

Mayor's Message



Waimate Medical Centre Ltd

An Extra ordinary Council meeting was held on Friday 3 May to hear the submission for the proposed sale of the Waimate Medical

Centre Ltd. Twenty two written submissions were received and 12 oral submissions were presented on the night. Another Extra Ordinary Council Meeting was held on 7 April and resolved to uphold the decision to divest of the Waimate Medical Centre Ltd.

Lower Waitaki Valley Reliability Investigation Project - we emphasised the need for a reliable and sufficient supply of electricity to meet the needs of the ongoing economic development throughout our District. Considerable increase is projected in the near future with NZ Dairies expansion, the possibility of a new Dairy factory, increased usage with dairy conversion, the commercial, retail and the domestic reliance on electricity for IT, plant, machinery, heating and to comply with the Clean Air Standards. Their must be an adequate supply to all sectors of our community.

Waimate Entrepreneurs

It is great to see former Waimate people still keeping Waimate's name to the forefront of national events. Local lad Simon McIlraith and a group of friends had an eye catching stand at the Hokitika Wild Foods Festival with a Yellow Barn attracting connoisseurs to try the wallaby meat delicacy. Thanks to Barry Caird for supplying the yellow paint to these budding entrepreneurs. The Waimate Wallaby meat was so successful that supplies ran out very early.

John Coles
Mayor

Council News

Councillor Profile:

Cr. Matt Henderson



Matt is a retired secondary school principal who is serving his second term on the Waimate District Council. A role he enjoys as it allows him to use many of the skills he developed in his professional career - reading and investigative skills, use of geographic knowledge, strategic planning, encouraging on-going professional development and helping to build a better community to name a few.

Matt and his wife, Lorna have two adult sons. Brent, an environmental statistician who works for CSIRO in Canberra (Australia) and Steven a Lecturer in Geography and Planning at the University of Wolverhampton (U.K.). Both help keep

Matt informed about local government initiatives' in their respective countries.

Gore, Esperance (Western Australia), Te Anau and Dunedin are other communities Matt and Lorna have lived in. Each has contributed to Matt's deep interest and involvement in community development and promotion.

As Chairperson of the Strategy Portfolio Matt has been focussing on the following projects in recent months - the Community Plan (the LTCCP) - yes, ensuring that it is smaller, yet meets the needs of the Audit Office, the development of a BMX track, an Economic Development Strategy for the District, the Library extensions, planning for the community's future recreation needs and working with the youth to set up an effective Youth Council.

All projects which Matt believes will help Waimate become the place of the future, the place where people want to live.

Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves

The Council wishes to advise campers that camps facilities at Fishermans Bend, Waitangi, Te Akatarawa, Briar Gully Reserves CLOSE from Sunday 3rd MAY 2009.

All caravans are required to be removed.

Council Notices

Road Maintenance Contract

Contract No 09-1

Tenders are invited from suitably experienced contractors for the maintenance of 1340km of District Roads. The work includes seal and unsealed pavement maintenance along with bridge, footpath and sign maintenance.

Contract documents are available from the undersigned fax (03) 689 8075.

Tenders close at 4.00pm on Friday 8 May 2009.

R G Moffat, Roding Asset Manager.

Road Metaling

The annual road metaling programme throughout the Waimate District has commenced and will be completed over the next two months. We ask motorists to drive with care in these areas.

Ministry of Health Public Notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a cupful of water from drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

This notice has been issued by Waimate District Council on behalf of the Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health.

Mike McTigue

Water & Waste Manager

Automobile Association (AA)

Visits Waimate, the third Wed every second month (next visit Wed. 20 May) at the Council Chambers.

To apply for drivers licenses, relicensing etc ring the AA on 0800 500 444 or 03 688 4189 for information and appointments.

Community Funding

Waimate District Council invites applications for financial assistance from Clubs and organisations within the Waimate District.

Creative Communities NZ

The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for arts and cultural activities within the Waimate District to groups, organisations and individuals.

SPARC Rural Travel Fund

The purpose of the fund is to provide a travel subsidy for sporting clubs and schools competing in local sports competitions.

Application forms and information on eligibility and funding are available from the Council, specific enquiries may be direct to John Larcombe. Information and applications forms can be downloaded from the Council website.

Applications close on Friday 15 May 2009.

Waimate District Council Meetings

held in the Council Chamber

Council Meeting - Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 9-00 am

Council Workshop - Tuesday 5th May 2009 at 1-00 pm

Council Meeting - Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 9-00 am

Agendas available for inspection two days prior to the meeting from Councils reception area and website. Public are invited to attend workshops and meetings. At Council meetings a public forum time of 1.00pm is allocated for anyone wishing to speak. If you require assistance or further details, please contact Margaret ext. 844

Waimate Library April Holiday Activities

"Treasures from the Sea"

Come along and hear watery tales about swashbuckling pirates, marvellous Mermaids and scary Sea creatures.

Make a craft treasure to take home.

Story times:

Thurs April 16th 10.30am & 2.30pm

Tues April 21st 10.30am

Thurs April 23rd 10.30 am

Competitions, prizes, crafts and activities throughout the holidays.



Library Survey

Customers are being asked to fill out a survey relating to their particular library usage. The outcome of which will assist staff to identify areas where library services can be improved.

Refuse And Recycling Collection Options

Details of options for urban and rural refuse, recycling and greenwaste collections have been discussed in detail by Councillors.

Watch out for further details in the summary Community Plan coming out shortly as Council wish to know your opinion on this important activity.

Waimate District Council

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Reminder

Rates payments due by Friday 29 May 2009

