

## Mayor's Message

### Citizenship Ceremonies



From Left: Mayor Rowley, Lee-Ann Mustard, Daniel Kleinhans, Hein Kleinhans and Paul Aubrey.



From left: Gary Woodcock, Pauline Settle, Yohan Kruger, Wihanke Kruger, Wilma Kruger, Wihanel Kruger, Greg O'Brien, and Mayor Rowley.

At our Council meetings on Tuesday 21 June 2016 and 2 August 2016, I had the honour of conducting Citizenship Ceremonies for a number

of people living in our district. Congratulations to Lee-Ann Mustard, Hein and Daniel Kleinhans from South Africa; Paul Aubrey formally of Britain; the South African Kruger family of Johan, Wilma and their daughters Wihanke and Wihanel; British couple Pauline Settle and Gary Woodcock; and Australian Greg O'Brien.

### Japanese Students visit

It was a pleasure again this year to officially welcome the group of 16 students and teachers from Takudai-Ichiko High School in Tokyo to the Waimate District. As I said to the group at the Mayoral welcome, this ongoing cultural relationship with Waimate High School is a win-win for both our countries and I congratulate both schools on their foresight in developing this very important relationship.



Mayoress Lyn Stringer, Mayor Craig Rowley and Teacher Benjamin Sharples with the Japanese students.

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Mayor Craig Rowley

## Council News

### Waitaki And Aviemore Lakes Camping Reserves

opening Saturday 24 September 2016

Set up of camps

**NOT BEFORE SATURDAY 17 September 2016 or site will be cleared**

**All Caravans and Tents left on site during the season MUST have a season ticket displayed at all times or they will be removed.**

Season camping tickets for 2016/2017 camping on the Waimate District Council lakes reserves during the season, are now available at the cost of \$330 each. The tickets are for a single family group consisting of 2 adults and dependents 16 years and under inclusive. Any extra adults attract a charge of \$10.00 per night. This covers all camping service charges for the following camping sites in the Waimate District.

**Fisherman's Bend Reserve, Waitangi Reserve, Te Akatarawa Reserve, Briars Gully and Lakeside Areas**

Tickets are available from the **Waimate District Council**, PO Box 122, Waimate, phone (03) 689 0000 or 0274 392 759, also Waimate Information Centre, Whitehorse Motors and Kurow Auto Services Ltd.

Applications for tickets are required to provide the following information: Name, address & phone number; make, colour and registration number of the vehicles to be used at the camp site, and number of persons in group.

**No reciprocal ticket sales with Waitaki District Council.**

Site camping tickets are available at camp registration booths at each camp site, where payment of \$20.00 per site per night of stay is required. Campers must pay on arrival.

### 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.

### WDC Sports Fund Scheme

The Sports Fund assists with grants for club initiatives, equipment purchase, training programmes, judge's expenses etc.

Application forms and information regarding eligibility and funding are available from the Information Centre, specific enquiries to Donna van der Byl. Information and applications forms can be downloaded from the Council website. **Applications close Wednesday 26 October 2016.**

### Automobile Association (AA)

Visits Waimate the third Wednesday of every other month (**next scheduled visit Wednesday 21st September**) at the Waimate District Council chambers.

Prior to these visits those wishing to apply for drivers licenses, relicensing etc should ring the AA on 03 688 4189 for relevant information and appointment (where necessary).

### Rate rebate information

The Government, following a review of the Scheme's key settings, has further increased the rates rebate thresholds for the 2016/17 rating year.



The following change came into effect from 1 July 2016:

- Income threshold increased from \$24,440 to \$24,470

This means the income threshold for a full rates rebate for the 2016/17 year is \$24,470 and is increased by \$500 for each dependant in the household.

The closing date for 2016/17 rate rebate applications is **30 June 2017**

### Information Sign at Waimate Turnoff

Due to minor vandalism, the Information Sign will be reprinted in time for the 2016/17 Tourism season. This two sided board promotes our region features information on local history, economy, geography, climate, attractions and maps.

### Aviemore And Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves Residential Camp Supervisor Vacancy

Expressions of Interest are invited for the position of Residential Camp Supervisor for the Waimate District Council campsites at Lake Waitaki and Lake Aviemore.

This residential, part time role is available between 16 September 2016 and early May 2017 and includes collection of camp fees, cleaning of camp facilities and general camp site supervision.

**Please send your details by 31 August 2016 to: Dan Mitchell 03-689-0021 email dan@waimatedc.govt.nz**

## Local News

# 2016 Local Body Elections



Key Dates	
16 September 2016 -21 September 2016	Delivery of voting documents
September 2016 - 8 October 2016	Voting period
8 October 2016	Election Day – voting closes at noon
8 October 2016	Preliminary Election results issued (around 3pm)
13 October 2016	Official Declaration of Election Results

For more information please visit the Vote 2016 [www.vote2016.co.nz](http://www.vote2016.co.nz) website.

## What if what never happens.. Happens!!



For a long time discussions around 'Being Prepared' were largely based on the idea that emergencies came in large packages e.g. widespread floods, storms, tsunami, and earthquakes. For many of us these events are so infrequent it doesn't seem real or possible. There is also the idea that forward planning and being prepared takes a lot of time and expense when in actual fact we can prepare ourselves with very little effort and cost.

Consider what are the important things you need to plan for in your family? Possibly

no power, internet, landline or cell phones (because they are flat), no heat for grandma and grandpa! What can you do? That's easy, make a simple plan that works for you, your family and even your neighbours. Visit [www.happens.co.nz](http://www.happens.co.nz) to see Rachel House from Hunt for the Wilderpeople run through some very simple solutions to make planning easy.

**For more information contact Hilary Botting CDEM Coordinator Waimate District Council ph. 689 0000**

## Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

in the Council Chamber

**13 September 9.30am Ordinary Council meeting beginning with Public Forum**

**4 October 9.30am Ordinary Council meeting beginning with Public Forum**

**18 October 9.30am Inaugural Council meeting for New Council**

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](http://www.waimatedc.govt.nz)**

**REMINDER...**  
**Rates payments due Friday 26 August 2016**

