

Mayor's Message

Salvation Army Children's Christmas Gift Collection

Mayoress Lyn and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community for this initiative. The massive collection of toys that have been brought to Council have been packed into boxes and taken to the Waimate Salvation Army headquarters for distribution to selected families in the Waimate District. On behalf of Lyn, I thank you for your kindness for those less fortunate, it just shows what a caring community we live in.



Mayoress Lyn Stringer and Salvation Army Lieutenant Jacob Howan take a few moments to admire some of the donated gifts under the Waimate District Council Christmas tree

Citizenship Ceremony



Recently I had the pleasure of conducting the Citizenship Ceremony of Laney Stanistreet (British) and Ionut Apafi (Romanian). The ceremony was made even more special with the appearance of the Waimate High School's Kapa Haka group who performed a Waiata and led us in the National Anthem. Both of these new citizens are already well settled into our community. I congratulate them on their decision to become New Zealand citizens.

Season's Greetings

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

Crowley
Mayor Craig Rowley

Council News

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

At this time of the year council's regulatory department is continually writing to the Waimate property owners who do not care about long grass, untended sections and overgrown vegetation. We have to repeatedly explain the potential fire and health risks which these matters bring with them. This is not only bad for the local environment and neighbouring properties, but they have a tendency to be the properties noticed by visitors to the town.

Please! If you live in one of these properties get the family to give you a hand over the holidays and tidy your section up – you will get a lot of satisfaction from your efforts and positive comments from those living nearby.

Or if you live out of town and own a Waimate property, come and have a look at it over the holidays and see if it really is a property you would be happy living next to – or if it needs a bit of work.

On the other hand - just recently we have been impressed by some particular properties where improvements have been made and sections which were once a problem have become a credit to property owners as a result of their hard work. This has prompted us to think about the fact that we are often remiss in thanking those property owners who do make the effort to keep the town looking good.

The whole community benefits from having neat and tidy properties in the town. Well-tended properties show that residents take pride in their surroundings and in being residents of Waimate. They make it really enjoyable for anyone looking around the town on these warm and sunny days and are a drawcard for potential newcomers. These well-tended properties also contribute to keeping our town safe from both the health and crime perspectives.

So, to all of you who do put in the effort to keep your property visually attractive we offer a big thank you! Let's hope that the weather is kind to you gardeners and painters this summer, and that you are able to make the most of your time outside.

Have a happy, safe and productive festive season from the Regulatory Department, Waimate District Council

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 organizations except those qualifying for grants under the Sports and Rural Travel Fund Schemes and the Creative Communities New Zealand Arts Funding Scheme.

Further information and application forms are available from the Waimate Information Centre, phone 03 689 7771 or can be downloaded from the Council website.

Applications close on 28 February 2018.

Upcoming Meetings

(held in the Council Chamber unless stated otherwise)

Community Services and Development Committee, Environmental Services and Finance, District Infrastructure – 30 January 2018, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am

Ordinary Council – 20 February 2018, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am

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

If you require assistance or further details, please contact Karalyn 03 689 0038



Christmas/New Year Hours for Waimate District Council Services

The Waimate District Council Local Government Centre

will be closed over the holiday period from 3pm Friday 22 December 2017

re-opening at 8am Monday 8 January 2018

Waimate Information Centre and Waimate Event Centre

15 Paul Street, Waimate – Phone 03 689 7771 will be closed at 3pm Friday 22 December

Open Saturday 23 December 10am to 2pm

Closed Sunday 24 to Tuesday 26 December

Open Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 December

Closed Sunday 31 December to

Tuesday 2 January 2018

Normal hours resume Wednesday 3 January 2018

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Saturday 10am – 2pm

Waimate District Library hours

will be closed at 3pm Friday 22 December 2017

Open Saturday 23 December from 10am to 1pm

Closed Sunday 24 to Tuesday 26 December

Open Wednesday 27 December to Saturday

30th December - normal hours

Closed Sunday 31 December 2017 to

Tuesday 2 January 2018

Normal hours resume Wednesday 3 January 2018

Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm

Friday 9am – 6pm

Saturday 10am – 1pm

Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Closed Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December

Open Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 December

Lane Swimming 10.30am – 11.30am

and Public 11.30am – 5pm

Open Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 December

11.30am to 5pm

Closed Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 January 2018

Open Wednesday 3 to Friday 5 January

Lane Swimming 10.30am – 11.30am

and Public 11.30am – 5pm

Open Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 January 2018

11.30am to 5pm

Normal hours resume Monday 8 January 2018

7am – 5pm

Resource Recovery Park (RRP)

Closed Monday 25 to Tuesday 26 December

Open normal hours Wednesday 27 to

Sunday 31 December

Closed Monday 1st January to Tuesday 2nd

January 2018

Normal hours resume Wednesday 3 January 2018

Normal hours are:

Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 4.30pm

Sunday 12pm – 4.30pm

Refuse and Recycling Collections

All domestic refuse/recycling collections occur

on the normal days throughout the

December/January holiday period except

Central Business District collection **changed**

Wednesday 27 December 2017 &

Wednesday 3 January 2018



Council News

Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves 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 the 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

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.

Event Centre School Holiday Activities

Will run from 15 January to 26 January 2018.

Over this two week period the following activities will be available; wall climbing, face painting, skating, classic board games, fencing, story time with Ann, indoor cricket coaching.

Dates, times and costs will be advertised 11 January in the Waimate Trader, District Council website and Facebook pages and available from The Event Centre and Library.

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 2018 calendars, T-shirts, bags etc.

Dogs Die In Hot Cars NEVER Leave Your Dog Alone In Your Vehicle

Time	Temperature Outside The Car/Caravan			
	21.0°C	24.0°C	26.0°C	29.0°C
10 Minutes	31.6°C	34.4°C	37.0°C	40.0°C
20 Minutes	37.0°C	40.0°C	43.0°C	45.5°C
30 Minutes	40.0°C	43.0°C	45.5°C	48.3°C

It Only Takes A Few Minutes For The Inside Of Your Vehicle To Reach Killer Temperatures
The Temperature Inside Your Vehicle Will Rise Even If You Park In The Shade Or The Day Is Cloudy

Waimate District Council

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REMINDER...
REFUSE BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION CENTRE

