

INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER'S REPORT
For July 2023 Council meeting

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on infrastructure department activities and work undertaken during the month of June 2023:

Roads and Drainage	
Gravel Road Pothole Repairs	Thule Rd Coast Rd Reedy Lagoon Rd Melrose Rd Trousers Point Rd
Gravel Road Resheeting Works	Nil.
Gravel Road Rip and Reform Works	Nil.
Maintenance Grading	Fairhaven Rd Five Mile Jim Rd Palana Rd Eden's Rd Wingaroo Rd Melrose Rd
Bitumen Road Reseal Works	Nil.
Bitumen Road Patching and Edging	Palana Rd
Drainage	Port Davies Rd Lees Rd Badger Corner Rd including the boat ramp corner. Fairhaven Rd Lady Barron Rd Thule Rd Reedy Lagoon Rd Located and cleared stormwater pits, pipes, and outlets on The Esplanade.
Vegetation Control	Cleared several trees after storm damage.
Town Maintenance	
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	<p>Repaired and cleaned Whitemark community notice board area.</p> <p>Cleaned and repaired water fall at FAEC.</p> <p>Trimmed trees back of Duckpond.</p> <p>Spread sheep manure around trees at Lady Barron tennis courts.</p> <p>Manufactured and installed frames for creeping roses.</p> <p>Pressure cleaned outside walls and surrounds at Emita Showgrounds Hall.</p> <p>Created new composting system for Council parks and gardens.</p> <p>Removed trees at Emita Museum.</p> <p>Replaced wheels on under-stage sliding draws at FAEC.</p> <p>Removed broken glass in kid's play park at Emita Showgrounds.</p> <p>Repaired showground pavilion roof and door.</p> <p>Assisted plumber repair both septic tanks at Depot.</p> <p>Repaired Depot shed roof and window.</p> <p>Assembled new vacuum gutter cleaner.</p> <p>Mounted picture in Main office.</p> <p>Prepared Emita Hall for birthday party event.</p> <p>Continued edging footpaths in Whitemark and Lady Barron.</p> <p>Continued cleaning gutters in Whitemark.</p> <p>Regular mowing, verge, and garden-bed maintenance in Lady Barron and Whitemark residential streets, and Bluff Rd.</p> <p>Regular mowing of parks, showgrounds, and foreshore areas.</p> <p>Regular cleaning of Whitemark, Lady Barron and Killiecrankie public toilets.</p> <p>Regular cleaning and maintenance of barbeques, tables, and seating.</p> <p>Regular cleaning of FAEC, Whitemark gym, Lady Barron Hall and gym, and Emita Showgrounds Hall.</p> <p>Scheduled empty of street and remote bins.</p> <p>Monthly high-pressure cleaning of Whitemark, Emita, and Palana boat ramps.</p> <p>Regular mowing and maintenance of Whitemark cemetery grounds.</p> <p>Regular maintenance of the Rose Garden including high-pressure cleaning of concrete paths.</p> <p>Regular equipment servicing and maintenance.</p>
Building Maintenance	<p>Maintenance of gym equipment.</p> <p>Cleaned tank strainers around Martin St council house and sheds plus other general maintenance work.</p> <p>Installed new plaque in the FAEC.</p>
Waste and Recycling Management	
Waste Strategy and Engagement	<p>Several meetings held with NRE Waste Policy Officer to finalise waste types and calculations to improve waste data accuracy.</p>

	<p>Produced resources for tip attendant to improve waste volume estimations.</p> <p>Introduced the July waste collection iPad app with all the required updates.</p> <p>Improved the paper data collection form for transfer station waste collection.</p> <p>Conducted an information and training session with all Infrastructure staff regarding waste data collection.</p> <p>Processing June waste collection data using iPad app took 20 minutes compared to approximately 4 hours previously.</p> <p>Waste strategy review with GM, Manager Infrastructure and Waste Mgmt Supervisor.</p> <p>Researched the national and state waste strategies, and several island's strategies as part of a major review of the waste strategy.</p> <p>Finalised waste strategy review. Draft waste strategy to be presented at Council workshop on 26th July.</p> <p>Discussions at the Furneaux Futures Forum Networking Night regarding reinstating the Cash-for-Cans project, and with community members interested in starting a community composting project.</p> <p>Possible cash-for-cans trial event mid-week or a Saturday late July.</p> <p>Further meetings and discussions about a community composting initiative and a community waste group.</p> <p>Met Killiecrankie glass crushing group to discuss further improvements with their project.</p> <p>Meeting with a resident on the possibility of having a 'waste wall' at their facility.</p> <p>Meeting with MPC staff about clinical waste and how it's managed.</p> <p>Contacted several free recycling programs to establish collection through "Recycling Hubs" (formally known as waste walls).</p> <p>Contacted several household battery recyclers to investigate possible recycling options. There is no free service for batteries. Received some quotes. Further investigations required.</p>
Landfill and Transfer Stations	<p>Transfer of waste from Killiecrankie and Lady Barron transfer stations to Whitemark.</p> <p>Scheduled attendance and coverage of waste and general clean up at Whitemark landfill.</p> <p>Pushed-up green waste at Lady Barron.</p> <p>Dug new biosecurity trench.</p> <p>Trialled Waste Disposal Reporting iPad app for the electronic data collection of waste materials disposed at landfill and ready for use beginning July.</p> <p>Staff training on use of iPad app.</p> <p>Mapped current and previous biosecurity and controlled waste sites.</p>

	<p>New signage installed to minimise non-authorized people accessing controlled waste trench (this is a requirement for a Registered Quarantine Place). Updated the Biosecurity Operations Manual and submitted to Biosecurity Tasmania. Audit of the controlled waste trench conducted by Biosecurity Tasmania - deemed compliant. Devised a glass collection method for Killiecrankie WTS to reduce the occurrence of broken glass.</p>
Landfill Levy	<p>Cost \$2,458 Transfer Station Waste – 57.0t Landfill Waste ute/trailer – 32.5t Landfill Waste 3kg bag – 3.1t Building/Demolition – 40.8t</p>
Whitemark Airport	
Airport	<p>Airside inspections and compliance being maintained. Mowing of runway grassed areas and weed spraying. Sweeping of both runways and main apron. Maintenance to aircraft grassed parking areas. Standby power generator fortnightly checks. Re-fuelling of aircraft as required. Preparation of area for new sewerage system. Windrowed trees and scrub along western boundary. Aircraft Landings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2022 - 80 RPT, 62 Charter, 15 Private, 3 RFDS, 2 Helicopters. • June 2023 - 59 RPT, 37 Charter, 17 Private, 5 RFDS, 7 Helicopter. • RPT Passengers – provided at meeting.
Quarries	
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Plant and Machinery	
Fleet	<p>Arrange ongoing NHVR permit for Council's oversize loads. Miscellaneous minor repairs on plant items. General ongoing maintenance and services. Forklift has been ordered and awaiting delivery in early July. Trailer mounted vacuum delivered. Ordered new tipper truck, delivery in Jan 2024.</p>
State Government	
Dept. of State Growth	<p>Pothole patching on Lady Barron Rd. Drainage works on Lady Barron Rd.</p>

TasWater	<p>Repaired water meter on James St. TasWater job to locate leak between water treatment plant and top of Vinegar Hill. Two after-hour callouts.</p>
Other	
	<p>Preparation of showgrounds for Lions Market Day. Weekly collection of items from wharf and transport to depot. Staff attended Local Government review online seminar. Reviewed Town Maintenance Officer applications and attended interview. New Town Maintenance Officer appointed. Roads and Drainage crew has been down to two staff members on some days due to absences from long-service leave, long-term carers leave, family issues. One casual has been engaged to help bolster staff numbers.</p>
<p>Works for this month: <i>July 2023</i></p>	<p>Focusing on grading works. Drainage works as weather and schedule allows. Roadside slashing continues. Sweep Lady Barron streets if weather allows. Construct stormwater outlet headwall on Coast Rd. Lady Barron Cemetery work continues. Upgrade works at Lady Barron Transfer Station with new layout and signage if weather allows. Introduce Waste Disposal Reporting iPad app for the electronic data collection of waste materials disposed at landfill. 'No Stopping' line marking at pram ramps if weather allows. Develop footpath inspection regime.</p>