

## Mayor's Message

### New ANZ Bank Offices

After a lot of discussion around where the ANZ Bank offices should be located and the offers from the Council, the decision to locate on land owned by the operators of Pinjing Fastfood was the right one. We are indebted

to the Xie family in being able to keep ANZ in Queen Street business area which maybe up to two years on this site. To the staff and customers it has been a challenging time but I have been reassured ANZ is here to stay in Waimate. The eventual new offices could be the start of redevelopment in Waimate, along with a push that will be placed on us from Central Government regarding earthquake prone buildings.

### St Pauls Methodist Church

On Queens Birthday Sunday the last church service was held in St Pauls Methodist Church because of the low building code rating of the Church and the Church Hall facilities. Four previous Mayors of Waimate have had very close ties with Methodism in Waimate and none more than the Manchester brothers John and George, John being the first Mayor of Waimate. In those early days three church services were held each Sunday with standing room only at some services. The recent decision for this small congregation was a decision that reality had to be faced and the huge cost ahead with strengthening, insurance and rates there was no option but to "let go" after 125 years of worship in St Pauls.

### South Canterbury Sports Awards 2013

At these awards it was my privilege to present nomination trophies to South Canterbury Young Sports People, many of whom I was proud to say came from the Waimate District. The video clips showcased the young athletes from Waimate. One that sticks in my mind was the National Teams Pursuits where Dylan Kennet and Andy van der Hayden rode with Marc Ryan and Shane Archbold from Timaru, who caught up with the team they rode against in the final. It was most gratifying for all from Waimate to hear the announcement that out of the three finalist in the South Canterbury Young Sportsman of the Year, Dylan Kennet was announced the winner, Congratulations and well done Dylan! A Gold Medal in the making for this young man.



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Mayor

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### Citizenship Ceremony



I was pleased to conduct a Citizenship Ceremony for Barbara and Shaun Hall at our May Council Meeting. It was Barbara's sister from South Africa who first discovered Waimate and encouraged her sister and husband to join her in our town which Barbara and Shaun haven't regretted one bit. Because we only deal with a small number of citizenships at a time I encourage people to tell a little about their lives both in their country of birth and how they found Waimate. This

## Council News

### 2013/2014 Dog Control Fees

Council has set the fees for the registration of dogs within the Waimate District for the 2013/2014 year **WHICH MUST BE PAID BY THE 1ST JULY 2013.**

#### Dog Registration

Fees for the 2013/2014 registration year are as follows (GST inclusive)

#### Registration

**First Dog - \$54.00**

#### Registration

**Each Subsequent Dog Thereafter - \$23.00**

#### Penalty

A penalty of 50% of the registration fee shall be imposed for each dog over three months of age, not registered by **1st August 2013.**

All dogs over the age of three months must be registered. When a dog reaches the age of three months after 1 July 2013, the dog control fees will be a proportion of the yearly fee.

All dog owners with dogs ordinarily kept in the Waimate District must register with the Waimate District Council.

Dog registration forms will be mailed to all known dog owners in June. If you have not received your registration form by now, please contact the Council on 03 689 0055.

### Rates Rebate 2012/13

You may be eligible to have up to **\$590** credited to your Waimate District Council rating account as part of the Government's Rate Rebate Scheme if:

- You are the legal ratepayer for the property that was your home on 1 July 2012 and your name is on the rates bill;
- You were living at the property as at 1 July 2012;
- Your income is low.

The amount of rebate depends on a combination of your income, the amount of (Waimate District Council) rates you are charged, and the number of dependants you have. Applications must be made each rating year (1 July - 30 June). The maximum rebate is \$590.

**For more information call the Waimate District Council 03 689 0036 or visit [www.ratesrebates.govt.nz](http://www.ratesrebates.govt.nz)**

### New Resident Migrant Packs

Were developed by Waimate Information Centre in conjunction with the Waimate Resource Trust as a resource kit for new migrant workers to our district. Now in its second season, the packs have been updated and posted to a number of outlets, including schools, where families can easily access the packs. Employers of migrant workers are encouraged to contact the Information Centre for packs which are distributed free of charge and are seen as a valued resource to assist with the settling in process.

### Community Funding

Recipients of the latest funding rounds for May 2013 were:

#### Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Waimate High School Soccer	\$600
Waimate High School Netball	\$750
Waimate High School Girls Rugby	\$750
Waimate Gym Club	\$1,070
Waimate Rugby Football Club	\$750

#### Creative NZ Communities Scheme

Waimate Embroiders Guild	\$300
Waimate Regent Theatre Trust	\$490
Waimate Theatre Company Inc	\$776
Waimate Museum	\$654

### TV Takeback

The TV Take Back scheme has been running since 27 May 2013 and in total 80 televisions have been received under the scheme. The Waimate Resource Recovery Park will continue running the scheme until the full allocation of 329 TV's is exhausted, after which the charge will increase from \$5 to \$10 per television received.

### Waimate Tea Towel

Has been spotted on walls of expat Waimate residents all over the world, and on Facebook. Recently a craze has started with locals on holiday taking the towel and flying it off landmarks including London Bridge, Thailand workplaces and tourist spots around New Zealand.



Local lads flying the 'flag' at London Bridge

The Information Centre is promoting this great marketing opportunity by encouraging Waimate people, taking a holiday, to take along the towel and photograph themselves flying the 'flag' at hotspots all over the world. These can be viewed on the Waimate website which will continue to grow as images come to hand.

### Winter library happenings

Several winter talks have been organised in July **Fri 5th at 1.00pm** 'Cookies and Books'. Join us to share cookies and talking books **Wed 17th at 11.00am** 'Getting inked... how to get your stories into print' with Diane Foley **Wed 24th at 11.00am** 'Thin Blue Line... My life as an NZ Policewoman' with Wendy Heath

### Children's activities include

Winter warmers reading program and there is the usual round of fun holiday time activities taking place at the Library. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.00am children will be able to enjoy story time followed by activities including colour competitions. Zeus, the library dog, will be along at story time to listen in.

### Waimate District Council Meetings

in the Council Chambers

Council Meeting Tuesday 16 July, beginning with the Public Forum at 9am  
Council Meeting Tuesday 20 August, beginning with the Public Forum at 9am

Agendas available for inspection three days prior to the meeting from Councils reception area and website. Public are invited to attend meetings.

If you require assistance or further details, please contact Karalyn ext 838

## Local News

### Automobile Association (AA)

Visits Waimate the third Wednesday of every other month (next scheduled visit **Wednesday 17th July**) at the Waimate District Council Chambers.

Prior to these visits those wishing to apply for drivers licenses, relicensing etc should ring the AA on 0800 822 422 for relevant information and appointment (where necessary).

### Business Owners - Do you Need Advice?

Business specialist Fiona Stevens from Aoraki Development Trust will be at the Waimate District Council on **Tuesday 2nd July** and **Tuesday 6th August**. For an appointment phone **Fiona 03 687 2739**

### Local Elections 2013

# YOUR VOTE YOUR COMMUNITY

Do you care about your community and want to make a difference?

**Stand for Council!**

Candidate nominations open 26th July - Close noon 23rd August

Triennial elections for elected members throughout New Zealand are to be conducted, by postal vote, on **Saturday 12 October 2013.**

Waimate District Council  
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## Waimate Tea Towels \$12 Available at Information Centre

