
Minutes of the Waimate District Council
Cultural Focus Group Meeting held in the
local Government Centre, Queen Street,
Waimate on 28th September at 6:00pm.



In Attendance

Mayor John Coles
John Maxwell (CEO Waimate District Council)
Lynda Ramsay (Senior Policy Analyst)
Jamie Halkett (Administration Assistant)
Councillor Jim Rayner
Councillor James Gibson
Councillor Mavis Andrew
Waimate Arts Society
Waimate Floral Arts
Waimate Genealogy
Creative Communities NZ Committee
Waimate New Comers Group
Country Music Awards
Waimate High School
Waimate Medical Centre

Apologies

Carolyn Johns (Community Services Manager)
Ministry for Culture and Heritage
Waimate Line Dancing
Waimate Yoga
Councillor Michael Balchin
Councillor Peter Foley
Councillor Peter McIlraith

Welcome

The Group was welcomed by his Worship the Mayor John Coles and explained the format of the evening, introduced staff and councillors present at the meeting.

The recap of the last meeting 29th June 2005 was read by Lynda Ramsay, explaining the brief overview of the purpose of the focus group meetings and how it relates to the LTCCP. Presentation on Heritage and Geo-presentation sites update on the Waimate Recreation plan Library services and resources which were discussed in more detail and the result from that discussion will be presented later on in the meeting. The Focus group is a chance for the community to come along and have their say and listen to other groups and organisations.

Lynda Ramsay Presentation on Library Services and Resources

The discussion of suggestions from the last meeting for the enhancement of the library, what would you like to see in the Library? These suggestions were put together and analysed, then categorised into the following category. Is the suggestion viable as a future project, not feasible at present and barriers that face the suggested resources and services.

The most recent development in the Library resources and services is the up and running of the catalogue online which has been tested in house at the moment and hopefully up and running for the public in a month or so. This will give the community access to the library database.

Jim Rayner Update on Possible Small Theatre for Waimate

A meeting was held involving the groups that had identified a need for a small theatre and/or the upgrading of the existing theatre. Different outcomes were identified and as everyone one wants something different it will be maybe an impossible task to get everything that people want. It seems wise to first to work out the options for the existing theatre.

Discussion was made by the group on other mini theatres e.g. Gore, Tapanui and what they have achieved with a small community. A few members of the small group will go around each venue to evaluate the situation.

Introduction of Attendees

Organisation	Issue
Waimate High School	The need for a performing arts area.
Waimate Community Arts Council	The awareness of funding.
New Comers Group	Brought forward their ideas that would enhance our town.
Country Music Awards	Keeping our young people involved and the issue of funding. It is also a great place.
Waimate Arts Society	Lack of Members. Annual event well supported.
Waimate Floral Art	Lack of Members.
Caledonian Society	How to get people through the gates to see our sports. And the recruiting of youth.
Waimate Medical Centre	
Waimate Genealogy	

Meeting convened at 7:05 for tea break and reconvened at 7:35

Presentation on Creative New Zealand Funding by Nanette Wright

Nanette briefed us on the Creative New Zealand Funding that is given out each year on two funding rounds the first being April/May and the second being November. This round will close on 7 November 2005 and the applications can be obtained at the Waimate District Council from John Larcombe. If there is any trouble filling the application don't hesitate to contact John Larcombe or Nanette Wright. The things that can't be funded are facilities, purchase of art work, school educational costing, ongoing administration costs that aren't related to a specific project, to eliminate debt, and catering. There are relevant criteria first priority is to increase participation.

Update on Waimate Recreation Plan by Karen Beker

An update on where the Waimate Recreation Plan is up too. The vision is "That Waimate be a happy and healthy place for everyone to belong in" The way we go about this is improving the health and well-being of the Waimate Community by providing opportunities for people to participate and grow in recreational and sporting pursuits. The result of the last survey were great with 60% return rate, an individual survey is also about to go into circulation that will be mailed out with the rates next month, it is very important that if you receive one please fill it in and send it back. The next steering group meeting will be after the individual survey is back.

Minutes

Minutes will be sent out to groups and organisations that attend they will also be available on the website www.waimatedc.govt.nz It's all about people spreading the word and networking.

The next meeting will be held in March/April 2006.

Meeting Closed at 8:20