

7. REFUSE STATION HOURS

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The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of the outcome of discussions with waste cartage operators or their representatives (Independent Bin Operators Collective, New Zealand Road Transport Association), Works Operations, and Unions representing staff, on options for providing more flexibility in station operating hours.

BACKGROUND

The Council's three refuse stations currently operate between the hours of 7.30am to 4.00pm daily throughout the year excepting 25 and 26 December, 1 January, Anzac Day and Good Friday.

Following up from customer surveys conducted in 1998, discussions with industry and Union representatives have been held. As a result of those discussions a general consensus on a proposal put forward to the various parties for more flexible hours of operation has been agreed.

PROPOSAL

The proposal provides for later closing times during the weekdays and later opening and closing times at the weekends with a variation in the hours for the daylight saving period. The proposed times are as follows:

Weekdays	Daylight saving (October – March)	Other (April – September)
Parkhouse	7.00am – 4.30pm	7.00am – 4.00pm
Metro Place	7.00am – 4.30pm	7.00am – 4.00pm
Styx Mill	7.00am – 4.30pm	7.00am – 4.00pm
Weekends	Daylight saving (October – March)	Other (April – September)
All stations	8.30am – 5.00pm	8.00am – 4.30pm

Note that the earlier start time of 7.00am is already in place. It is proposed to have all the other changes in place to start from the beginning of the daylight saving period commencing Sunday 3 October 1999.

At this stage the earlier opening time of 7.00am has not been widely advertised, as it has mainly been a service for the larger operators. However a full notification of all the changes will be made in time for the beginning of daylight saving.

COSTS

Due to the arrangements negotiated with Works Operations there will be no extra cost for opening the stations at the earlier time of 7.00am

There will be a small cost for opening the stations half an hour later in the day during the period of daylight (weekdays) saving. These costs are:

Parkhouse Road	\$6,000 pa
Metro Place	\$6,000 pa
Styx Mill	\$5,000 pa
Total	\$17,000 pa

Landfill charges also have the potential to increase due to the need to keep the landfill open for an extra half an hour on summer weekdays. This will cost no more than \$10,000 and may be considerably less. This extra cost together with the \$17,000 extra cost for refuse stations will be managed within the existing Solid Waste budget.

RESOURCE CONSENTS

The proposed extended hours of operation (latest closing time 5.00pm at the weekends – daylight saving time) at the refuse stations will not affect the consent at the Landfill which provides for landfill closure at 6.30pm daily.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the proposed operational hours at the refuse stations be approved.
 3. That the full changes commence from 3 October this year.