

5. INFORMATION SHARING

The opportunity was taken for members to share any items of concern or interest as follows:

Hurunui District Council

Mayor Garry Jackson, Hurunui District Council, advised that his Council's draft waste management plan was currently open for public consultation with submissions closing on 16 May 2005. He confirmed that in respect to the review of the "Green Gate" data regarding the alleged hydrocarbon presence at Kate Valley, Dr Alan Hull, of California, had been commissioned by his Council and Environment Canterbury to review this data.

Discussions were continuing with Transwaste Canterbury Ltd regarding the formation of the Community Trust Fund.

Ashburton District Council

Councillor Bev Tasker provided a brief update and mentioned that the Waste Busters Festival would be held in August over a three week period including a workshop with invited speakers and a wearable art competition.

Waimakariri District Council

Councillor Robbie Brine advised that their asset management plan is currently open for public consultation, including solid waste. He mentioned that their solid and hazardous waste management plan targets were not being met and that some of these targets might be reviewed as part of the asset management plan process.

Don Young advised that they had become aware of the possible establishment of private transfer stations within their area to collect and transfer waste to Kate Valley. The ramifications of this, including certification of waste to Kate Valley in terms of the resource consent and the use of bylaws similar to the Christchurch Waste Handling Facilities Licensing Bylaw, were discussed.

It was agreed that details of this bylaw would be sent to members for information and the topic could if required be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

Selwyn District Council

Dave Hock advised that the siteworks contract for their resource recovery station had been let.

Banks Peninsula District Council

Mayor Bob Parker commented that with the advent of waste being sent to the Kate Valley landfill their charges would significantly increase and he advised that the debate regarding the number of rubbish bags to be issued had arisen in some areas with one Community Board suggesting that the number of bags be reduced from 52 to 26 per annum.

Mackenzie District Council

Councillor Dave Pullen advised that his Council had now operated a recycle programme for two years and was selling compost from their VCU plant. The amount of residual waste being sent to the Timaru landfill was now down to 30% of their waste collected and they were currently trying to reduce this to 15%. They had managed to hold their waste budget for 2005 to the same level as the previous year.

Christchurch City Council

Simon Collin advised that work was proceeding on the conversion of the transfer stations to allow for transfer of waste to Kate Valley with the work at Styx Mill to be concluded mid-May and work at the other two stations by the end of May.