

## **REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER OCTOBER 2008**

### **General**

Programmed activities generally continued despite regular inclement weather during the month.

An additional grader was in the district for the month providing assistance with gravel road maintenance and sealed road shoulder repairs. Unfortunately however several days of grading were lost due to weather. The maintenance metalling programme is now substantially complete although isolated sites will continue to be metalled on an as needs basis.

A public meeting/grading demonstration was held on Boag Road on Thursday 30 October and it was pleasing that more than 20 members of the public attended. Dr Dave Hutchinson along with other gravel road maintenance experts from Downer EDI Works attended and advised on various aspects of gravel road maintenance. The general impression gained from most parties was that it was a worthwhile meeting and may be repeated again in future.

Pre-reseal repair works continued to be the main focus in the urban areas. Asphalt pre-reseal repairs commenced in the rural areas.

The roadside and noxious weed spraying programme has been seriously hampered by adverse weather. Spraying has continued when weather has been favourable.

### **Completed Maintenance Works - October**

- Routine cyclic rural and urban maintenance.
- 176km of gravel roads were graded.
- 119 m<sup>3</sup> of maintenance metal was applied.
- Unsealed shoulder dressing and metalling was undertaken on various roads.
- Concrete footpath and kerbing pre-reseal repair works continued in Ardwick, Ontario, Koa, and Norton Streets.
- Culvert repaired in River Road.

### **Completed Construction Works - October**

- Traction seals were completed on steep sections of Kee and Otama Hill Roads.
- The Otama Hill Road bridge approaches were sealed.

### **Programmed Maintenance Works - November**

- Routine cyclic rural, urban and reserves inspections and maintenance.
- Continue sealed road shoulder grading.

- Continue pre-reseal repairs.

#### **Programmed Construction Works - November**

- Possible start to Shanks Road traction seal construction.

#### **Reseals**

Blacktop has submitted amended reseal designs for various reseal sites to MWH. MWH is currently reviewing the amended designs.

Some reseal work may get underway before the end of the year however it is more likely to commence early in the new year.

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