

Mayor's Message

2017 Waimate District Civic Awards Function



Back left to right (standing): Mayor Craig Rowley, Deputy Fire Chief Roger Bell, Ross Hedley, Lyndsay Hossack, Alf Billett, Glen Billett, Chair of the Waimate District Civic Awards Committee Raewyn Francis. Front left to right (sitting): Rochelle Wilson, Denise Campbell, Nancy Dobbie

The annual Waimate District Civic Awards was held at the Waimate Event Centre on Friday 24 March 2017, where a handful of unsung heroes were acknowledged for their community service. Over the last eight years the Waimate District Civic Awards have recognised and thanked 35 individuals, three young people and two groups. In a small district like Waimate our volunteers are important, and without their valued contribution – we'd be a poorer community.

This year Alf & Glen Billett (joint award), Denise Campbell, Nancy Dobbie and Lyndsay Hossack, were chosen as the Civic Award Recipients. This year's Youth Civic Award was presented to Rochelle Wilson. The Waimate District Civic Awards Committee also presented a posthumous award to the family of the late Cheryl Hedley, one of the initial founders of the annual Waimate District Civic Awards, and who they felt in time would have been presented with an award for her own voluntary service in the community. For the second year a local organisation was recognised – and Deputy Fire Chief Roger Bell was presented with this award on behalf of the Waimate Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Waimate's Popular Park gets Arboretum Status

The Waimate District Council have given the green light for Knottingley Park to be registered as an Arboretum and in future known as 'Knottingley Park and Arboretum'. The proposal, initiated by the 'Friends of Knottingley Park' group had full support of Council at the meeting on 4 April 2017.

This new name will better reflect the type of park Knottingley is, and recognise the age and uniqueness of this 'Jewel in the Crown' of Waimate parks.

The 34 hectare Knottingley Park was developed in 1854 as a native reserve – making it one of the oldest parks in New Zealand. In 1874 it became the Waimate Park Reserve - and planting started 1878; by 1890 there were 8,400 trees planted. Development has continued up to the present day with substantial input since 1994 from 'Friends of Knottingley Park'.

I commend the 'Friends of Knottingley Park' on their work helping Council keep this facility such a beautiful and peaceful place to enjoy.

Skate Park is vested to Council

Work is underway to change ownership of Waimate's popular Skate Park at Boland Park. At the 4 April 2017 Council meeting, there was unanimous support for Council to take over the three year old facility from the Waimate District Resource Trust who initially fundraised and built the park for the community.

Funds of just over \$7,000 associated with the Skate Park will also be transferred to Council as part of the asset vesting, which will cover the financial requirements such as maintenance and insurance of the asset for the coming financial years.

I believe it makes sense for Council to absorb this great facility, as the cost of health & safety inspections is already borne by Council and the asset rests on Council land. I applaud the work of the Trust for developing such a great community asset; it is great to be able to retain this wonderful Skate Park for our current and future young people.

White Horse Big Easy

I would like to congratulate the organising team of the White Horse Big Easy Event for a very successful inaugural event held on Sunday 9 April 2017. The massive amount of promotion certainly paid off with over 100 participants signing up for the event on the day making 460 participants and an amount of \$14,000 being raised by the 20 challenge teams alone.

The funds raised will go out to selected charities as well as further developing the tracks around the district – and it was great to see other community groups and schools taking the opportunity to also participate in selling food and other items on the day.

I'm aware that there were also a number of people who came forward and made themselves available as marshals on the day so thank you – I look forward to next year's event.

Mayor Craig Rowley

Council News

Waimate Event Centre School Holiday Programme

Thursday April 20
10am - 12pm Rock Climbing (Over 9 yrs) \$4pp
Parent/guardian to attend.

Friday April 21
10am - 12pm Skating \$2 pp
12pm - 4pm Netball Mainland Schools Skills programme \$10pp. Places Limited. Must register to attend www.sporty.co.nz/netballmainland

Monday April 24
10am - 12pm Skating \$2pp
2pm - 4pm Rock Climbing (Age 5-9) \$4pp
Parent/guardian to attend

Wednesday April 26
10am - 12pm Hoops, Table Tennis \$2pp
2pm - 4pm 'Invasion Games' with Raewyn \$2pp

Thursday April 27
10am - 12pm Rock Climbing (Over 9 yrs)
Parent/guardian to attend

Friday April 28
10am - 12pm Skating \$2pp
2pm - 4pm Hoops, table tennis \$2pp.

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.

WDC Sports Fund Scheme

Due to an excess of funding left from the previous grant round October 2016 this scheme is now open for application.

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

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 **3 May 2017**.

Waimate Images Needed

Waimate Promotions are looking for suitable images of Waimate and district for inclusion in the 2018 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 3000x3000). Disks should be left at the Information Centre or emailed to info@waimatedc.govt.nz by **Monday 15 May**.

Council News

Rating Information Database

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 28 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that the Rating Information Database for the Waimate District is available for public inspection.

Inspection can be made by all members of the public, without fee, during office hours (8.00am to 4.30pm – Monday to Friday) at the Local Government Centre, Queen Street, Waimate.

The Rating Information Database (RID) is a list of information that is used to set and assess rates on a particular rating unit by Waimate District Council and Environment Canterbury.

Owner Information Withheld From Rating Information Database, On Request

Pursuant to Section 28C of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 an owner whose particulars are included on the Waimate District Council Rating Information Database (RID) may request the local authority to withhold his or her name or postal address (or both) from the database.

An owner who makes a request to withhold information must make the request in writing to Waimate District Council, PO Box 122, Waimate.

Refuse and Recycling Reminders

- Please have an arm's length distance between your refuse bin and recycle crate to allow room for the driver of the collection truck to manoeuvre the bin lifters.
- Fruit juice and milk cartons go in the refuse bin.
- Napkins go in the refuse bin.
- Yogurt containers rinsed out go in the recycle crate.
- Soft plastic like bread bags, supermarket bags and potato chip and snack bags go in the refuse bin.
- Hard plastic like ice-cream containers, drink bottles and shampoo bottles rinsed out can go in the recycle crate.

If you are unsure there is a Ready Reference brochure that can be downloaded from the Council website or collect one from the Council front office.

Emergencies never happen? Yeah right!

As our North Island neighbours experience the effects of heavy rain across their regions it is timely to consider what you and your family would do in a similar situation. Who would you go and stay with if you had to evacuate your home? What belongings would you take with you? What would you do with your pets? How would you 'prepare' your home in case it was inundated with floodwaters? How would you let your loved ones know what your plans were? To find out more about hazards in the Waimate district please visit www.waimatedc.govt.nz/service/gis-mapping-on-line - click on the layers icon to activate different levels of information. Finally, for guidance on Getting Ready for an emergency visit www.happens.nz/

For more information contact: Hilary Botting, Waimate District Council Civil Defence Emergency Management Coordinator on (03) 689 0000

Upcoming Meetings

Tues 2 May, from 9.30am - Waimate District Council Standing Committee meetings in the Council Chamber

Tues 23 May, from 9.30am - Waimate District Council Ordinary Council Meeting in the Council Chamber

Weds 17 May, 1.00pm - Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee meeting at the Event Centre

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 03 689 0038

In association with the Waimate Community Anzac Group

WAIMATE DISTRICT ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Tuesday 25 April 2017

6.30am – Hakatamea Dawn Service - Hakatamea Cenotaph

7.00am – Waimate Dawn Service & Gun Salute - Victoria Park Memorial Gates

8.00am – Southburn Service - Southburn War Memorial

8.45am – St Andrews Service & Gun Salute - St Andrews War Memorial

10.00am – Waimate Civic Service & Gun Salute - Waimate Event Centre

Returned Personnel (wearing medals) are invited to assemble outside the Waimate Event Centre at 9.50am. Members of the public are asked to be seated inside the Waimate Event Centre by 9.50am. There will be a parade to the Memorial Clock after the service for the laying of wreaths.

1.30pm – Ted's Bottle Service (Waihao Forks) & Gun Salute - Waihao Forks Hotel

Waimate District Council

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Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves

The Council wishes to advise campers that all camp facilities will be closed from Sunday 7 May 2017

All caravans must be removed & all sites totally cleared by Sunday 14 May 2017

