

Mayor's Message

Welcome to Councillor David Anderson



I am very pleased to welcome David Anderson to our Council. David took his oath as Councillor at a Council Meeting on 7 April 2015. I know David will be a very valuable member of our team and do his best to represent the Pareora-Otaio-Makikihi Ward.

Long Term Plan (LTP) Meetings

Our Long Term Plan is the document Council uses to plan how we deliver services for the next 10 years. Every household in our district should receive our Consultation Document in their letterbox over the next few days which highlight the key issues we are asking feedback on.

My Councillors and I will be available at the Council Office on Monday 20 April 2015 10am-3pm, and Tuesday 21 April 2015 3pm-7pm to speak to residents about any matter within the Consultation Document. Two rural meetings have been planned, on Tuesday 28 April 2015,

7.30pm at the Ikawai Hall and Tuesday 5 May 2015, 7.30pm at the Southburn Hall. I hope people will take this opportunity to come along, and become familiar with this very important document.

Have your Say – Environment Canterbury Consultation

Recently Environment Canterbury distributed their Long Term Plan Consultation Document to all Canterbury households. There are two matters in this document that I wish to bring to your attention - the Proposed Canterbury Air Plan and the Review of the Environment Canterbury Governance Structure. Council intends to submit on both of these items, and I urge residents in our district to do the same as the proposed changes will have an impact on our district.

Anzac Commemoration Services

The RSA have a number of services and activities planned around the Waimate District to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WW1. As well as the services advertised in this Newsline, there is a Poppy Parade planned for Friday 17 April 2015, and a Commemorative event being held at Bushtown Heritage Park on Sunday 26 April 2015. I hope I will see many of you at these services and events.

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Mayor

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Is Council on Track?

The Long Term Plan 2015-25 is the main document used by Council to plan how we deliver services for the next 10 years. Every 3 years when the plan is reviewed we seek Community feedback. The Council has produced a publication called the Long Term Plan Consultation Document; this document explains key issues that are affecting your District.

Key Issue 1 – Revenue and Financing Policy Changes

Key Issue 2 – Rates Remission Policy Changes

Key Issue 3 – Additional Funding for Roading

Key Issue 4 – Bridge Replacements

Key Issue 5 – Mill Road Sewer Extension

Key Issue 6 – Library Extension

Key Issue 7 – St Andrews Reserve

The Consultation Document is available on our website www.waimatedc.govt.nz now and arriving in your letterbox today. If for some reason you do not receive yours please phone 03 689 0000 and request a copy to be mailed out.

Have Your Say!

If you have an interest in any of the content of the consultation document please tell us what you think by making a submission. Your submission form will be found in the Consultation Document and may be posted, emailed to LTP@waimatedc.govt.nz, or delivered to our office. Your submission must reach us no later than 4.00pm, 15 May 2015.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2015-25 LONG TERM PLAN

15 April	Consultation document for the Long Term Plan 2015-25 is available and public comment by submissions is sought
20 & 21 April	Mayor and Councillors will be available between 10am - 3pm on 20 April, and 3pm - 7pm on 21 April at the Council Office to speak to residents about any matter within the consultation document. Clarifying an issue may assist you when completing your submission.
28 April 7.30pm	Community meeting for Waihao/Hakataramea/Waihaorunga ward residents at Ikawai Hall
05 May 7.30pm	Community meeting for Pareora/Otaio/Makikihi ward residents at Southburn Hall
15 May 4pm	Close of Submissions to consultation document for Long Term Plan 2015-25
03 June	Council hears submissions
05 June	Council makes decisions on submissions
30 June	Council's adopts Long Term Plan 2015-25

Local News



Autumn Preparation

Many of you will have noticed for many months we have had no significant rain events. With autumn coming it is a great time to check gutters and drains are clean. Doing this makes a huge difference to how homes cope with significant rainfall. Only do this if it is safe for you to do – don't be shy to ask for help. For the fit among you this could be a good opportunity to be neighbourly and see if you can help in your street! Farmers check drains and culverts are clear – again if these are clear it limits damage to your farm and local infrastructure from inundation. Thank you!

Dog Registration

Waimate District dog owners are reminded that there are changes to the fee structure for the coming registration year, beginning 1 July 2015.



You do have the option of pre-paying your fees by instalment now, to avoid being charged penalties for late payment. Please contact our office to find out how you can do this.

The new fee structure recognises neutered dogs and provides for Selected Owner Status. If you have not kept this information please refer to our website www.waimatedc.govt.nz or contact the council offices.

Waimate images needed

Waimate Promotions are looking for suitable images of Waimate and district for inclusion in the 2016 Waimate Calendar.

Images that best showcase our region and could be captured as an event, landscape, industry or in our people will be considered.

Images should be supplied on disk as a tiff or jpg files of the HIGHEST possible resolution (no less than 300 dpi which will measure approximately 3000 x3000). Disks should be left at the Information Centre by **Monday 4 May 2015**.



WAIMATE ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Saturday 25 April 2015

7.00am Dawn Service:

Victoria Park Memorial Gates
(There will be a Firing Party at this service)

8.45am St Andrews

at War Memorial

10.00am Main Service

at Waimate High School Hall

Returned personnel are invited to meet outside at 9.50am. Medals to be worn. Public are asked to be seated by 9.50am. Parade to Memorial Clock after the service for laying of wreaths.

1.30pm Waihao Forks Hotel

Ted's Bottle

Community Funding

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

Sports Fund Grant

This is to assist with grants for club initiatives, equipment purchase, training programmes etc. Please note this is a special funding round with limited funds available.

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.

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

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

Note; Accountability for previous funding must have been completed before applications considered.

Application forms and information regarding eligibility and funding are available from the Council, specific enquiries to Donna van der Byl, at Information Centre. Information and applications forms can be downloaded from the Council website.

Applications close on 28th April 2015

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

in the Council Chambers

28 April	Environmental Services and Finance; District Infrastructure, Community Services and Development Meeting, 9.30am
19 May	Council Meeting, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am
5 June	Environmental Services and Finance; District Infrastructure, Community Services and Development Meeting, 9.30am
30 June	Council Meeting, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am
21 July	Environmental Services and Finance; District Infrastructure, Community Services and Development Meeting, 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

Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves

The Council wishes to advise campers that camp facilities at: FISHERMANS BEND, WAITANGI, TE AKATARAWA, BRIAR GULLY RESERVES

CLOSE Sunday 3 MAY 2015.

Note: BBQ's, furniture etc are to be removed from sites and not left for Council to dump.

