

Mayor's Message

Citizenship Ceremony

At our Council Meeting on Tuesday 8 December 2015, I was privileged to take the Citizenship Ceremony for Semantha Roberts.



Congratulations Semantha, I hope you will enjoy being a New Zealand Citizen and enjoy all the benefits this brings you.

Civic Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Waimate District Civic Awards. This is a great opportunity to nominate someone within our district who has carried out significant work in the voluntary sector and for us as a community to recognise our outstanding volunteer work force. Please call into Council and pick up an application form, or visit our website www.waimatedc.govt.nz.

Waimate Event Centre

Throughout the planning and fundraising process the new facility has been known as the Waimate District Community Complex. This name was put forward to best describe the future use of the facility. Now that the build is well under way and we are looking at writing the name on the building, we realise that the name is somewhat lengthy and upon consideration may not have been the best choice.

Following discussions with the key groups who have assisted us in the project, including our project partner Gary Rooney, it has been decided that the building will be named the 'Waimate Event Centre'. This name aligns with similar community facilities in other districts, which will make it easily recognisable as the Waimate District's primary facility. It is also much easier to say!

The Waimate District Community Complex Fundraising Committee are still accepting donations for the project and if you wish to make a donation you can do so through the BNZ or visit the Waimate District Council website for details: www.waimatedc.govt.nz.

New Residents

Did you know that according to records kept by our Information Centre, there has been a steady climb of the number of new residents that have relocated to Waimate in the last three months. Twenty five new families have moved into our district since Sept. (that we are aware of). One family from China, 1 from USA, 1 from Australia, 21 South Island, 1 North Island. Reasons given being retirement or lifestyle change.

Merry Christmas



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas, and happy and safe festive period.

Crowley
Mayor Craig Rowley

Council News



Are you eligible for a Rates Rebate?

Call into the Waimate District Council Office for the new 2015/16 Application Form. Or call 689 0036 to make an appointment and have your application processed on the day.

Waimate Urban Water Supply

Water Conservation

El Nino conditions are forecast for this summer in the Canterbury area. Residents on the Waimate Urban Water Supply are asked to make an effort to conserve water.

This is so Council can continue to sustainably supply water to your household over the summer we are asking for your cooperation.

Did you know that just 100 garden hoses running equates to the approximate pumping capacity of the Urban Scheme?

Attended watering with hoses and sprinklers should be between 6am and 8am, and in the evenings between 7pm and 9pm. It is **UNACCEPTABLE** to leave hoses or irrigation running outside of these times. Repair any leaking taps and plumbing.

Council staff will be alerting consumers to these conservation measures and providing the necessary enforcement actions. If demand increases, this **WILL** result in water restrictions being put in place.

Your assistance in reporting leaks would be greatly appreciated. Phone Paul Roberts Water & Waste Manager 0272287382 or 03 6890000

Water Conservation Measures All Rural Water Schemes

Cannington - Motukaika Hook Waituna - Lower Waihao Otaio Makikihi - Waihaorunga Waikakahi

El Nino conditions are forecast for this summer in the Canterbury area. This means water conservation measures are now in place.

Council asks all consumers on the above schemes to conserve and monitor their water usage. This includes good maintenance practices i.e. repairing of leaking taps and other associated plumbing. It is recommended to regularly check their water reserves. A good way to do this is to look at installing level indicators, flags or electronic monitors. Council also recommends four days water storage of your supplied allocation. Please immediately report any water leaks on the rural water schemes.

By conserving water now means we can continue to sustainably supply water to your property over the summer.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any queries please ring Paul Roberts Water & Waste Manager 0272287382 or 03 6890000

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

Date	Location
26 January 2016	in the Council Chambers
16 February 2016	Committee Meetings
8 March 2016	Council Meeting (including Public Forum)
	Committee Meetings

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

Christmas/New Year Hours for Waimate District Council Services

The Waimate District Council Local Government Centre

will be closed over the holiday period from 4.00pm Wednesday 23 December 2015 re-opening at 8.00am Thursday 7 January 2016

The Information Centre

Closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day
Open 10.00am - 2.00pm all other
Statutory Holidays
Normal business hours 9.00am - 5.00pm
Refuse bags available

The Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day
Open 27 to 31 December 12.00pm - 5.00pm
Closed 1 & 2 January 2016
Open 3 & 4 January 12.00pm - 5.00pm
Normal hours resume
Tuesday 5 January 7.00am - 5.00pm

Waimate District Library hours

Closed 25 to 28 December 2015
Open 29 to 31 December 2015 - normal hours
Closed 1 to 4 January 2016
Normal hours resume Tuesday 5 January 2016
Normal hours are:
Monday to Thursday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Resource Recovery Park (RRP)

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day
Open normal hours 27 to 31 December 2015
Closed 1 & 2 January 2016
Normal hours resume 3 January 2016
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 on the normal days throughout the December/January holiday period

Green waste

Tuesday 22 December 2015

Urban collection

Wednesdays 23 & 30 December 2015

Urban collection

Thursdays 24 & 31 December 2015

Rural refuse collection

Tuesday 29 December 2015

CBD collection as normal

Tuesdays 22 & 29 December 2015

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.

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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 17 February 2016.

Waimate District Lakes

Camping Reserves

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

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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.

2016 Waimate District Civic Awards

The search is on for Waimate District's 2016 Civic Award recipients.

These prestigious awards recognise community service in the voluntary sector.

Nominations are being accepted in the following categories:

Adult, Youth and Group or Organisation

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 Thursday 4 February 2016.

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, 2016 Calendar, T-shirts, caps and bags.

Open every day except Christmas and Boxing Days. 75 Queen Street - Ph 03 689 7771 Email; info@waimatedc.govt.nz