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# Community Services Manager's Report – December 2005

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## Information Centre

### Special Packs

Total packs for 2005 year to date. Additional to the list below the information centre gave several packs to businesses and schools to send to job applicants.

Waituna Creek School - 200

Motor Home Association national conference – 450

NZ Fire Brigade conference – 100

Centennial School reunion – 200

Waimate High School – Japanese students – 28

Jowett Car Club – 40

St Patricks School reunion - 300

### Potential Residents Packs

Total packs for the 2005 year to date is 51, compared with 68 for 2004

### New Residents Packs

Total packs for the 2005 year to date is 75, compared with 68 for 2004

### Staff & Volunteer Familiarisation

Three staff & three volunteers visited three local tourism businesses. The first call was to Inglewood Farmstay where they viewed both accommodation facilities, then onto Crossroads Motel to view their upgraded rooms. Final stop was to Ngahere Game Ranch for an informative talk on their operations and future ideas, finishing off with a taste of homemade cuisine including wild game and pheasant fillets.

## Christmas Decorations

The Christmas decorations were erected during the last week in November by Netcom. The decorations consist of a small number of lights in the central area of Waimate, and banners along Queen Street and Timaru Road. Approximately 12 banners are also put up in Glenavy and St Andrews. After an electrician tested the safety of the Silo lights they were turned on.

For Councillors information we budget each year for the replacement of 12 banners, however the lights on Queen Street are due for replacement with new lights or perhaps banners which have not been included in 2006 budget.

## Advertising

### New Zealand Travel Guide

Met with a sales consultant to discuss the inclusion of Waimate on their map in the South Canterbury section of this publication (previous year Waimate was included). They have agreed to extend the map to the Waitaki river and after much deliberation to separate the Mackenzie & South Canterbury section to two sections - one being Mackenzie and the other Timaru & Waimate. Waimate Knitwear and ourselves are advertising in next years edition.

### Otago Daily Times

Advertised and provided editorial for November and December editions of the ODT holiday guide.

### Christchurch Press

Advertised and provided editorial for the Press summer fun guide which will be distributed mid December.

### Oamaru Mail Extra

Advertised and provided editorial for the Sunday drive series which features in 4 editions.

# Waimate.

## Your next holiday destination!

### EVENTS

**December 2005**  
Waimate Market every Saturday 9-12 at Waimate Knitwear, 25 Studholme Street.  
Fri 2 - St Augustines Rose Show  
Sun 4 - Waimate Trotting Club Annual Race Meet  
Tues 6 - Whitehorse Lions Christmas Euchre  
Sat 10 - Waimate Strawberry Fare Featuring The Topp Twins  
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Wed 14 - Waimate Christmas Lights Spectacular  
Tues 27 - Waimate Rodeo 50th  
Wed 28 - Caledonian Society Cycling Critorium

**January 2006**  
Sat 21/Sun 22 - Caledonian Society Sports Carnival  
Sat 28 - Waimate Scottish Society 'Burns Night' concert

**February 2006**  
Sun 5 - South Canterbury Busking Festival  
Sat 11/Sun 12 - Waimate Vintage Car Club Wallaby Rally  
Sat 18 - Autumn Flower Show

### ACTIVITIES

- Enjoy Waimate's wealth of parks and reserves
- See wallabies - visit one of our animal parks
- Visit the intriguing collections at our historic or motoring museums
- Drive or walk to the Whitehorse Lookout or enjoy a walk through Gunns or Keleleys Bush
- Fish for trout or salmon in the Waitaki River
- Follow the Strawberry Heritage Trail to discover the region
- Enjoy one of the myriad of mountain bike trails
- Swim in our heated outdoor pool
- Eat delicious Waimate strawberries or Wallaby Pie

Christchurch  
Waimate  
Waitaki River  
Queenstown  
Dunedin  
Invercargill

- Dunedin-Waimate: 2 hours
- Queenstown-Waimate: 3.5 hours
- Invercargill-Waimate: 5 hours

The shortest distance from Christchurch to Queenstown is via Waimate

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## Events

### Waimate Strawberry Fare – 10 December 2005

What a day... even though the rain came down the majority of stall sites holders set up and some 8,000 – 10,000 people supported the event. The 250 stall sites were sold out two months ago, and the major entertainment this year the Topp Twins created great interest with known bus groups coming from Timaru, Oamaru and Dunedin. The Topp Twins evening concert sold out approximately a month ago with ticket sales through the Information Centre.

### Christmas Lights Spectacular

The sponsor of this competition is Meridian Energy. Advertising, entries and general promotion has been set in place. Judging will take place on 17 December with Mayoress Sandra Coles and Meridian Energy representative Paul Cain agreeing to judge again this year.

### South Canterbury Busking Festival – 5 February 2006

Planning is on track with the advertising plan complete. Several acts are confirmed with others in the pipeline. The wearable arts competition will not take place in conjunction with the busking festival due to time constraints and lack of resources.

## Meetings

- 1) Strawberry Fare Committee planning meetings
- 2) Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing/District Tourism Operators
- 3) Sally Gray from Partnership Solutions & Mayor John Coles - re Industry training graduates
- 4) Pandemic planning meeting with emergency & health services
- 5) Public Pandemic meeting
- 6) Project Waimate Committee meeting
- 7) Waimate Police - re security camera

## Library

### Catalogue On-line

We now have the library catalogue on-line which means the community can view the catalogue from their home computer via the Waimate District Council web site [www.waimatedc.govt.nz](http://www.waimatedc.govt.nz)

WebOPAC offers library patrons access to our library catalogue and borrower information from anywhere in the world by registered borrowers using their unique logins. This means people can search for books and other items to see if our library stocks them and if so it will show if the item is available or out on loan. Borrowers can also check the date their items are due back and may extend their loan period on-line. They will also see if they have items overdue and outstanding fines.

To help promote on-line use we are:

- a) offering an on-line weekly trivia quiz,
- b) special bookmarks have been printed and are given to library users,
- c) local schools have been notified and we have made a request to include the website in their next newsletter.

### Displays & Demonstrations

Diabetes display 14 November – 28 November

Fairies display 28 October – 11 November

Plunket/kidsafe display 17 October – 25 October

St Patrick's school visit 17 October & 28 October

### New Staff Member

Andrew McIntyre joined the library staff in November as our casual library assistant. Andrew is included on the Saturday roster 1:3 and is available to fill in for staff on leave etc.

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