

WAIMATE DISTRICT NEWSLINE



FEBRUARY 2019

THE YEAR AHEAD



Mayor Craig Rowley

Happy New Year (even though it's now February)! I hope you were able to enjoy some downtime over the Christmas period with family and friends.

We'll see plenty of things happening this year, one of which will be the local body (government) elections in October.

It may feel a long way off but the time will fly and now's a good time to think about standing! Do you care about your community? Do you want to make a difference? Do you have ideas on how we can make Waimate District even better than it is now? If these are important for you, then why not

consider running for Council.

I'd be very happy to talk to you about being an elected member and you're also welcome to contact a councillor if you'd like some inside knowledge.

It might seem like a daunting task (or even a bureaucratic minefield!) but once you learn the ropes you'll soon discover the influence you have when making decisions that have an impact on our community.

Give it some thought and contact me or another councillor for further information. You're also welcome to attend a Council meeting as this will give you some idea of what to expect.

If that isn't your cup of tea, don't forget to vote come October! It's an important role as all of us have a stake in how our community is run.

A STRAIGHT FLUSH



New milliscreen for the waste water treatment plant

When we flush our toilets we expect to see clear water (quite rightly so!) but this doesn't happen by magic. Our Waste Water team work behind the scenes to make sure all the right things happen when they're supposed to happen.

At the treatment plant some new equipment has been installed – a new milliscreen, aerator and a communications cable so we can monitor dissolved oxygen.

All pretty technical stuff but it means we have a well functioning sewerage system that properly treats our waste.

You can play a part as well – make sure you only flush the three Ps: pee, poo and (toilet) paper. Wet wipes (even if they're labelled 'flushable') are rubbish, they don't break down like toilet paper when flushed!

MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber unless stated otherwise.

Waikakahi Rural Water Supply

3.30pm, Tuesday 12 February 2019

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee

1pm, Wednesday 13 February 2019 at Waihao Marae

Council Meeting

9.30am, 19 February 2019 (with public forum)

Waimate District Council Appeal Panel

3.3pm, Tuesday 12 March 2019

Public Forums

Have something you'd like to raise with Council? Every Council meeting has a public forum for you to do this. **Please contact** Committee Secretary Karalyn Reid on 03 689 0038 or karalyn@waimatedc.govt.nz to make suitable arrangements.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

New carparking on Slee Street, Waimate outside the new medical centre has been created for people with disabilities.

We've noticed, however, some cars aren't parking as close to the 'stoppers' (see red circle in the photo below) as they could. This can mean that cars may be too far out onto the road and could potentially be a hazard for other traffic and pedestrians. New road marking will soon be painted which will make parking a lot easier.

In the meantime, coming forward until your front wheels touch the stopper won't hinder anyone on the footpath – it's nice and wide with plenty of room for pedestrians.



SLOW DOWN!



That's the message for motorists driving through Glenavy and some new technology is being installed to remind us we should be travelling no faster than 70km/hr.

Known as Variable Speed Display signs, they display a car's travelling speed and if over the speed limit, will flash a reminder to slow down.

We all need to play our part in keeping our roads safe so remember to slow down in Glenavy!

A HEADS UP

In preparation for the heating upgrade of the Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool, a trench will be dug to lay the power cable from the electricity transformer on John Street (near the fire station), across Boland Park to the swimming pool. This work is expected to only take a day and be completed by the end of February.

IN BRIEF

FUNDING: Two funds will soon open for applications – the **Heritage Fund** and the **Track Development Fund**.

If you have a project that you believe could fit the criteria visit www.waimatedc.govt.nz/community/grants for more information including eligibility and application forms.

Applications for both funds open on **Thursday 28 February 2019** and close **Tuesday 19 March 2019**.

RATES: Next rates instalment (Instalment #3) is due **Friday 22 February 2019**.