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Davidson Reserve Upgrade Works Complete

Light Regional Council is pleased to announce that the Davidson Reserve upgrade works have now been completed.

For many years residents have seen low water levels as water continued to leak from the dam through the weir wall near Coghill Street. With the combination of the leak and low summer rain falls, the dam was completely dry earlier this year.

Despite previous attempts to undertake low cost works to rectify the leak, a larger project and rectification works were required.

The upgrade works started in January 2018 and saw an upgrade of infrastructure to seal the dam and also a general beautification of the reserve area.

A combination of a plastic liner and clay fill has not only stopped the leak but also preserved the stone weir wall should the stonework ever wish to be uncovered. With the recent rains, the dam is filling quickly and given that there is no longer any flows on the southern side of Coghill Street Council is very confident that these works have solved the problem.

Mayor Bill said *“It has been a long and at times frustrating and emotional journey to repair the leaking lake and to upgrade the surrounding landscape to this very high standard. In doing so I would acknowledge and sincerely thank Council staff for their ongoing commitment to this upgrade and the confidence shown by the Councilors in approving the considerable funds to complete this major project.*

‘Most importantly, I wish to thank the local residents for their patience and understanding during this long period of construction and trust their patience has been rewarded. The community now have a wonderful reserve for people of all age groups to enjoy both now and into the future’

The beautification has included a path linking the western and eastern sides of the reserve. Extensive work has also been undertaken to the western path to improve access to the pedestrian bridge over the dam. The path has been complemented by newly sown grass and revitalised garden beds leading to the pump house which has been returned to its former beauty after receiving stonework repairs and being painted.

The unsightly barbecues under the shelters have been replaced by a paved area with picnic seating which will attract families and visitors back to this space. Over 1000 seedlings have been planted throughout the garden beds and over the coming years these will grow and improve the overall amenity of the reserve.

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