



Community Services Manager's Report – December 2007

Information Centre

Waimate Promotional Packs

- Total potential residents packs distributed for November - 2
- Total new resident packs distributed for November – 10

Volunteer Vacancy

With summer upon us the number of visits and inquiries at the Information Centre is increasing. With Jenny Boyce now away we have only two remaining weekend volunteers. Recently we advertised for expressions of interest for volunteers willing to contribute time for weekend work at the Centre.

A job description was written so that interested people could read and understand the job and the fact that it is sole charge, therefore requiring a reasonable level of local knowledge and skills. We received initial interest from three people, but to date no confirmed volunteers.

At this point we will attempt to provide a weekend information service to visitors and locals, although we cannot guarantee it will continue under a voluntary system.

Waimate Christmas Lights Spectacular

To date (Wed 5 December) 12 entries have been received for the Christmas Lights competition, which closes on Monday 10 December.

Public voting will take place between 12th to 18th December, and official judging on the evening of Saturday 15th December. If requested, Councillor Henderson will be in a position to report on the competition at the Council meeting.

Library

Income

Between January and November 2007 the Library income from rentals and fines is \$14,991. This compares with \$12,211 for the same period in 2006, and \$11,074 in 2005.

Fines and Charges

We have been revamping the debt management system and tidying the old outstanding debts. This involves going through records and deleting membership of those with small debts, under \$10. For larger amounts a final notice is being issued and those failing to rectify their accounts will be referred to the debt collection agency.

Reshuffle of the Fiction Shelves

During November the staff completed the project of integrating fantasy and science fiction books into the general fiction shelves. This meant shifting every adult fiction book in the library, and during this process older books were also taken off the shelves.

Advertising

Otago Daily Times – We advertised in the two editions of the OTD holiday guide with one being published at the end of November and the other the end of December. The guides are inserted into the Otago Daily Times and distributed to Information Centre's throughout Central and Southern South Island.

The Southern Holiday – We are placing the same advertisement in this new publication which is to be distributed through Information Centre's South Island wide, dairies and petrol stations in tourist areas and the Inter-islander ferry terminal.

WAIMATE DISTRICT

Welcome to Waimate!

Waimate enjoys a wonderful location with access to recreational fishing, boating, skiing, tramping and neighbouring cities within easy reach.

We have a strong property market and growth in dairy and intensive farming. The arrival of new business has been a further boost to local employment and business confidence.

Come and experience our many attractions

- Walk our native bush tracks
- Visit the Animal and Wallaby Parks
- Experience a myriad of events
- Choose one of our cafes in which to indulge in a leisurely lunch
- Or simply relax with a seriously good coffee and a good book

There's so much to do - stay a night or two

Visit us online at www.waimate.org.nz
or call the Waimate Information Centre on (03) 689 7771

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Advertisement in Otago Daily Times Holiday Guide and The Southern Holiday

Meetings/Training Attended

Website Training day – attended by Carolyn Johns, Donette Fargher, Janette Johnston, Nicky Richardson, Jed Kennan

Pro-ject Waimate monthly meeting – attended by Councillor, Jim Rayner and Carolyn Johns

Meeting with Aoraki Development Trust – re funding and relationships

Aoraki Development Trust - AGM

Carolyn Johns
Community Services Manager

5 December 2007

Waimate Calendar of Events – www.waimate.org.nz

December 07

15	Waimate Market	Saturday morning, 9-12 noon. Waimate Knitwear, Studholme Street
16	Christmas in the Park	Seddon Square, Waimate. 4pm start. Xmas carols, talent quest, free BBQ and lots more. Contact John Begg 03 689 7679.
22	Waimate Market	Saturday morning, 9-12 noon. Waimate Knitwear, Studholme Street
27	Waimate Rodeo	Waimate Showground. 11am start. Contact Craig Booth 03 689 6220.

January 08

4- 31	Summer Gallery	Art Exhibition at the Waimate Art Society rooms cnr High & Shearman Sts
5/12	Waimate Market	Saturday morning, 9-12 noon. Waimate Knitwear, Studholme Street
19/20	Caledonian Society Sports Carnival	Victoria Park, Waimate. 11.45 am start. 2 Day Sports Carnival. Admission \$5 one day, \$8 two days. Cars & Child. U/16 free Entries & Enquiries to W Todd 13 Rugby Street, Waimate, 03 6897737.
19 & 26	Waimate Market	Saturday morning, 9-12 noon. Waimate Knitwear, Studholme Street
26	Waimate Scottish Soc. Burns Night	Waimate High School Hall, Paul St, Waimate. 8pm start. Contact Gavin Cain 03 689 7136.
26-27	Show jumping Show	2 days of show jumping and show hunter at the Waimate A & P Show grounds from 9am. Free admission. Contact Tim Douglas 03 612 6593

February 08

2	Waimate Market	Saturday morning, 9-12 noon. Waimate Knitwear, Studholme Street
3	South Canterbury Busking Festival	Seddon Square, Queen St, Waimate. 10.30am start. Free day of family entertainment by international and national buskers. Over 70 stalls. Information Centre 03 689 7771.
9,16 & 23	Waimate Market	Saturday morning, 9-12 noon. Waimate Knitwear, Studholme Street
29/2	Waimate Woodcraft Expo	Waimate Stadium. Friday 29th official opening/judging. 1-2 March Open to public. Contact Ann Dennison 03 689 1088.

March 08

1/2	March Hare Motorcycle Rally	Waimate Showground. Contact Phil Tweedie 03 689 8993.
1/2	Waimate Woodcraft Expo	Waimate Stadium, Wilkin Street, Waimate.
1	Waimate Market	Saturday morning, 9-12 noon. Waimate Knitwear, Studholme Street
8	Promenade In The Park	Seddon Square, Queen St, Waimate. 11am start. Contact Judy Jackson, Waimate Edwardian Heritage Group 03 689 6263