

holder, Green Gate Limited. It is not known at this stage whether further drilling will occur in the area.

## Tiromoana Bush Website

Transwaste has developed a website providing detailed information about Tiromoana Bush, including walkways, conservation programmes, and Advisory Group reports. The website at [www.tiromoanabush.co.nz](http://www.tiromoanabush.co.nz) went live on the internet in July 2007.

## Ministry of Transport Heavy Vehicle Productivity Trial

On the 29th of May, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and former Minister of Economic Development, Hon. Jim Anderton, officially launched a nationwide heavy vehicle productivity trial at the CWS Resource Recovery Centre in Christchurch.

He noted that he was very pleased to be asked by the Minister of Transport to launch the trial

*“because the project is beginning in my own region with Canterbury Waste Services – a company committed to delivering a world class, environmentally safe transport and waste disposal system for the Canterbury region.”*

For the six month trial, seven of the 12 CWS trucks will be permitted to run at 50 tonnes all up weight, compared to the current limit of 44 tonnes. This can be done safely without any changes to the CWS trucks, trailers, or containers. The additional payload able to be carried will reduce the overall number of truck trips required, as well as reducing emissions and fuel use.

Several other transport operators across New Zealand which have vehicles able to carry heavier loads without increasing the size or shape of the trucks, will also take part in the trial. The trial will be monitored by the Ministry of Transport, which will assess the impacts of the heavier trucks, particularly in relation to the environmental, safety and maintenance implications of heavier vehicles on our roads.

*“An increase in the mass and dimension limits to around 50 tonnes is expected to improve vehicle productivity by consolidating loads and reducing the number of vehicle movements required to distribute the same amount of freight. These*

*measures will also lead to less road congestion and a generally safer road environment, as fewer trucks will need to be on the road,”* said Mr Anderton.

All trucks taking part in the trial will comply with safety legislation and go through the standard overweight permit process. As well as this, all trucks will have their braking systems rated to ensure that they are appropriate for the heavier loads being carried.



**Hon. Jim Anderton and CWS Director Judi Burgess speaking at the launch of the Heavy Vehicle Productivity Trial at the CWS Resource Recovery Centre.**

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Kate Valley Landfill and Container Park

## DriveCam

CWS has installed video cameras in its waste haulage trucks in order to improve safety for both its drivers and other road users. These cameras constantly film the roadway ahead of the truck, as well as the truck driver. A recording is made every time the driver pushes a button, which captures several seconds before and after the button is activated. In this way, drivers have a video record of poor behaviour of other motorists or incidents that may have put the safety of the driver and other road users at risk.

The cameras are also triggered to record whenever the truck experiences a “g-force” over a set limit, such as occurs during hard braking, cornering too fast, bumps, and so on. It is therefore a valuable tool for ongoing driver training.

The recordings are automatically downloaded every time the truck enters the CWS depot, and the records are emailed overnight for analysis. The next day, significant recordings are returned to CWS with an analysis of the incident.

## Community Trust Funding

The third annual round of funding from the Kate Valley Landfill Community Trust has resulted in more than \$77,200 of funding for 14 worthy community projects serving the Waipara region.

Trust Chairman John Shepherd says there was a good quality of applicants for the third round of funding, which was provided by Transwaste Canterbury.

*“We had 28 applications seeking more than \$334,000 in funding grants for this round of funding. While this made our job particularly difficult, there were a number of stand-out applicants whose community based-projects were first rate.”*

The Kate Valley Landfill Community Trust was created to provide funds for activities that are beneficial to the community in the Waipara area.

Six trustees are appointed for a term of up to three years to run the Trust. Of the four trustees, three reside in the Waipara area and one in Amberley,

while the two Transwaste representatives live in the Waipara area.

Applications for the next round of funding will be called for in February 2009. Transwaste has advised that it will provide \$80,000 to the Trust for the 2008/2009 year funding round, meaning \$320,000 will have been gifted to the community in the first four years of operation of the Trust. The trust will meet to consider applications in March 2009.

The community groups to receive funding in 2007/08 were:

- Amberley A&P Assoc
- Amberley Bowling Club
- Amberley Community Toy Library
- Amberley Cricket Club
- Amberley Soccer Club
- Amberley Tennis Club
- Glenmark Playcentre
- Glenmark Sub-branch Plunket
- Glenmark Reserves Board (2)
- Scouting Glenmark
- St John Amberley First Response Unit
- Waipara School
- Sure and Steadfast Development Trust

## Community Liaison Group Elections

Transwaste has a Community Liaison Group (CLG), which consists of three representatives of the property owners of the Waipara/Omihi area; two representatives of the property owners of Mt Cass Road; and one representative of Transwaste. The term of each CLG is three years, and the term of the first elected group expired in May 2008.

The first CLG was chaired by Alex Baxter, with members being William Hughes-Games, Ross Harper, Robin Gardiner, and Carol Parker. Transwaste would like to express its thanks to the inaugural members of the CLG, who did an excellent job in helping Transwaste keep in touch with the local community.

Following notification by letterbox drop and public notices, a public meeting was held on Thursday 5 June 2008, at the Waipara Hall, to elect the new Waipara/Omihi area CLG members. The meeting was chaired by Environment Canterbury Councillor, Ross Little.

The meeting was attended by 16 voting residents and two non-voting attendees. Councillor Little outlined the election process and called for nominations. There were only three nominations for Alex Baxter, Darryl Harris and Hugh Turnbull, who were declared elected. The Mt Cass Road residents are currently in the process of selecting their two members. The first meeting of the new CLG is scheduled for July.

## Landfill Visits

The demand for visits to the Landfill by community groups continues to remain high. So far this year, 63 bus tour groups have visited the landfill, with up to 50 people in a bus. CWS has a tour guide who meets the tour buses and takes them around the site. Most of the groups stop in Waipara or Amberley for lunch and other visits.

A booking system is used to manage site visits, as the available spots are booked out many months in advance. No tour bookings are normally taken during the winter months of June, July and August. There are currently 31 bus tours booked for the September to November 2008 period. Bookings for groups can be made by contacting the CWS Office on 0800 66 33 44.

Visitors arriving at Kate Valley



## Transwaste Sells Farm Land

In July 2000, Transwaste purchased the 2757 hectare Tiromoana Station from Southern Capital Ltd. In October 2003, the adjoining 570 hectare Mt Cass Station was purchased and has been incorporated into the Transwaste farming operation.

Transwaste has recently concluded an agreement to sell 1350 hectares known as the West Farm, and

to lease the balance of the 950 hectares of farm land owned by Transwaste, to Organic Farm Holdings Ltd. Transwaste is therefore no longer directly involved in farming.

Of the approximately 3,300 hectares currently owned by Transwaste, only approximately 1000 hectares are to be retained long term. This area to be retained contains the Kate Valley Landfill, the entire Kate Valley catchment, the Tiromoana Bush native forest restoration and conservation area and public walkway, and a forested area to the west of Kate Valley.

## Tiromoana Bush Walkway

An official opening ceremony for the Tiromoana Bush Walkway was held on Sunday 20th April. The Minister of Sport and Recreation, Hon. Clayton Cosgrove MP, cut the ribbon and unveiled the plaque to officially open the walkway, following speeches by Garry Jackson, Mayor of Hurunui, and Gill Cox, Chairman of Transwaste.



Minister of Sport Clayton Cosgrove, Mayor Garry Jackson and Transwaste Chairman Gill Cox unveil the Tiromoana Bush Walkway plaque.



Winter morning at Kate Valley

## Mt Cass Walkway

Transwaste has worked with the Waipara Valley Promotion Association to establish a new public walkway to the summit of Mt Cass, on land owned by Transwaste. This walkway provides views over much of Canterbury, and access to the unusual karst limestone landscape near the summit. The Mt Cass Walkway was officially opened in November 2006.

Transwaste is currently reprinting the Mt Cass Walkway brochure for distribution by the Waipara Valley Promotion Association amongst local area accommodation and visitor attractions.

## Walkway Closures for Lambing

Both Tiromoana Bush and Mt Cass walkways will be closed for all of August and September due to lambing. Signs will be erected on Mt Cass Road near State Highway One to advise people before they travel up Mt Cass Road.

## No Dogs Allowed on Walkways

The closeness of neighbouring farm stock to the walkways unfortunately means that dogs cannot be allowed on the walkways. There have been some instances of problems being caused by walker's dogs recently. The no dog rule will be strictly enforced.

## Oil Exploration

The search for oil deep below the ridge on the south side of Kate Valley has been concluded for the moment. The exploratory well drilled has been publicly declared "dry" by the exploration permit