

Mayor's Message



We are heading into spring and the dairy farmers are all busy with calving – let's hope that the fine weather continues. Waimate visitors are commenting on the positive buzz

around our wee town. With an increase in the shopping options in our main street it appears that we may have escaped the worst of the economic crisis as felt in larger centres? We now look towards the large scale and positive projects which are ahead for our district.

Oceania Milk has confirmed their intention of being in operation for the 2011-12 season. They are currently in the process of preparing information for resource consents and are on target to apply for consents by the end of August. The company hopes to have consents approved by the end of the year. Oceania will be opening an office in Queen Street, which will be open for enquires one day a week.

Proposed Stadium - There has been quite a lot written in the press lately regarding the proposed venue. It is time to remind rate payers that this is a community project, driven by the Waimate Sport and Leisure Trust. Councillor Andrew was appointed to the trust as Council representative. As community representatives, myself and other Councillors have been invited to attend meetings to keep ourselves up to date with the activities of the Trust.

We do understand that the articles calling for submissions over the past two months may have caused some confusion for the public; this is because the press releases and submission forms specific to the stadium have been initiated by the Stadium Trust, not by Council. While we will accept all written submissions, we do recommend that if you are making a submission to Council through

the LTCCP process, that you use the preferred submission form which Council have included in the LTCCP Summary. This form requests your full contact details so that we may then contact you regarding your submission if necessary. Additional copies are available from our office or online at www.waimatedc.govt.nz

Timaru Road Sewage Extension - The tender has been let and contractors are due to begin work on this extension on Monday 17th August. I would encourage any residents in the effected area to consider signing up for this project if you have not already done so. It will never be cheaper to connect than it is now!

Options - Council staff will soon be assessing the options for the best possible use of the recently purchased Waimate Bowling Club property, which adjoins our Queen Street offices. This should be a very strategic investment given the multiple projects currently on the drawing board for the Waimate District. This purchase has already allowed council to surrender the lease on another property.

Meridian has leased a local warehouse for the purpose of storing their core sampling equipment. We understand that preliminary core sampling for the North Bank Tunnel Project will begin next month. It is also pleasing to hear that Meridian are encouraging contractors involved in the proposed North Bank Tunnel project to base themselves in Waimate.

Glenavy Street Widening - Pyke Street corner is to be widened, north of the Glenavy Garage. It is anticipated that this will happen late September - early October. Because this is a sealed area this work will be weather dependant.

John Coles
Mayor

Council News

Aoraki Development Trust in Waimate

During this week business advisors from Aoraki Development Trust will be calling on several Waimate businesses with an information pack on the services they provide. The pack also includes all you need to know about entering the upcoming business excellence awards.

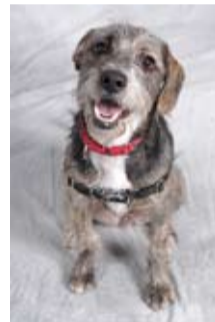
Additional packs are available from the BIZ Info stand in the entrance to the Council and Library.

An Aoraki Development Trust business specialist will be in Waimate on the following dates:

Monday 7 September, Monday 19 October & Monday 16 November

Make an appointment to speak to a specialist at the Council office between 10am - 12noon, or at your premises by phoning Aoraki Development Trust 03 688 9907.

Dog Registration



Please ensure your dog/s are registered by 31 August 2009 to avoid penalty fees or infringement notices.

All dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered. When a dog reaches the age of 3 months after 1 July 2009, the dog control fees will be a

proportion of the yearly fee.

If you have not received your registration form, please contact the Council.

Combined Community Project

Morven School and Community Group together with Council Parks and Reserves Department have been removing old man pines and macrocarpa trees from the Morven cemetery in readiness for planting native trees and shrubs. The School will also be undertaking a project to collect 'The Pinecones' and tidy around the grave sites. Further work will take place to upgrade the

fencing and gateways.

Thank you to both groups on their initiative to enhance this area and help preserve an historical site. Council have received many favourable comments from people throughout the District on this enhancement project to date.

New Waimate Souvenirs

2010 Waimate Calendar is now available with outstanding images of our district including 4WD in Hakataramea, View over town from the vines, Santa at the Library. You maybe surprised to find yourself in some of the images.

Waimate Pens

Stylish new pens in presentation sleeve have updated the range of pens on offer.

Presentation Chocolate

Milk or dark chocolate tablet presented in gift box featuring a Waimate image is a new range of branded products.

Staff have extensively quality controlled this product and can say without conviction it is delicious!

Ernie the Corella Parrot on the road to recovery



Ernie, a long time resident at Victoria Park bird enclosure, has had an operation recently to remove a tumour from his

leg which was causing him discomfort and loss of appetite.

Ernie, thought to be at least 30 years old, is a popular parrot having regular visitors who feed him his favourite treats of plain biscuits and pieces of apples. He instinctively knows when they are due to arrive and sits and waits for them and his treats. Staff are pleased to report his appetite has returned and he is once again happily snacking on his favourite foods!

Council Notices

New Waste Collection Scheduled To Start November 1st



A booklet containing information on the proposed new waste collection service has now been distributed to all house holds in the district. If you have not received a booklet please see the Council website or contact the Council to obtain one. The booklet contains important information on the refuse, recycling, and greenwaste services that will be available to your property. Some of these services are

compulsory and some are optional. If you would like any of the optional services WE NEED TO KNOW by the 28th of August.

Have Your Say About Our Future

Council would like to hear your comments on the content in the draft 10 year Community Plan 2009/19 by Monday 24 August.

A summary and the full document are available from the Council offices, the Waimate District Library or on Councils website.

Submissions can be made in writing preferably using the submission form, or electronically with the form on-line at www.waimatedc.govt.nz

After submissions close:

31 August 09

Community Panel evening 7.30pm at Council. In this open forum participants discuss local issues and give Councillors their views.

No need to book - just arrive.

1 & 2 September 09

Community Plan Hearings. At this meeting Council hears submissions and makes decisions on each.

Waimate District Council Meetings

held in the Council Chamber

Council Meeting - Friday 18 September 2009 at 9-00 am.

Council Workshop - Tuesday 6 October 2009 at 1-00 pm.

Council Meeting - Tuesday 20 October 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

'Your Library your place...'

We all know you can borrow CDs, DVDs and magazines from libraries as well as books, but now there is The Living Library which twists the concept of a traditional library: you don't borrow a book, you borrow a person!

Members of our community will act as 'books' talking about their passion, giving you the opportunity to talk to someone you may not normally meet in the course of your everyday life. You can ask questions and discuss ideas with our resident 'living book'.

Thurs 10 September 10.30am Karen Beker 'Local History'
Thurs 17 September 10.30am Graeme Watts 'Grow your own Veges'
Thurs 24 September 10.30am Carolyn Johns 'Marketing'

Those wishing to attend are asked to register as numbers are limited.

LIBRARY OPEN DAY THURS. 3RD SEP 10.30am

Often wondered just what happens out the back of the library; this is your opportunity to find out!. Staff invite you to come out the back and see just what it is they get up to on Thursday 3rd September 10.30am. Space limited, bookings essential.



Reminder

Rates payments due by Friday 28 August 2009

