



New CEO brings wealth of experience

Waimate District Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Tanya Winter as its new Chief Executive.

The appointment followed a comprehensive recruitment process. Council received 43 applications from across New Zealand, with the full Council interviewing three shortlisted candidates.

Mayor Craig Rowley says Council was looking for a leader with a proven track record in the local government sector and a strong understanding of rural issues.

"We are excited to announce Tanya's appointment. She has the experience, leadership skills and understanding of local government needed to guide the organisation through a period of significant change."

"Her strong focus on people, relationships and the community will be a real asset, and we look forward to welcoming Tanya to our wonderful district and to the Council team."

Tanya is currently Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council, where she has led the organisation since 2019. She brings extensive local government leadership experience, having previously served as Chief Executive of Westland District Council and held senior leadership roles at Otago Regional Council, Hastings District Council and Waitaki District Council.



Tanya says she is looking forward to taking up the role and getting to know the Waimate community.

"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to join Waimate District Council and work alongside the Mayor, elected members, staff and the community."

"One of the things that attracted me to Waimate is its strong sense of identity and community. I'm looking forward to getting out and about, meeting people, listening, learning and understanding what matters most to the people who call this district home. Councils are going through a period of significant change, but through that change we can't lose sight of what really matters: serving our communities well."

Tanya will start her new role on 25 January 2027, succeeding Stuart Duncan who retired on 25 September 2026 after nearly a decade leading the Council.

Mayor Rowley also extends his gratitude to Council's Interim Chief Executive, Dylan Murray, for leading the organisation during the transition.

Local heroes celebrated

On Wednesday 14 October 2026, this year's Civic Awards celebrated the contribution of volunteers across the district.

Jim Anderson, Barbara Mewburn, Hermien Van'T Klooster and Pauline Habershon were recognised under the Individual Category, Macey Kate Guyton for the Youth Category, and the Waimate Community Vehicle Trust for the Group/Organisation Category.

The awards ceremony was the 17th held by Council, and it is a tradition that Mayor Craig Rowley is proud of. One thing united the winners on the night: they all showed humility and thanked those who supported their work or worked alongside them.

"It's important to recognise the dedicated people in our communities who make things tick," says Mayor Rowley. "From volunteers who organise events, to those helping staff our ambulance and fire engines, to those driving our community vehicle service, supporting older residents or running our clubs and organisations."

"While we've recognised a handful formally through these prestigious awards, we know there are many more deserving individuals who are the heartbeat of our communities. Our thanks go out to all those helping ensure the Waimate District is a great place to live and thrive."



L-R: Hermien Van'T Klooster; Macey Kate Guyton; Barbara Mewburn; Mayor Craig Rowley; Jim Anderson; Miles Jenkins for Waimate Community Vehicle Trust; Pauline Habershon.

Pool opens 27 October

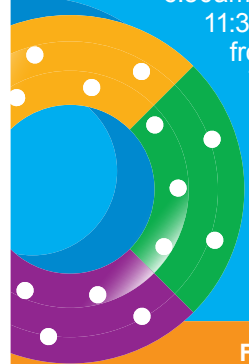
Those looking forward to a dip in the Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool have only days to wait. The pool opens at 6:30am on Tuesday 27 October.

Final preparations are underway, with our new lifeguards completing their training this week. The car park opposite the fire station has been extended, levelled and gravelled and the fence on the Queen Street side has been replaced in readiness for a new Bill Scott mural.

Heated to a pleasant 24°C to 29°C, the six-lane open-air pool is open from 6:30am to 1:30pm and 3pm to 5pm from Monday to Friday and 11:30am to 5pm on weekends. Lane swimming is available daily from 7am to 10am and aqua-aerobics classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 9:45am.

Adults pay \$7 per swim and \$170 for a season ticket, while children pay \$4 per swim and \$85 for a season ticket, with no charge for preschoolers. SuperGold cardholders pay \$3.50 per swim and \$85 for a season ticket. The season runs through to Sunday 14 March 2027.

For more information, visit waimatedc.govt.nz/swimmingpool





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About the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy

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