

Mayor's Christmas Message



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all your readers a wonderful festive season, drive safely and stay below the new '250' alcohol limit.

Crowley Mayor

Waimate District Civic Awards

Nominations are now being received for the Waimate District Civic Awards. These awards recognise people who have given significant and notable voluntary service in the district, and this year the Selection Committee will also recognise one of our district's young volunteers. Please see the separate notice on this page.

2015 Meetings

As from February 2015 Council will be moving into a more formal open-to-the-public six-weekly Committee and Council meeting structure. Keep an eye on our website www.waimatedc.govt.nz or contact our Council Secretary 03 689 0038, Karalyn@waimatedc.govt.nz for agendas and meeting information.

Christmas Message

It has been a busy year in the Waimate District. We have seen significant growth in the district including the commissioning of the new Oceania Dairy Factory at Glenavy, and the announcement of the future expansion of both this and Fonterra's Studholme Plant.

In 2015 we will continue to focus on roading issues throughout the district, having had several public meetings this year to inform residents of the difficulties we face moving into the future.

We have already begun the budgeting process for 2015-16 year, and also on the horizon is Council's 2015-25 Long Term Plan, involving a substantial consultation process. This will be your opportunity to have your say in the direction our Council is planning to head.

Council News

Christmas/New Year Hours for Waimate District Council Services

The Waimate District Council Local Government Centre

will be closed on the following days over the holiday period:

From 4.30pm Friday 19th December 2014 reopening 8.00am Monday 5th January 2015

The Information Centre

Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day only. Open 10am - 2pm on all other statutory holidays, otherwise normal business hours 9am - 5pm. Refuse bags available

The Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Closed 25th & 26th December 2014. Open 12.00 - 5.00pm on 27th - 31st December. Closed 1st & 2nd January 2015. Normal hours (12-5pm) resume 3rd January 2015

Waimate District Library hours

Closed 25th & 26th December 2014. 27th to 31st December 2014 - normal hours. Closed 1st & 2nd January 2015. 3rd January 2015 normal hours resume. Normal hours are: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm and Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Resource Recovery Park (RRP)

Closed 25th & 26th December 2014. Open normal hours 27th to 31st December 2014. Closed 1st & 2nd January 2015. 3rd January 2015 normal hours resume. Normal hours are: Monday to Saturday 10.30am - 4.30pm and Sunday 12.00pm - 4.30pm

Refuse and Recycling Collections

All refuse/recycling collections occur **one day prior** to their normal days throughout the

December/January holiday period

Green waste

Monday 22nd December 2014

Urban collection

Tuesdays 23rd & 30th December 2014

Urban collection

Wednesdays 24th & 31st December 2014

Rural refuse collection

Monday 29th December 2014

CBD collection as normal

Tuesdays 23rd & 30th December 2014

Waimate District Council 24 hour phone service

for all enquiries
03 689 0000

Utilities Service

For water repairs the Utilities Service team will be available as normal. Ring the Council number and the after-hours service will take the details and contact the relevant person.

Dry Summer

It appears we may be in for a dry summer; we urge residents to conserve water now which may alleviate the need for any water restrictions later this summer.

Community Grants Fund

Organisations within the Waimate District are advised that applications for grants from Council's Community Grants Fund are now being invited.

The fund is open to all organisations except those qualifying for grants under the Sports and Recreation Grants Scheme and the Creative Communities New Zealand Arts Funding scheme.

Further information and application forms are available from Waimate Information Centre, phone 03 689 7771 or can be downloaded from the Council website.

Applications close on Wednesday 25th February 2015

2015 Waimate District Civic Awards

The search is on for Waimate District's 2015 Civic Award recipients.

Nominations for both the open and youth categories are now being accepted. Application forms are available from Council's office, the Information Centre, Council's website www.waimatedc.govt.nz, or by emailing Karalyn@waimatedc.govt.nz.

Nominations close 4pm on Thursday 5 February 2015.

Library Happenings

The Library Summer poetry competition which runs from December through to 31 January is open to children (15 years and under) and adults. Winners will receive book vouchers as prizes.

Take a chance and take out a mystery book from under the tree...

Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Hours: Mon-Fri (Opening hours are dependent on weather conditions)

7.00am-10.00am Lane Swimming
10.00am-5.00pm Public Swimming
Saturdays, Sunday, & Public Holidays
12noon-5.00pm

Prices:

Adults	\$3.50	Per swim
Child	\$2.00	Per swim
Pre-school	Free	

Waimate District Lakes Camping

Reserves Waste & Recycling Facilities

Waimate District Council has provided recycling areas at each of the official camping sites. Mixed waste to be placed in drums while labelled wheelie bins will be provided for glass, cardboard/paper, aluminium/steel cans and plastics. Using the recycling facilities helps keep camping fees at a minimum, your assistance is appreciated.

Season / Overnight Camping Tickets

All on-site campers, caravans, tents etc must display a paid up season ticket or overnight camping ticket at all times.

Season tickets can be obtained from Waimate District Council, Waimate Information Centre, Whitehorse Motors Waimate and Kurow Auto Services, while overnight tickets are available from ticket booths at all official camping sites.

Tickets to be purchased upon arrival and clearly displayed for Supervisors to view.

Camp Supervisors will be onsite daily over the Christmas and New Year periods.

Dog owners please note: Dogs must be kept under control at all times.

Local News

Waimate Information Centre

For the best advice on what to see and do in and around Waimate this holiday season.

Great selection of 'Waimate' gift lines including tea towels, caps and bags.

Open every day except Christmas & Boxing Days

75 Queen Street - Phone 03 689 7771

Email: info@waimatedc.govt.nz



Summer Planning Civil Defence Message:

Camping:

For many of us summer is a great time to go camping and often our best spots are beside waterways: the sea, lakes or rivers. All beautiful spots but they come with their own dangers; often our East coast lakes and rivers can be adversely affected by West Coast rain even when we have no rain. So remember when you go camping take a battery operated radio or listen to your car radio for weather forecasts. Also don't forget to have an emergency plan if the weather does turn ugly and let your loved ones know what your plan is.

If you are in trouble always remember in an EMERGENCY phone 111

Email Invoice Notification

Waimate District Council would like to help you help our environment.

If you would like your rates assessments and/or invoices sent to you via email, simply email your request to rates@waimatedc.govt.nz quoting your Name, Address of Property and Valuation Number in the email, it's as easy as that!

Any queries contact Lee-Ann Smart on 03 689 0036



Unregistered Dogs

Any dogs over the age of three months must be registered.

If your dog is not registered you could be liable for a fine of \$300 and your dog could be impounded.

If your dog has been first registered after June 2006, you are also required to have your dog micro-chipped, unless the dog is kept solely and predominantly for herding stock.

Contact the Waimate District Council Animal Control Officer to register your dog.

Waimate District Council Meetings

in the Council Chambers

Council meeting / Committee meetings - Tuesday 3 February, from 9.30am

Council meeting - Tuesday 24 February, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am

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

Waimate District Council

Phone 03 689 0000 - 24 hours

Website: www.waimatedc.govt.nz



Reminder

Refuse Bags available at Information Centre

