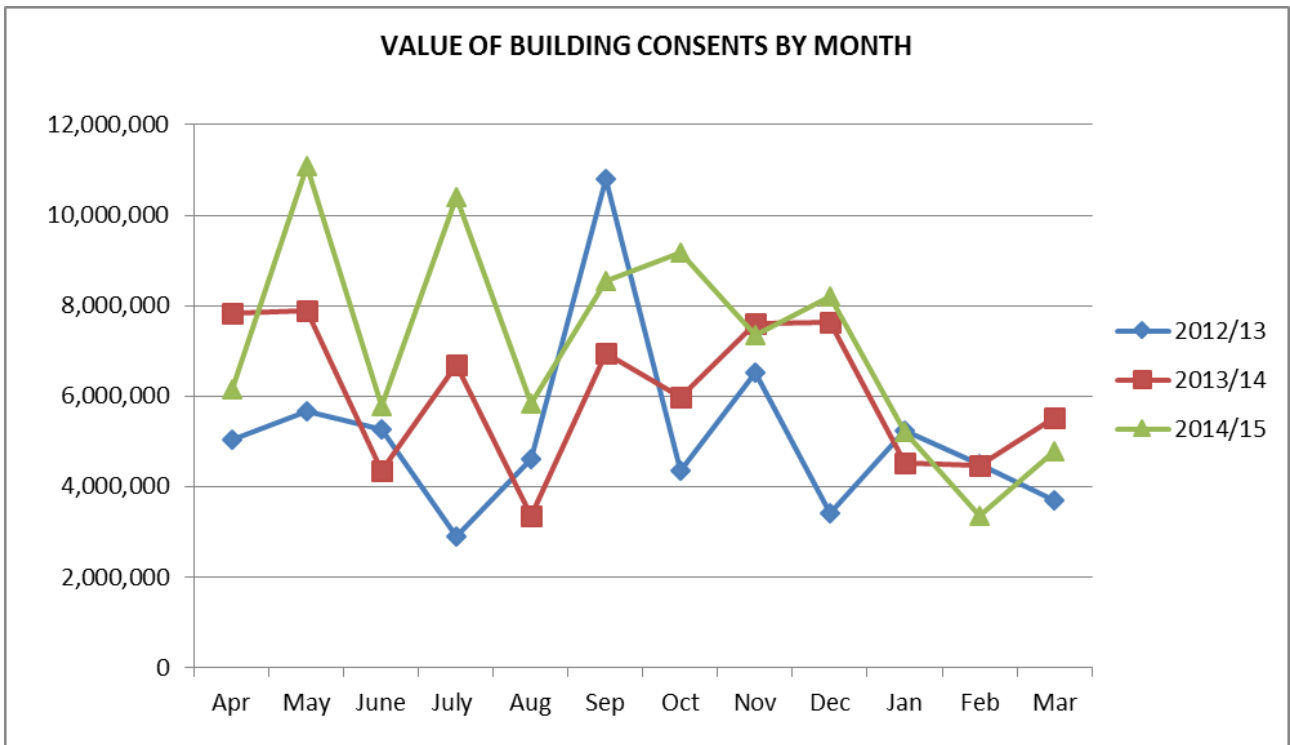
Capacity

The processing of building consents time of 7 days indicates that our capacity to process building consents is at a satisfactory level to meet customer demands in terms of the amount of building activity in the region.

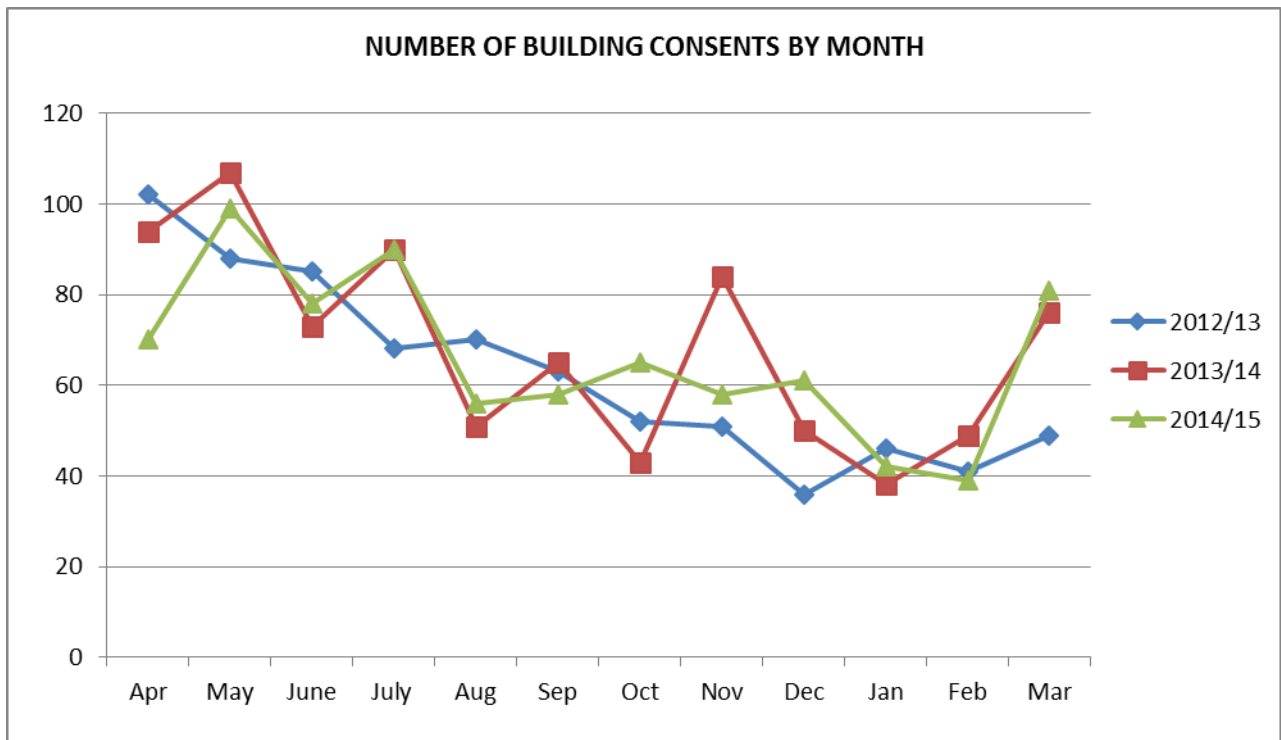
Sector Involvement

Building Control will be participating in the Licensed Building Practitioner educational feedback programme, which consists of a simple questionnaire sent quarterly from MBIE to collect data to identify areas where LBPs, Building Officials and the wider sector would benefit from being better informed about correct processes and appropriate solutions to commonly occurring problems.

BUILDING CONSENTS - BY VALUE			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Apr	5,021,650	7,818,436	6,160,388
May	5,665,584	7,881,058	11,082,742
June	5,261,999	4,353,463	5,767,356
July	2,901,041	6,689,217	10,410,031
Aug	4,614,470	3,355,377	5,846,351
Sep	10,800,064	6,944,115	8,551,268
Oct	4,358,637	5,974,252	9,160,165
Nov	6,505,975	7,594,899	7,360,192
Dec	3,419,300	7,642,416	8,214,023
Jan	5,236,942	4,521,211	5,192,937
Feb	4,505,859	4,452,432	3,339,327
Mar	3,707,700	5,533,098	4,767,850
Total	61,999,221	72,759,974	85,852,630
Increase from last year		17%	18%



BUILDING CONSENTS - BY NUMBER			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Apr	102	94	70
May	88	107	99
June	85	73	78
July	68	90	90
Aug	70	51	56
Sep	63	65	58
Oct	52	43	65
Nov	51	84	58
Dec	36	50	61
Jan	46	38	42
Feb	41	49	39
Mar	49	76	81
Total	751	820	797
Increase from last year		9%	-3%



VINCENT		\$
Total for April to June 2014		5,541,364
Year to date (from 1 July)		22,962,791
Alexandra Ward		
Agricultural - New farm shed	3	133,900
Commercial - New industrial	1	85,000
Commercial - Other	3	109,000
Residential - New Dwelling	4	1,290,400
Residential - Dwelling alteration (internal only)	5	99,000
Residential - Dwelling additions and alterations	4	272,000
Residential - Relocate dwelling on to site (site-works)	1	80,000
Residential - New garage	2	45,317
Residential - Heating appliance	16	70,300
Residential - Plumbing and drainage only	2	12,900
	41	2,197,817
Year to date (from 1 July)	119	8,763,483
Earnsclough / Manuherikia Ward		
Agricultural - Other	1	460,000
Commercial - Education/childcare facilities - additions and	1	3,250
Commercial - Marquee	1	3,500
Commercial - Other	1	13,000
Residential - New Dwelling	4	1,968,000
Residential - Dwelling alteration (internal only)	1	250,000
Residential - Dwelling additions and alterations	4	439,000
Residential - New garage	2	24,472
Residential - New carport	1	3,000
Residential - New garage/sleep-out	1	70,000
Residential - Outbuilding alterations	1	4,000
Residential - Heating appliance	13	61,325
Residential - Plumbing and drainage only	1	39,000
Residential - Residential	1	5,000
	33	3,343,547
Year to date (from 1 July)	109	14,199,308

CROMWELL		
Agricultural - New farm shed	3	63,000
Commercial - New warehouse/showroom/offices	1	239,000
Commercial - Education/childcare facilities - additions and	1	400,000
Commercial - Marquee	1	10,000
Commercial - Other	4	250,000
Residential - New Dwelling	13	4,158,660
Residential - Dwelling alteration (internal only)	6	65,000
Residential - Dwelling additions and alterations	3	439,500
Residential - New units (multi-unit)	2	1,000
Residential - Relocate dwelling on to site (site-works)	2	30,000
Residential - New garage	11	315,000
Residential - New carport	2	20,000
Residential - Outbuilding alterations	1	3,000
Residential - Retaining wall	1	2,000
Residential - Heating appliance	14	64,300
	65	6,060,460
Year to date (from 1 July)	252	32,305,463

MANIOTOTO		
Commercial - Retail/cafe/restaurant/bar - additions and alterations	1	9,900
Commercial - Motel/hotel/accommodation building - additions	1	90,000
Residential - Dwelling additions and alterations	1	63,250
Residential - Outbuilding relocated on to site	1	35,000
Residential - Heating appliance	6	23,000
	10	221,150
Year to date (from 1 July)	36	2,549,985

TEVIOT VALLEY		
Agricultural - New farm shed	4	365,140
Commercial - Motel/hotel/accommodation building - additions	1	20,000
Commercial - Marquee	1	5,000
Residential - New Dwelling	1	609,000
Residential - Dwelling additions and alterations	2	460,000
Residential - Heating appliance	4	18,000
	13	1,477,140
Year to date (from 1 July)	34	5,026,905

SUMMARY OF BUILDING CONSENT STATISTICS		
Vincent		
Alexandra	41	2,197,817
Earnsclough/Manuherikia	33	3,343,547
Cromwell	65	6,060,460
Maniototo	10	221,150
Teviot Valley	13	1,477,140
Total for January to March 2015	162	13,300,114
Year to date (from 1 July)	550	62,845,144

ANALYSIS FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2015		
Agricultural - New farm shed	10	562,040
Agricultural - Other	1	460,000
Commercial - New industrial	1	85,000
Commercial - Retail/cafe/restaurant/bar - additions and alterations	1	9,900
Commercial - New warehouse/showroom/offices	1	239,000
Commercial - Education/childcare facilities - additions and	2	403,250
Commercial - Motel/hotel/accommodation building - additions	2	110,000
Commercial - Marquee	3	18,500
Commercial - Other	8	372,000
Residential - New Dwelling	22	8,026,060
Residential - Dwelling alteration (internal only)	12	414,000
Residential - Dwelling additions and alterations	14	1,673,750
Residential - New units (multi-unit)	2	1,000
Residential - Relocate dwelling on to site (site-works)	3	110,000
Residential - New garage	15	384,789
Residential - New carport	3	23,000
Residential - New garage/sleep-out	1	70,000
Residential - Outbuilding alterations	2	7,000
Residential - Outbuilding relocated on to site	1	35,000
Residential - Retaining wall	1	2,000
Residential - Heating appliance	53	236,925
Residential - Plumbing and drainage only	3	51,900
Residential - Residential	1	5,000
	162	13,300,114

GOVERNANCE and corporate services

communication
administration buildings



Governance

OUR SPACE

The governance activity is at the forefront of everything we do. While the Council provides many different services, it is the governance activity that supports elected members to be effective and responsible decision-makers. This activity facilitates and supports Council and community boards, ensures agendas are published and available to the public and runs local body elections every three years.

The governance activity contributes indirectly to all three main community outcomes.



Corporate Services

OUR SPACE

The corporate services activities provide both direct and indirect support across the organisation that allows Council to function efficiently and effectively. The corporate services activity contributes indirectly to all three main community outcomes.



Rural Aerial for GIS System

Council Rural Aerials haven't be flown since 2006-2008. With the assistance of LINZ and working in conjunction with the Southern Councils Consortium, we are now flying the rural areas with 75% completed to date. Dependent on weather, we are expecting flying to be completed this summer flying season, with the new rural aerials being available to Council and the Community mid to late 2015.