

Mayor's Message

Waimate District Community Complex

The Waimate District will finally get its new community complex!

On 3 February Council approved the concept plans and resolved to delegate final approval for any outstanding matters to the Chief Executive and Mayor. In effect this means that Council has no further formal decisions to make on the project.

To provide a complex which brings sport, recreation, social, fitness and community services together is exciting. This complex compliments the ongoing development at nearby Boland Park and shows that the community and Council are working together to improve recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

The fundraising committee will now be out and about around the District so please support them if you can.

Waihao Downs Irrigation Opening

It was very exciting to attend the sod turning ceremony recently of the Waihao Downs Irrigation Company. This is yet another irrigation scheme that will bring benefit to not only the local community

but Waimate as a district. Congratulations to all those involved, and I look forward to following the progress and opening with great anticipation.



Mayor Craig, along with John Kirk (left) and Robin Murphy (right)

Waimate By-Election

Due to the recent resignation of Stuart Thomson, a by-election will be held to fill the extraordinary vacancy for the position of Councillor of the Pareora-Otaio-Makikihi Ward, Waimate District Council. Notice of the by-election is included on this page and on our website www.waimatedc.govt.nz.

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Mayor

Council News

Notice of By-election, Nomination of Candidates and Enrolment Arrangements

Notice is given that a by-election is required to fill an extraordinary vacancy for the position of Councillor for the Pareora-Otaio-Makikihi Ward of the Waimate District Council. The vacancy has arisen from the recent resignation of Cr Stuart Thomson.

Nominations

Nominations for the above position open on Monday 16 February 2015 and must be made on the nomination form available from the Waimate District Council office, 125 Queen Street, Waimate or online at www.waimatedc.govt.nz. Completed nomination documents must be received by the Electoral Officer no later than 12 noon on Monday 16 March 2015. Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 incl GST, payable by internet payment, eftpos, cash or cheque.

Candidates are encouraged to submit a candidate profile statement and recent photograph for sending out to electors with voting documents if an election is required. The requirements for profile statements and photos are set out in a candidate information sheet which is available with the nomination form.

Electoral Roll

Preliminary electoral rolls for the by-election can be inspected during normal operating hours at the Waimate District Council office or the Waimate Library, 125 Queen Street, Waimate, from Monday 16 February to Monday 16 March 2015. Electors may enrol or amend their enrolment details on the residential electoral roll by:

- Calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 36 76 56)
- Visiting the Elections website (www.elections.org.nz)
- Completing an enrolment form available at any NZ Post outlet

Updates to the preliminary electoral roll close at 4pm on Monday 16 March 2015.

Applications for registration as a ratepayer elector are to be made on the nonresident ratepayer elector enrolment form available wherever copies of the electoral roll are displayed or online at www.waimatedc.govt.nz and must be returned to the Electoral Officer before 4pm on Monday 16 March 2015.

Election Details

If an election is required to fill this vacancy, the election will be conducted by postal voting under the First Past the Post electoral system, with the election date being Tuesday 12th May 2015.

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Community Grants Fund

Organisations within the Waimate District are reminded that applications for grants from Council's Community Grants Fund close **Friday 27th February 2015**.

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.

Road Closure To Vehicular Traffic

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Waimate District Council for the purpose of permitting Waimate 50 Motorsport Inc. to hold the NZ Hill Climb Championship event will close the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

Date of Closure Saturday 21 March 2015 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

Centrewood Park Rd, Zig Zag Road from Serpentine Valley Road

Date of Closure Sunday 22 March 2015 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

Tara Hills Road – 2.6km from Serpentine Valley Road end.

Serpentine Valley Rd – 400 metre length from Tara Hills Road

Periodic access available on this section

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 [Any queries contact Lee-Ann Smart on 03 689 0036] - quoting your Name, Address of Property and Valuation Number in the email, it's as easy as that!

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Towards the end of March you may receive a telephone call! Council will be undertaking a Customer Satisfaction Survey. This survey occurs biennially and involves phoning and interviewing a number of our residents. The survey is conducted by an independent company that then compiles the data for Council purposes. If you receive a call please take the time to answer the survey questions. It will only take about 10 minutes of your time

Back to school messages help families 'get ready to get thru'

Hilary Botting, Civil Defence Emergency Management coordinator, says the start of the school year is a great time to start talking to kids about being prepared at school and at home. The Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management have some top Back to School Get Ready tips at www.getthru.govt.nz

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CONCEPT ONLY

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Council's decision allows all parties to move forward with certainty and supports the significant contribution made by members of the Waimate District community throughout the past ten years as they have investigated all options for an improved stadium facility.

External funding applications can now be filed, and the certainty provides the impetus for the myriad of fundraising events which are being planned throughout the community.

This project has always been about having a suitable venue which is being utilised by the community on a daily basis and the certainty of the project now enables us to have meaningful conversations with those parties and ensure

that the facility will be a busy and vibrant asset for the Waimate District.

While the time-line is yet to be confirmed, it is expected that work will begin in July-August this year and will take 8 – 10 months to complete. The first stage of the project will see the erection of that part of the building comprising two sports courts, ablutions, function room, offices, meeting room and the main entrance area. When stage one is fully functional, stage two will commence. This stage sees the demolition of the existing court area, construction of the fitness centre area and ablutions and improvements to the existing squash club social area. The project has been planned in this way to ensure that there will be only minor, if any, interruption to users of the facility during the build process.

What better way to support the ongoing growth and development in the Waimate District!

Waimate District Council Meetings

in the Council Chambers

Council meeting Tuesday 24 February, from 9.30am

Council Committee meetings 17 March 2015, 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

Rates payment due by Friday 27 February.

