

## Mayor's Message



Well, just as you think the weather is warming up we get a reminder that winter is still lingering, but we have certainly been treated better than many others. Spring time in Waimate has

treated us generally well so far and there should not be too many complaints from gardeners and farmers alike.

The tsunami which affected Tonga and Samoa, the earthquake in Indonesia and the flooding in the Phillipines have all had devastating effects on their communities, as well as families and friends from further afield.

Our sympathy goes out to all of these people, particularly where some have sadly lost family members from three or four different generations.

It reminds us all that we need to be aware of what we should do in a civil defence emergency. Are you prepared? There is only so much that the council and civil defence organisers can do

*John Coles*  
Mayor

## Council News

### Councillor Profile: Cr. Mavis Andrew



I am now in my second term as a Councillor for the Waimate District Council. I have resided in the Waimate area for the past 40 years. I am predominantly from a rural background although my working career has been in the health industry. Firstly through several nursing positions at the old Waimate Hospital and upon its closure, progressed into the Supervisor role at what is now Waimate Care and Recreation Centre catering for the health and welfare of the aged population of the Waimate District. I have since retired from this position but still take a keen interest in the health, social and economic aspects impacting on the community of Waimate.

I feel that this fits well with the Portfolios and interests I have as one of your elected Councillors. Some of these being:

*Parks and Reserves;* which are available for all to enjoy. Just one example being the Waitaki Lakes and Rivers.

*The Social Services Committee;* dealing with issues relating to youth, law and order and aged care to name an important few.

*Total Mobility;* making accessibility a reality for the Community of Waimate.

Thank you for this opportunity to outline my Portfolios.

Regards, Mavis Andrew.

### Waimate Water Usage

Summer is fast approaching and this usually means an increase in our town water usage due to people watering lawns and gardens.

Water is an increasingly precious commodity and the Waimate District Council urges you to use water wisely to prevent restrictions later on in the hot summer months.

Those properties on the Urban/Rural fringe that have had water meters installed or replaced this year need to be aware that excessive water usage will result in increased water costs.

### Waitaki And Aviemore Lakes Camping Reserves

#### Season Camping Tickets 2009/2010

Season camping tickets for 2009/10 camping on the Waimate District Council lakes reserves during the season, are now available at the cost of \$250 each. The tickets are for a single family group consisting of 2 adults and dependents 16 years and under inclusive. Any extra adults attract a charge of \$8.00 per night. This covers all camping service charges for the following camping sites in the Waimate District.

- Fisherman's Bend Reserve,
  - Waitangi Reserve,
  - Te Akatarawa Reserve,
  - Briars Gully & Lakeside Areas
- Tickets available from
- Waimate District Council
  - Whitehorse Motors, Waimate
  - Kurow Auto Services Ltd

Applications for tickets are required to provide the following information:

Name and address, make, colour and registration number of the vehicles to be used at the camp site, and number of persons in group.

SITE CAMPING TICKETS are available at camp registration booths at each camp site, where payment of \$15.00 per site per night of stay is required. Campers must pay on arrival.

All caravans and tents left on site during the season must have a season ticket displayed at all times or they will be removed.

### Community Funding

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

#### Sports Fund Grants

Assists with grants for club initiatives, equipment purchase, training programmes, judges expenses etc.

#### 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 regarding eligibility and funding are available from the Council, specific enquiries to John Larcombe. Information and application forms can be downloaded from the Council website.

## Council Notices

### November for New Waste Services

Next week new 80 litre bins with red lids will be distributed to Urban wheelie bin users.



- Existing wheelie bins will be emptied on their usual day (Wednesday or Thursday) and then on that same day the bin will be removed and replaced with a new 80 litre wheelie bin.
- For Urban bag users, stickers can now be purchased from the Waimate District Council to make the existing black refuse bags eligible for collection. These stickers are \$3 each. From November 1st refuse bags without stickers will not be collected.
- The first Rural fortnightly collection will be Tuesday the 10th of November. Your collection day will stay the same as it is now but the wheelie bin will only be emptied fortnightly.

• Please remember that from November 1st Recycling and Greenwaste can not be disposed of in your wheelie bin or bag. To allow some adjustment to the changes we will work on '3 strikes and you're out'. Warnings will be given and on the 3rd offence your refuse will not be collected.

Keep an eye out for the brochure with full details of our new system. This should be in your mail box next week. If you do not get one please contact us.

### Do you qualify for a Rates Rebate?

The rates rebate scheme benefits people who pay rates for the home in which they live, and whose incomes meet the requirements. This year the maximum rebate has increased from \$530 to \$550. See the below table to check whether you may be eligible for a rebate. Rates rebates are paid directly into the rates account.

### Rates Rebate Income Eligibility Table

Household Income	Level of Rates					
	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,800	\$2,000
\$16,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$17,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$18,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$19,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$20,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$21,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$22,000	\$549.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$23,000	\$424.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$24,000	\$299.00	\$432.33	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$25,000	\$174.00	\$307.33	\$440.67	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$26,000	\$49.00	\$182.33	\$315.67	\$449.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$27,000	-	\$57.33	\$190.67	\$324.00	\$457.33	\$550.00
\$28,000	-	-	\$65.67	\$199.00	\$332.33	\$465.67
\$29,000	-	-	-	\$74.00	\$207.33	\$340.67
\$30,000	-	-	-	-	\$82.33	\$215.67
\$31,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$90.67

When applying for the rates rebate you will need:

- Your rates notice (Waimate District Council & Environment Canterbury)
- Information about what your income (before tax) was for the 2008/09 tax year
- Information about what your partner/joint homeowner's income is if he/she lives with you.

If you received a rates rebate last year and think you may be eligible again this year, you will need to re-apply. New applications must be made each rating year (1 July - 30 June). Please phone the Council to make an appointment.

### Waimate District Council Meetings

held in the Council Chamber

- Council Meeting - Tuesday 20th October 2009 at 9-00am
- Council Workshop - Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 1-00pm
- Council Meeting - Tuesday 17th November 2009 at 9-00am
- Council Workshop - Tuesday 1st December 2009 at 1-00pm
- Council Meeting - Tuesday 15th December 2009 at 9-00am

Agendas available for inspection three 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

### Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Opens (Weather Permitting) Saturday  
24th October 2009 at 12.00 Noon

Entrance Fees: \$2.00 Children / \$3.00 Adults



## Reminder

**Rates payments due by Friday 27 November 2009**

