

Steady progress on Denbigh Street

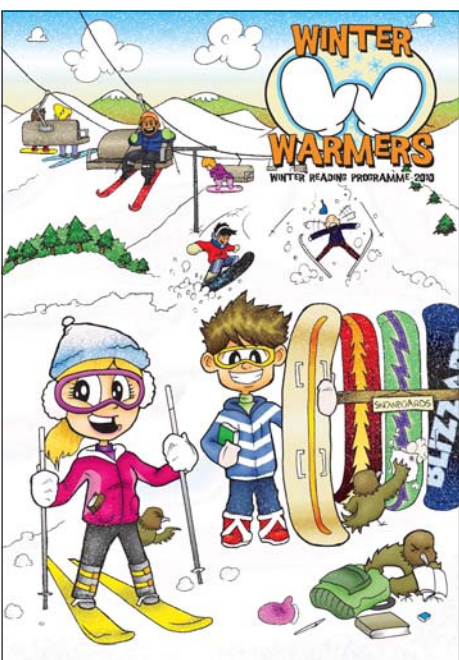


CONTRACTORS install the main trunk sewer down Denbigh Street near Montgomery Street.

WORK is progressing steadily on the \$1.2 million reconstruction project in Denbigh Street, Feilding. The trunk sewer will cater for growth in the north-eastern part of Feilding as the existing connection was determined to be under capacity for predicted growth. "We've had a few wet days causing some delays but that's par for the course on projects of this type," said Mr Clifford. "We want to get it done and dusted as quickly as possible and it appears at this stage that we will finish on time in late November-mid December." He said as the contractors continued down the street installing the pipe work, another crew may start on preparations for street lighting and telecom cabling. It would also remove the existing pavement material and lower the road's crown to a new design level. New kerb and channelling, driveway crossings and footpaths would also be constructed while the existing grass verges are to be reinstated to a similar width, but with a new interlocking, plastic mesh material suitable for grass growth and car parking. Mr Clifford said there had been good co-operation between street residents and the contractors during the project, with few disruptions regarding vehicle access to private properties.

Schools' support for Warmers

STRONG support by "Winter Warmers" children's reading programme that begins on Monday, early registrations for Feilding Public Library's June 21.



The free six-week programme, sponsored by the Eastern Ruahine and Tararua and Central Community Trust, encourages children to read and review books. All 60 children from the Kimbolton School have been enrolled, as well as a number of classes from Manchester Street School, and intermediate pupils from North Street School. A special booklet containing review sheets and an incentive section based on 10 New Zealand mountain ranges, including the Ruahine and Tararua Ranges, is available and enables participants to be eligible for weekly prizes. Children's Librarian Jennie Hogan said the programme encouraged children to keep reading over the winter months and she was delighted at increased interest from schools to this year's activity. "Reading is what schools want children to do," said Mrs Hogan, "while the programme also touches on writing and artistic aspects as well."

Clock tower red lighted

FEILDING's clock tower is to become a temporary "red light" area next week in support of St John's "Flash a Light" annual appeal and awareness campaign.

The distinctive landmark is to be spotlighted each night by four red bulbs around the tower's base and fluorescent lights on the clock faces.

Electrical specialists Alf Downs and Son Ltd will install the temporary lighting tomorrow in readiness for St John Week from Sunday to Saturday, June 26.

Other prominent buildings in Manawatu to also feature special lighting for the campaign include the Clock Tower and Regent Theatre in Palmerston North and the Foxton Water Tower.

Parks and Property Officer, Shannon Quirke, said council

was keen to support St John Week and felt this was a good way to draw attention



to the organisation's dedicated service to New Zealand communities.

"It was a matter of figuring out what was the best way to go," she said.

"Coloured perspex was considered but the heat produced from the lamps made this option unsuitable, so we decided on red coloured lamps as they can be used again in the future."

St John Central Region's Fundraising Co-ordinator, Sandy Carter, said it was appreciative of Manawatu District Council's decision as the organisation was attempting to light up as many high profile buildings in the region as possible.

"Ambulances flash their lights hundreds of times each year for people in need and now it's the community's turn to flash a light for St John and donate to our annual appeal," she said.

Makino disrupted by winter blues

OPERATIONAL problems have disrupted the start of the Makino Aquatic Centre's winter programme.

MAC Manager, Nick Mannix, said staff had been busy over the last month dealing with issues that have caused concerns for both council and community.

"We believe a combination of age and the 2004 floods has created a possible

leak within the indoor 25m pool that is hard to detect," he said. "All possible measures are being undertaken to locate the problem."

He said the indoor pool remained open but users could notice some fluctuations in water temperature as the issue was worked on.

An electrical fault from a power outage had also caused the centre's shower

hot water system to crash. A temporary system was in place while new hardware was sourced and installed.

"We would like to apologise for these present problems," said Mr Mannix, "but please be aware we are working quickly to ensure the Makino is returned to its high level of service."

Arbor Day planting at Manfeild entrance

TOTARA trees and native shrubs are to be planted along a section of the new roadway entrance into Manfeild Park on Saturday morning as an Arbor Day activity.

Scouts and guides will join Keep Feilding Beautiful members to plant out 10 designated plots down the Kow-

hai Park fenceline.

Parks and Reserves Manager, Albert James, said the planting was a continuation of a beautification development plan for the area, with the variety of native shrubs adding colour to the display.

Keep Feilding Beautiful Chairperson, Del Gibb, said

the eventual avenue of totara trees would certainly make a difference to the entrance.

Spade-toting members of the public are invited to take part in the Arbor Day plant that begins at 8.30am and runs for about two hours.



WINNERS have been found in the Feilding Public Library's on-line quiz series to raise awareness in the value of its five leading information and educational databases. The four week-long competition – sponsored by Feilding firm DR Electronics

Ltd. – required participants to access the library's databases for answers to various questions. The successful entrants in the three age categories were Christopher Ingram (under 12), Rebekah Noffke (12 to 18) and Del Parker (19 and above) who

shared \$450 worth of DR Electronics' vouchers. The photograph shows Dean Rowland, of DR Electronics, drawing out the winning participants from a hat held by Library Manager Simon Johnson.