

Mayor's Message

Centennial School Visit



Mayor Rowley displays the Waimate T-towel, part of the Citizenship gift. Photo supplied by Centennial School

Centennial School's Piwakawaka class have been learning about the New Zealand Citizenship programme and it was my pleasure to be able to visit the class and discuss what it means to be a New Zealander and the Citizenship Ceremonies that we like other Councils around the country, undertake on behalf of the Department of

Internal Affairs. The class then visited Council on Tuesday 21 June 2016 to see first-hand the Citizenship ceremony in action, and sang a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem for us.

Annual Plan 2016/17

On Tuesday 28 June 2016 Council will be presented with the Annual Plan 2016/17 for adoption. The focus of this Annual Plan is for Council to 'stick to its knitting' or in other words, to maintain and upgrade core Council services. This Annual Plan results in an overall rates increase of 2.84% which demonstrates Council are mindful of keeping its spending at an affordable level for our ratepayers, while balancing the need for continued levels of service for residents. A public copy of the Annual Plan will be available at Council's office after the 28 June 2016 and posted on our Waimate District Council website.

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Mayor Craig Rowley

Council News

2016/2017 Dog Control Fees

Council has set the fees for the registration of dogs within the Waimate District for the 2016/2017 year **WHICH MUST BE PAID BY THE 1 JULY 2016.**

Dog Registration

Fees for the 2016/2017 registration year are as follows (GST inclusive)

Non working dog	\$100.00
Neutered non working dog	\$60.00
Selected owner dog	\$30.00
Working dog	\$30.00
Farm pet dog	\$30.00
Dangerous dog	\$150.00

Penalty

A penalty of 50% of the registration fee shall be imposed for each dog over three months of age, not registered by **2 August 2016.**

All dogs over the age of three months must be registered. If a dog reaches the age of three months after 1 July 2016, the dog control fees will be a proportion of the annual fee.

All dog owners with dogs ordinarily kept within the Waimate District must register with the Waimate District Council.

Dog registration forms will be mailed to all known dog owners in June. If you have not received your registration form by the 25 June, please contact the Council on 03 689 0055 or by email animalcontrol@waimatedc.govt.nz.

Community Funding

Recipients of the latest fund rounds for May were:

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

High School Basketball \$800, High School Netball \$1,595, High School Soccer \$550, Waimate Swords Club \$940, Waimate Rugby Football Club \$1,140

Creative NZ Scheme

Christmas in Park \$1,500, Centennial School \$665, Hunter Women's Institute \$605, High School Art Dept \$3,000

Library Happenings

With the July school holidays fast approaching, Librarian Linda is putting together another fun filled program of events to be held at the Library over the holidays to keep children entertained and warm! Ask staff for details.

New Kerb and Channel

The kerb and channel on the north side of Goldsmith Street has been replaced and pedestrian access to cross the kerb has been improved.

New footpaths on McLean Street in Glenavy and Makikihi Station Road are under construction.

A new footpath in Michael Street adjacent to the Event Centre is also being constructed.

Ian Bennington Walkway – Seddon Square

The Ian Bennington Memorial Walkway from Queen Street through Seddon Square has had new asphalted concrete laid on it. This walkway was in remembrance of 30 years' service by Ian Bennington to Waimate District Council.



New Resident Migrant Packs

The Information Centre has updated their resource kits designed to assist new migrant workers settle into our district. These packs are available from schools or the Information Centre; employers of migrant workers are encouraged to contact the Centre for packs which are distributed free of charge.

Automobile Association (AA)

Visits Waimate the third Wednesday of every other month (next scheduled visit **Wednesday 20 July**) 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).

Donation of Park Bench

Council was pleased to accept a donation from the Waimate Federation of Women's Institute of a park bench for Victoria Park. This was to celebrate 95 years of Women's Institute in New Zealand. The bench has been positioned in front of the animal enclosure.



Local News

Placement of Rural Refuse Bins

For the safety and protection of pedestrians and traffic on the rural roads and the State Highways, Council requires the rural refuse bins to be placed at least one and a half metres off the road. This will allow the truck ample room to pull off to pick up and empty the bin. If the truck is not able to collect the bin in a safe manner, a yellow sticker will be placed on your bin advising of the reason it was not emptied.

Refuse Bin and Recycling Crate Placement

There has been an improvement in the placement of bins and recycle crates on the kerb side for collection. Thank you for your cooperation. Just a friendly reminder that there needs to be an arm's length between the refuse bin and the recycle crate to allow the mechanical arms from the collection truck room to maneuver to pick up the bins



2016 Local Body Elections



Key Dates	
13 July 2016	Public notice of election
15 July 2016	Nominations open/roll open for inspection
12 August 2016	Nominations closes at noon
	Electoral roll closes at 4.30pm
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

Candidate nominations open on 15 July 2016. Local Government NZ have produced a candidate guide outlining important information about standing for local government, how councils work, nomination requirements, common questions, key dates and next steps. For more information please visit the Vote 2016 www.vote2016.co.nz website.

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

in the Council Chamber

Tuesday 28 June 2016 Extra Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 12 July 2016 Committee Meetings

Tuesday 2 August 2016 Ordinary 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