

# NEWSLINE

APRIL 2019

## MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

Last month I talked about the Economic Development Strategy and the action plans that have been written. I'm pleased to announce that the Steering Group has now been appointed and we're looking forward to the action plans being brought to life.

Economic development is critical for the district's long term prosperity and the wellbeing of our community. The Steering Group, through formalised Terms of Reference, will have authority to co-opt additional representatives and partner agencies for specific items, will commit expenditure within agreed plans and budgets and will make recommendations on the actions to Council.

The members of the Steering Group are:

- Ian Moore (Chairman)
- Cr Peter Collins
- Michelle Jones (Council's Executive Support Manager)
- Chris Paul
- Cr Jakki Guilford
- Mandy Tangney
- Cr Miriam Morton

## THE RULES WE MUST OBEY!

In the heady world of regulation, Councils across the country set rules, often under government legislation, that are known as bylaws.

Contrary to popular opinion, they're not designed to put roadblocks in the way of progress and development but to safeguard our community against unpleasant or dangerous acts and anti-social behaviour.

We've recently updated our Consolidated Bylaw of which there are 17 chapters (each chapter representing a particular activity). Following a period of consulting with you, the community, we've changed a few things so that our rules are up-to-date and relevant.

The most significant change has been to speed limits on some of our roads. We've also made some small changes to other chapters to make them easier to understand and interpret. Read the full bylaw at [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz).

## 2019 CIVIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2019 Civic Award recipients **John Begg** (Individual), **Janice Mehrstens** (Individual), **Friends of Knottingley Park** (Group/Organisation), **Catherine Nichol** (Youth) and **Sandra Coles** (Individual).



From left: Raewyn Francis (Chair of the Waimate District Civic Awards Committee), John Begg, Janice Mehrstens, Mayor Craig Rowley, Mavis Andrew, Catherine Nichol, and Sandra Coles.

## IN BRIEF

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Apply now for funding of community and sporting projects, arts and cultural activities, and travel subsidies to sporting events. Go to [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz) for more information and application forms. **Applications close 5pm Tuesday 30 April 2019.**

## ROADS ... WE CAN FIX THAT!

As the summer months slowly disappear, take a look around the district to see the number of roads that have been resealed. It's work that is done over summer when the weather is at its best and new chip seal has time to settle in before winter.

In total, 40km of roads have been resealed, including particular sections of the roads below:

- Paereora River Road
- Pareora Gorge Road
- Gordons Valley Road
- Lyalldale Middle Road
- Woolshed Valley Road
- Horseshoe Bend Road
- Hook Swamp Road
- Allan Street
- Manchesters Road
- King Street
- Princes Street
- Rhodes Street
- Waikakahi Valley Road
- Morven streets
- Stokes Road
- Te Akatarawa Road (partial)

## BUT WAIT ... THERE'S MORE!

Safety improvements have been made on **Patersons Road** (the culvert has been extended, the road widened and trees removed to improve visibility).

We've also widened the seal on **Lower Hook Road** from Youngs Road to Wilson Road ... about 1.2kms and completed 400m of pavement rebuild.

## MANSE STREET UPGRADE

This major project, worth \$800,000, is complete. Over the last few months we've constructed new footpaths, kerb and channel (gutters) on Manse Street from Edinburgh Street to Shearman Street including several intersections. On the face of it, this looks like a roading project, whereas, it's actually a stormwater project with a new system being installed with an expected lifespan of 100+ years.



Resealing Rhodes Street

## TAKE A STAND, YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

Are you thinking about standing for Council this year but have some questions? We've written some useful FAQs you might find useful. If you'd like to see them all in one hit go to [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz).

### Is being a councillor a full-time job?

Mayoral duties are often classed as similar to full-time positions, however, being a councillor is not a full-time job. We try to give councillors all the information well in advance of the meeting.

