



The DUNTROON DIGGER

August edition 2019

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Greetings to all our Duntroon Digger readers.

As I write this, it is almost August. It seems as though the year has been going so fast yet we are yet to experience anything at all like the winters that I am used to, for which I am thankful! It was good, however, to get the rain just in time for me to have all of our new plants watered.

Business is starting to pick up again and there have been a number of campervans and business travellers in the area. We have spent time recently preparing our gardens and fruit trees for spring as well as continuing to chop down some of the unruly trees on our property. We are enjoying having the time to explore the area and to meet more people.

On Owen King's recommendation, I walked through the Duntroon Wetland with my son and his girlfriend, both of whom had travelled up from Dunedin. I was delighted when a fantail followed us, no doubt to eat up the insects we were disturbing. Fantails are a very significant bird for me. I went for a walk there with my husband, John, yesterday before meeting some of our new neighbours. The Wetland is definitely something that we will recommend to our visitors.

Lynda

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Photographs taken at the Duntroon Wetland.



The Duntroon Community



**to stand for the
Ahuriri Community Board**

Nominations are open

from July 19th to August 16th

for the following positions:

- **1 Councillor for the Ahuriri Ward and**
- **5 positions on the Ahuriri Community Board**

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU.

Tokarahi Rural Women Group would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to everyone who helped organise our quiz night fundraiser for the Rural Health Bus. Thank-you to all those that attended. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank-You to our following sponsors:

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Kind Regards,
Liz Hutton,
Secretary Tokarahi Rural Women.

Next DDDA Committee Meeting: Thursday
8th, August 2019
7:00 p.m at Vanished World Centre.

There is no set date as yet for the next
Wetland working-bee due to be
sometime later in September.

Ross McRobie-Press Release re Local Body Election for the Ahuriri Ward for WDC. 22 July 2019

My name is Ross McRobie. I'm pleased to introduce myself, as I'm standing as a Councillor for The Waitaki District Council, to represent the Ahuriri Ward, which now stretches from Lake Ohau to Duntroon and in between.

In this election, Duntroon has been included following the recent representation review.

I believe my experience and can-do attitude would be highly beneficial to our district. I live in Otematata, I love our region, I'm passionate about giving back, have good local knowledge, I'm a great listener and will work hard to represent you.

I've worked extensively in Governance, Finance and Strategic Planning roles throughout New Zealand and I'm currently Chair of the Otago Community Trust, a Queenstown Lakes District Councillor and Chair Audit Risk and Finance. (I'm not re-standing for QLDC and signalled my intentions in February this year to stand in the Ahuriri Ward for Council.)

I've held Directorship roles with NZ on Air, the NZ Film Commission and was Chair of Lake Wanaka Tourism and Warbirds Over Wanaka and Chair of Wanaka Wastebusters.

I believe we face a number of challenges in our district around growth, infrastructure and in other areas. It would be a pleasure to represent you around the Council table as an advocate for our communities.

I would welcome your thoughts on our District and I am happy to receive them either by email or phone, the details of which are below.

I look forward to meeting you in person as I travel around our district over the next few months.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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New Signage

The two beautiful new signs on the side of the Duntroon Gaol are part of acknowledging the partnership of various businesses that partner with A2O in providing track maintenance for sections of the A2O Cycle Trail. These signs cover the sections that come into the village from both directions.



KDIC Project Update 5

23 July 2019

Progress on pipelaying has continued through the winter, with the main contractor, Monadelphous employing two crews to install the pipe from the racecourse to the dam at Lake Waitaki. Remarkably we have just had only the 4th day of wet weather since January, so conditions have been ideal.

The process of remediation around Kurow post pipe install has not gone as swiftly as hoped. Menz are focussing on this now and in the last swing great progress has been made, in readiness for reseeding and re-fencing. We thank the landowners around Kurow for their patience with this.

Jack Cleaver brought a pipelaying crew to site to assist progress, and his team have been working from Kurow Holiday Park towards Bluff 2. In the last week they have encountered grey rock which has slowed progress.

Elsewhere within the scheme area, Paul Smith Earthworks have three pipelaying crews, working at Paddy's Flat, Otekaieke and Priest Road.

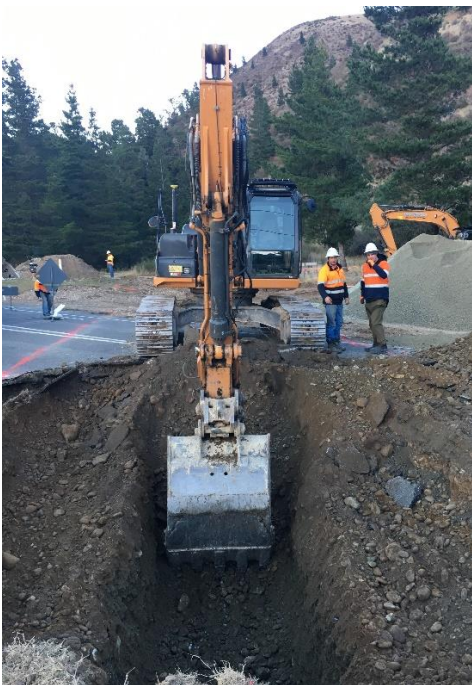
A total of 25,785 metres had been laid by the end of June, which constitutes 45% of pipe installed. The total pipe length is 59,032 metres. Progress across the scheme is slightly behind target, but once the teams are clear of the confined areas around Kurow, progress will be faster. Installation of pipe is due for completion in late November.

The pipeline rises above ground at the two bluffs sections near the Kurow cemetery. The piles have now been installed, with the pipe carriers fixed at Bluff 1, with GRP pipe being installed now. This work accounts for the traffic management and delays and the company is indebted to the travelling community for their patience.

Thompsons are well through their work installing six pump sheds. These are prefabricated concrete, with all slabs erected now, and floors to be completed this week. The pump sheds will be fitted out prior to having the roof installed.

Works to start includes the intake at Waitaki dam, above ground river crossings at little Awakino and Awakino. All the plant and materials are on hand.

In total, Monadelphous and sub-contractors number 95 people across the scheme, on site or in the base site at Awakino.



Geoff Keeling

Chairman Kurow Duntroon Irrigation Ltd

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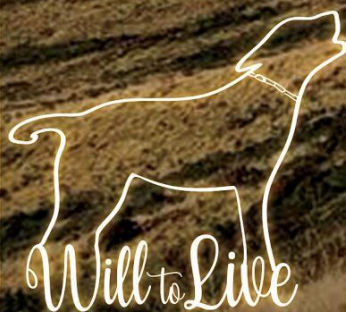
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