

Mayor's Message

Waimate District Civic Awards



Back left to right: Graeme Lane, Robert Todd, Martyn Jensen. Front left to right: Anne McGowan, Lorraine Cousins, Briana Cain, Mayor Craig Rowley
Photographer: Lindsay Willoughby

The annual Waimate District Civic Awards were held last month, where four adults, one youth and one organisation were acknowledged for their outstanding voluntary service to the district. As always there were a good number of worthy nominations, making the final selection a difficult task for the Committee. This year the recipients were treated to a performance from the Waimate Community Choir, led by John Botting, which added to the enjoyment of this event.

Citizenship Ceremony



Occasionally as Mayor, I have the pleasure to take a Citizenship Ceremony, and recently I was very happy to officially welcome a Waimate resident of 35 years, John Guthrie, as a New Zealand Citizen in front of family, friends and Councillors.

Opening of Waihao Downs Irrigation Scheme

I was proud to be at the official opening of the \$32million dollar Waihao Downs project recently. The build of the Waihao Downs Irrigation Scheme has been a great team effort by farmers and shareholders and illustrates the positivity that remains in the rural sector, regardless of the dairy downturn.

Visit by International Plant Propagators Society

Members of the International Plant Propagators Society visited Waimate on Monday as part of their New Zealand Conference 11-day pre tour. The group of around 40 national and international plant enthusiasts from as far afield as Europe and South Africa took a tour of Knottingley Park - one of the South Canterbury's oldest specimen tree parks. The planting of Knottingley Park began in 1878, which now features over 3,000 trees large, small, evergreen, deciduous, both well-known and lesser known.

As was commented by many of the visitors, Knottingley Park is looking stunning at the moment with the trees showcasing the early autumn colours - and I invite you to take the time to visit.



Members of the International Plant Propagators Society with Friends of Knottingley Park

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Mayor Craig Rowley

Council News

Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves Waimate District Council advise campers that all camp facilities will be closed from Sunday 1 May 2016.

All caravans and possessions must be removed by **Sunday 8 May 2016**. Thank you for your patronage and we look forward to seeing you next season.

Community Funding

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

Creative NZ Scheme

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 forms 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 **Wednesday 27 April 2016**.

Heritage Fund

The fund is open to organisations and individuals who undertake heritage preservation and enhancement projects eg. Archaeological sites, buildings and sites with Historic Place classifications, other sites Council consider worthy of assistance, notable and heritage trees.

The fund is \$5,000 per annum. Applications are open throughout the year. For further information contact Donna van der Byl at Information Centre.

Waimate Images Needed.

Waimate Promotions are looking for suitable images of Waimate and district for inclusion in the 2017 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 or emailed to info@waimatedc.govt.nz by **Monday 16 May**.

Waimate Urban Water Supply removal of water conservation measurers

Waimate urban water consumers are advised that the water conservation measures for watering within a set time frame has now been removed.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us get through the dry summer months.



Autumn Preparation

Many of you will have noticed in the recent downpour in Waimate township how quickly things can change. 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. 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!

TENDERS LEASE OF LAND

1 WAIMATE

Waimate District Council invites tenders for the lease of 0.669 ha (more or less) of land situated at 41 Gorge Road described as Part lot 2 DP 301579.

2 ST ANDREWS

Waimate District Council invites tenders for the lease of 3.4 ha (more or less) of land situated on the St Andrews Recreation Reserve described as Part Reserve 4957 BLK XVI Otaio SD BLK IV Patiti SD being the fenced off area at the southern end of the reserve.

All property and tender information is available from the Waimate District Council offices during office hours or contact Sue Kelly at 03 689 0041 or by email sue@waimatedc.govt.nz

Tenders to be in a sealed envelope, endorsed 'Tender for Land', marked either 'WAIMATE or ST ANDREWS' and lodged no later than 4pm on **Friday 6 May 2016** at Waimate District Council offices 125 Queen Street, Waimate 7924.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Sue Kelly
Property and Regulatory Group Manager

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

in the Council Chamber

10 May 2016 Council Meeting & Hearing on Establishment of 'Large Industrials' Category for Rating Purposes

31 May 2016 Environmental Services and Finance, District Infrastructure and Community Services and Development Committee meetings

21 June 2016 Council Meeting

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



In association with the Waimate Community Anzac Group

WAIMATE DISTRICT ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Monday 25 April 2016

7.00am - Waimate Dawn Service Victoria Park Memorial Gates

8.45am - St Andrews Service St Andrews War Memorial

10.00am Waimate Civic Service & Parade Waimate High School Hall

Returned personnel (wearing medals)

are invited to assemble outside the hall at 9.50am

Members of the public are asked to be seated inside the hall by 9.50am

There will be a parade to the Memorial Clock

after the service for laying of wreaths, pausing at the

South African Memorial to honour the fallen

1.30pm - Ted's Bottle Service (Waihao Forks) Waihao Forks Hotel

There will be a gun salute at all Anzac Services

Waimate District Council

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REMINDER...

Last day for 2015/16 Rate Rebate Applications is

Thursday 30 June 2016

