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WDC Community Grants Fund
Waimate District Council invites applications for financial assistance from clubs and organisations within the Waimate district. This 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
Closes 28 February 2018.

Creative Communities NZ Arts Funding Scheme
The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for arts and cultural activities within the Waimate district to groups, organisations and individuals. **Opens 1 April closes 30 April 2018.**

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. **Opens 1 April closes 30 April 2018.**

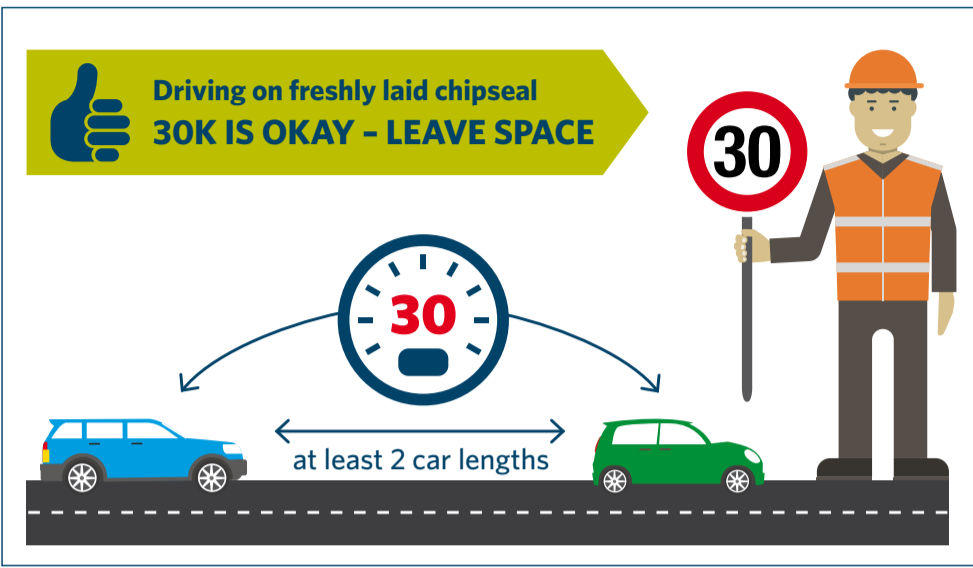
WDC Sports Fund Grant Scheme
This sports fund assists with grants for coach

or volunteer training, purchase of equipment (excluding uniforms), regional sports trusts to deliver programmes, training courses and community sporting events and to assist with outside expertise such as judges etc. **Opens 1 April closes 30 April 2018.**

Heritage Fund
The fund is open to organisations and individuals who undertake heritage preservation and enhancement projects. For example, archaeological sites, buildings and sites with Historic Place classifications, other sites Council consider worthy of assistance and notable and heritage trees. **Applications are open throughout the year.**

Application forms and information regarding eligibility and funding are available from the Council with specific enquiries to the Grant Administrator at the Information Centre, phone 03 689 7771. Information and applications forms can be downloaded from the Council website.

Please note: Accountability forms for previous funding must have been completed before applications are considered.



Resealing
Our summer road resealing programme work is underway.

Council aims to minimise inconvenience for residents where possible, and respectfully asks you to be patient and follow any directions from the contractor's staff on site.

How to drive on freshly laid chipseal

It can be unnerving to travel over freshly laid chipseal and hear loose chips rattling under the car. However, the instinct to drive either too slow or too fast will not do your vehicle, other people's vehicles, or the road any good.

To drive safely on chipseal that has just been laid, we ask drivers to:

- **Get ready:** Slow down to the posted temporary speed limit BEFORE you reach the new chipseal.
- **Leave space:** Allow an extra car's length distance to develop between your car and the vehicle in front.

- **30k is okay:** Drive steadily at the temporary speed limit – usually 30kph the first day, 50kph in the next 2 days.

- **Avoid braking:** Don't ride the brakes and avoid getting so close to the next car that you have to brake suddenly. Tap the brakes lightly but only if you have to.

- **Be patient:** Don't pick up speed until after you have passed out of the coned zone.

If everyone applies these measures, it reduces the likelihood of damage to paintwork and windscreens.

Vehicles travelling at the temporary speed limit help press the new chip into the seal – a process called trafficking.

In the following days, as the chip continues to settle into the seal, the temporary speed limit will be raised to 50kph, then back to normal. Road sweepers will regularly remove excess chip from the road through this period.

Upcoming Meetings

(held in the Council Chamber unless stated otherwise)

Audit and Risk Committee – Monday 12 March 2018, beginning at 9.00am

Community Services and Development Committee, District Infrastructure, Environmental Services and Finance – Tuesday 13 March 2018, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee – Wednesday 14 March 2018 beginning at 1.00pm at the Waimate Event Centre

Ordinary Council – Tuesday 10 April 2018, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am

Community Services and Development Committee, District Infrastructure, Environmental Services and Finance – Tuesday 1 May 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

If you live in Canterbury, you'll want to read this

It's Long-Term Plan time for Canterbury: Across the region all the councils are preparing plans for 2018-28 – and these plans need community input to help make sure they will deliver what the people of Canterbury actually want.

You will see information in your letter box and local media about two different plans.

- One from the council for the district you live in eg Waimate, MacKenzie or Timaru. This is your 'territorial authority' and it is the council that provides services for your area eg libraries, footpaths, rubbish collections and water.
- The other plan you will see is from Environment Canterbury (the regional council), that acts across Canterbury to look after regionwide issues such as air quality, freshwater quality, natural hazards and the buses.

All property owners in Canterbury pay rates to both the local territorial authority and Environment Canterbury, through the territorial authority rates bill. Both the plans for where you live have consultation documents available from March and feedback is invited from all members of the community on both plans. To find out more visit the website of your council and Environment Canterbury.

