

Mayor's Message

Citizenship Ceremony



From left: Mayor Rowley, Charlotte Worthington, Ugar Ozkan, Frank Fontein, Abdullah Ozkan, Medine Ozkan, Emine Ozkan and Dondu Ozkan

We had the pleasure of conducting our final Citizenship Ceremony for the year on Tuesday 6 December 2016. These British, Turkish and Dutch immigrants spoke fondly of their country of birth, and then commented that they now consider Waimate as being 'home'. Congratulations to all – I hope you will stay in our district for many years to come.

Waimate Information Centre Volunteers Presentation



From left: Dominique Davaux-Guthrie, David Holmes and Bobbie Laurie.

At our final Council meeting on Tuesday 6 December 2016 we also took the opportunity to thank David Holmes and Bobbie Laurie for their valued service over many years as volunteers at the Information Centre. Our third volunteer was Dominique Davaux-Guthrie who unfortunately wasn't able to attend. As I commented at the presentation, our district is enriched by the work of our wonderful volunteers, and this recognition is timely with the nominations now being open for our Waimate District Civic Awards.

Waimate Urban Water Awareness for Summer

As we move into summer activities the day to day usage of water increases, with garden hosing, car/boat washing and fun time for children under the sprinkler.

Council would like you to enjoy these summer past-times and ask that you consider wise water usage and also check your taps, toilet cisterns and hoses are not leaking or left running overnight.

If you do find a leak on your property please repair or contact a plumber.

Past leak detection tests have shown that a large portion of water wastage in the urban area comes from something as simple as leaking taps or pipes on private properties.

If you notice a water leak in the public area such as the berm or roads please ring 03 689 0000

Civil Defence Earthquake & Tsunami Emergency Information

To help our community be prepared for emergencies we have some useful links for you to follow. Most importantly, individuals, families and communities must plan for themselves to get ready and get thru for at least the first 72 hours. To help you do this, please follow this

Waimate District Civic Awards

Nomination forms for the 2017 Waimate District Civic Awards are now available at Council's reception area, Waimate Library and the Information Centre and on our Council website www.waimatedc.govt.nz. These awards recognise voluntary work within our district – and there are three categories, adult or individual, youth and group/organisation and I strongly encourage if you know of someone that has given a significant amount of time to working in our voluntary sector please consider nominating them. **Nominations close 4pm Friday 3 February 2017.**

Summer Fun

While the weather might not be coming to the party as we write this, we are officially in summer and I hope you get time to get out and enjoy our wonderful parks and reserves, playgrounds, walkways, cycleways, waterways and recreation spaces. See our website or call in to the Information Centre for further information about all of these great spaces. While you are enjoying our outdoors please remember that all Council owned or controlled playgrounds, sports grounds, walkways and cycleways are smoke-free. And if Santa is kind enough to put a brand new drone or unmanned aircraft down the chimney please take a look at our Unmanned Aircraft Policy on the Waimate District Council website - www.waimatedc.govt.nz for guidance on where and how you can fly your new gadget safely. Help us keep our district and community, safe, healthy and tidy this summer.



Season's Greetings

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and Council staff, we wish all your readers a peaceful, happy and safe holiday season.

Crowley
Mayor Craig Rowley

link: www.happens.nz. To help in your planning around tsunami risk please follow the below link to Canterbury's tsunami evacuation zones: <http://ecan.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Minimalist/index.html?appid=591062afb6b542abb247cc8d15a64855>

If the earthquake is long or strong be gone from beaches and tsunami evacuation zones including coastal rivers – the earthquake is the warning as any public messaging will not be quick enough in some/most cases. Having said that we do have two public alerting systems which we use depending on nature of event:

1. OPTN text service <http://www.optn.co.nz/civil-defence/> or text WECD to 0061427792934.
 2. Red Cross Hazard App (works on Apple and Android smart phones): <https://www.redcross.org.nz/what-we-do/in-new-zealand/disaster-management/hazard-app/>
- In a national (large scale) event earthquake or tsunami - turn on your radio and listen to Radio NZ National station 101.1 FM & 988 AM. For events in our district listen to Port FM 93.1 FM. Please feel free to get in touch if you require more information. Contact Hilary Botting Civil Defence Emergency Management Coordinator: 03 689 0000

Council News

Waimate District Lakes 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.

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

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 Tuesday 28 February 2017.**

Waimate Information Centre

For the best advice on what there is to see and do in and around Waimate this holiday season. Don't forget our selection of 'Waimate' gift lines including 2017 calendars, T-shirts, bags etc.

Waimate Event Centre

Will be running a number of school holiday activities later in January. These will be advertised in the Waimate Trader on 12th January or contact the Information Centre in January for details.

Waimate Event Centre Official Opening 17 December 2016



Official Opening Ribbon cutting – Natalie Rooney, Billy Guyton and Mayor Craig Rowley

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

in the Council Chamber

31 January 2017 Environmental Services and Finance, District Infrastructure and Community Services and Development Committee, beginning with Public Forum.

21 February 2017 Ordinary Council meeting, beginning with Public Forum

Agendas available for inspection three days prior to the meeting from Councils reception area and website. Public are invited to attend meetings.

Council News

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 Thursday 22 December 2016 re-opening at 8.00am Monday 9 January 2017

Waimate Information Centre and Waimate Event Centre

15 Paul Street, Waimate – Phone 03 689 7771
Closed 25 to 27 December 2016
Open 28 to 31 December 2016
Closed 1 to 3 January 2017

Normal hours resume Wednesday 4 January 2017
December/January hours are: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 10.00am – 2.00pm

The Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Closed 25 to 27 December 2016
Open 28 to 31 December Lane Swimming 10.30am – 11.30am and Public 11.30am – 5.00pm
Closed 1 to 3 January 2017

Open 4 to 8 January Lane Swimming 10.30am – 11.30am and Public 11.30am – 5.00pm
Normal hours resume Monday 9 January 7.00am – 5.00pm

Waimate District Library hours

Closed 25 to 27 December 2016
Open 28 to 31 December 2015 - normal hours
Closed 1 to 3 January 2017
Normal hours resume Wednesday 4 January 2017

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 25 to 27 December 2016
Open normal hours 28 to 31 December 2016
Closed 1 to 3 January 2017
Normal hours resume 4 January 2017

Normal hours are:

Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 4.30pm

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 20 December 2016

Urban collection

Wednesdays 21 & 28 December 2016

Urban collection

Thursdays 22 & 29 December 2016

Rural refuse collection

Tuesday 27 December 2016

CBD collection changed

Wednesday 28 December 2016 & 4 January 2017

Waimate District Council

24 hour phone service

for all enquiries

03 689 0000