



NOTICEBOARD | CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

16 May 2024

Omakau/Ophir Water Supply Taste and Odour Issues

What's happening with the water?

Since January this year, some members of the community have been noticing an unpleasant taste and odour in the Omakau-Ophir water supply; 'muddy', 'earthy', 'musty' or 'swampy' is how they've described it. This has continued to be an issue throughout the summer and autumn months. We had also received complaints about this in March and May 2023.

What's causing the issue?

It is likely that the taste and odour is caused by a naturally occurring chemical called geosmin, which is produced during the breakdown of algae and other micro-organisms in raw (untreated) water sources. Geosmin has a distinct earthy or musty odour and is the cause of most taste and odour outbreaks in drinking water. It can make its presence felt after heavy rainfall, in runoff and changing river levels, as seen over the past month.

What's the Council doing about it?

During the 2024 summer period, increased testing focused on cyanobacteria, which can produce toxins harmful to health. A change in taste and odour, along with low river flows and hot summer conditions, can be an early indicator of a cyanobacterial bloom. Testing and visual inspections of the river throughout January/March found no levels of concern. The focus has been on ensuring the safety of the water supply; removal of geosmin is difficult and can be costly, and although often unpleasant, geosmin unlike cyanobacteria, is not harmful to health.

What's the Council going to do next?

With the issue continuing to persist, CODC has been investigating short-term options to reduce the impact. In the week ending 24 May 2024, a carbon media will be added to the treatment plant filter – effective in removing organic compounds that cause unpleasant taste and odour in water. Although success isn't guaranteed, it is likely to remove much of the unpleasantness for the community.

What's the long-term plan for the supply?

Council is committed to an upgrade of the Omakau Water Supply and has considered options for a new source and treatment plant. However, following the repeal of the three waters regulation by the Government, it does require revisiting to ensure that the solution chosen is as affordable as possible for our communities while meeting the required standards. It is intended to have an updated proposal for discussion in the 2025 Long-term Plan. CODC is committed to finding practical solutions to resolve this issue over the medium-term and asks that the community please continue to bear with us while a long-term solution is found.

Thank you,
Central Otago District Council



Sharing the Road - road safety week

If you're on a bike, horse, or even in a vehicle, you can be vulnerable on our roads. Come learn some tips about staying safe around heavy vehicles. Jump in the cab of a big truck and learn where the blind spots are.

A Fulton and Hogan truck will be stationed at the CODC Fulton Hogan bike park, 2 Boundary Road, Molyneux Park, on Tuesday and Wednesday 21-22 May from 10am to 2pm.

For more information for what else is going on in the road safety education space get in touch with:

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Rating Information Database

The rating information database records all information required for setting and assessing of rates.

Where & When?

This information will be available for inspection at the following locations between, 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays;

- William Fraser Building, Dunorling Street, Alexandra (8.30am to 5pm) except for Thursday which is 9.30am – 5pm.
- Cromwell Service Centre, 42 The Mall, Cromwell
- Maniototo Service Centre, 15 Pery Street, Ranfurly
- Roxburgh Service Centre, 120 Scotland Street, Roxburgh (9am to 5pm), except for Thursday which is 9.30am – 5pm

This information can also be searched on our council website, under services, property and rating search.

Information you will find?

The database includes the following information relating to each rating unit:

- Legal description
- Land value
- Capital value
- Land area
- Annual rates

Fees

There is no fee payable for inspecting the rating information database but a fee will apply for photocopies of part or all of the database.

Objections

Any ratepayer may object to the information contained in the database on one or more of the following grounds:

- that a rating unit included in the district valuation roll has been omitted from, or inaccurately entered in, the database;
- that information included in the district valuation roll has been omitted from, or inaccurately entered in, the database;
- that information included in the database, other than information entered from the district valuation roll, is incorrect;
- that there has been a failure to enter a lawful amendment to the district valuation roll into the database.

Objections must be lodged in writing, setting out the grounds for the objection, and forwarded to the Group Manager – Business Support, Central Otago District Council, PO Box 122, Alexandra 9340.

Alcohol Licensing Applications

Current applications are listed at <https://www.codc.govt.nz/services/licensing/alcohol-licensing/alcohol-licence-applications>

Applicant	Trading As	Application	Closes
4S Hospitality Limited	Criterion Club Hotel, 3-13 Tarbert Street, Alexandra	ON177 - OF234	24/06/2024

Vacancies

Pool Crew - Alexandra

We currently have a vacancy at our Alexandra, and we want you to join our team! The vacancy is full-time position, 32 hours per week. In this role you will provide the community with quality supervision to ensure the facility maintains an enjoyable and safe environment. Applications close 24 May 2024.

For more info and to apply for this role, go to the portal on our Careers page: <https://www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/careers>

MEETINGS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION



Our Council meetings are live streamed. The links to these meetings, along with any cancellations and rescheduling, will be provided on Council's website www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings

Hearings Panel
Thursday 23 May, 9.30am

Council
Wednesday 29 May, 10.30am

Vincent Community Board
Tuesday 4 June, 10am

All three meetings held at Ngā Hau e Whā, William Fraser Building, 1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Annual Plan deliberations/hearings:

Cromwell Community Board
Tuesday 4 June, 2pm
Cromwell Service Centre, 42 The Mall, Cromwell

Teviot Valley Community Board
Wednesday 5 June, 10am
Roxburgh Service Centre, 120 Scotland Street Roxburgh

Maniototo Community Board
Wednesday 5 June, 2pm
Roxburgh Service Centre, 120 Scotland Street Roxburgh

Council
Thursday 6 June, 10.30am

Audit and Risk
Friday 7 June, 9.30am

Last two meetings held at Ngā Hau e Whā, William Fraser Building, 1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Alexandra Pool

Water Safety family fun day - Saturday 18 May 2024, 2pm
This is all about water safety and tailored tips and techniques, so children feel confident and are safe in and around water.

Leadership Scholarships

Welcoming Communities and Business-South are calling for applicants. Next Leadership Academy will be in Cromwell 4 - 25 September 2024 (on Wednesdays). Applications close 30 June 2024. To apply go to: <https://www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/tenders-and-expressions-of-interest>

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

Are you aged 16-24 and looking for a job?

For more info contact Craig: mtfj@codc.govt.nz

Neplusultra Street Reserve management plan

For more info go to: <https://www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/consultations>

Feedback on the two proposed changes can be emailed to: Judith.Whyte@codc.govt.nz, by 9 June 2024

Want to know what's happening in the arts?

Go to: <https://www.centralotagoarts.com>

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
22 MAY 2024



A reading of **Bowerbird Blues** by Aura Parker. No booking needed. NSS is held annually across Australia and New Zealand, when a picture book is read simultaneously in e.g., libraries, schools – anywhere!

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually across Australia and New Zealand. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in e.g., libraries, schools – anywhere! Now in its 22nd successful year, this colourful, vibrant, fun event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.