

## Mayor's Message

### 2013 Civic Awards Recipients

The Waimate District Civic Awards 2013 were held at the Council Chambers last month to recognise four of the district's outstanding volunteers. This year we had the highest ever number of nominations, and our committee had an extremely difficult time to select just four recipients.



This year's recipients were **Christine Bailey, Barry Morgan, Steve Venrooy and David White.**

### Clean Air

At last week's Council Workshop, we had an interesting presentation from Environment Canterbury on Waimate's Air Quality, where we discussed ways of bringing down the number of 'high pollution days' we experience over the winter months.

EC staff explained that Waimate needs to have three or less days of high pollution (over the 50 PM10 exceedance set by the World Health Organisation) by 2016, and one or less by 2020. Waimate had 11 high pollution days in 2012, with an average of 9 over the past five years.

Environment Canterbury staff are keen to work with our community on a non-regulated approach, such as an education programme to only burn dry wood, not burning treated timber

or rubbish will be the approach to reduce emissions.

### Skatepark



Mayor John Coles, Skate Park Committee Chairman Steve Napper, and Skate Park Committee Member Matt Henderson

Contractors are progressing well with the construction of the new \$140,000 Skate Park situated on Boland Park. Grants have come from Waimate District Council, Aoraki Foundation, individuals and through fundraising.

### Anzac Day

Council are pleased to assist the RSA again this year with Anzac Services at Waimate and St Andrews, and encourage the community to come and celebrate this important day around the district. See our advertisement for times and venues.

### Council Meetings / Public Forum

We have changed our Public Forum time to 9am as from the April Council Meeting. We hope by doing this, it will encourage those coming to speak to Council to stay and sit in on our meetings. Our monthly Council Meetings are open to the public and a good way to find out what is happening at Council, especially for those thinking of standing at the upcoming Local Body elections in October.

John Coles  
Mayor

## Council News

### Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves

The Council wishes to advise campers that camp facilities at:

FISHERMANS BEND, WAITANGI, TE AKATARAWA, BRIAR GULLY RESERVES

**CLOSE Sunday 5th May 2013**

**All caravans are required to be removed by Sunday 19 May 2013.**

### Permanent Boil Water Notice Cannington – Motukaika Waihaorunga

A Permanent Boil Water Notice – effective immediately – has been issued for both the Waihaorunga and Cannington – Motukaika Rural Water Schemes. The associated Committees and Council met recently and in consideration to both the remoteness of the schemes, the current weekly water monitoring programmes and costs associated with water testing it is considered prudent to protect consumers by means of this notice. Both schemes are in the process of assessing upgrade options to comply with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards 2005 (Revised 2008) and until such time as to the implementation of real-time monitoring of the schemes, or the selection of an appropriate way forward, this notice will remain in place indefinitely.

There will be no operational changes to the scheme and Council will continue to test the scheme on a weekly basis.

### Community Funding

Waimate District Council invites applications for financial assistance from clubs and organisations within the Waimate District.

### Creative Communities NZ Scheme

The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for arts and cultural activities within the Waimate district to groups, organisations and individuals.

### 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.

Application forms and information regarding eligibility and funding are available from the Information Centre with specific enquiries to Lee-Ann Smart. Can also be downloaded from the Council website.

**Applications close on 1st May 2013**

### Heritage Fund

The fund is open to organisations and individuals who undertake heritage preservation and enhancement projects eg. Archaeological sites, buildings and sites with Historic Place classifications, other sites Council consider worthy of assistance, notable and heritage trees.

The fund is \$5,000 per annum. Applications are open throughout the year.

For further information contact Lee-Ann Smart at Information Centre.

### Library Happenings

#### School Holiday Programme

The usual round of fun holiday time activities will take place at the Library. Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings from 10.00am children will be able to enjoy storytime followed by activities including colouring competitions. Watch out for Zeus the library dog who be along at the storytime to listen in.

### Rates Rebate 2012/13



You may be eligible to have up to **\$590** credited to your Waimate District Council rating account as part of the Government's Rate Rebate Scheme if:

- You are the legal ratepayer for the property that was your home on 1 July 2012 and your name is on the rates bill;
- You were living at the property as at 1 July 2012;
- Your income is low.

The amount of rebate depends on a combination of your income, the amount of (Waimate District Council) rates you are charged, and the number of dependants you have. Applications must be made each rating year (1 July – 30 June). The maximum rebate is \$590.

**For more information call the Waimate District Council 03 689 0036 or visit [www.ratesrebates.govt.nz](http://www.ratesrebates.govt.nz)**



### WAIMATE ANZAC DAY SERVICES

**Thursday 25 April 2013**

#### 7.00am Dawn Service:

Victoria Park Memorial Gates  
(There will be a Firing Party at this service)

#### 8.45am St Andrews

at War Memorial

#### 10.00am Main Service

at Waimate High School Hall

Returned personnel are invited to meet

outside at 9.50am. Medals to be worn.

Public are asked to be seated by 9.50am.

Parade to Memorial Clock after the service for laying of wreaths.

#### 1.30pm Waihao Forks Hotel

Ted's Bottle

*R. Bailey, President*

## Local News

### Glenavy Welcomes Replacement Fire Tanker



Rob Hands looks on as Glenavy Fire Chief Bevan Joyce accepts the replacement Fire Tanker from Waimate Mayor John Coles.

At a recent function Mayor John Coles officially handed over a replacement Fire Tanker to the Glenavy Fire Station.

The Tanker replaces the Council's 15 year old Tanker, and has been provided by the Waimate District Council.

The new Tanker, which holds 6,000 litres of

water, has its own pumping equipment, and is full and ready to go at a moment's notice.

The Glenavy Fire Station has been operating since 1974, and carries out on average about 50 call-outs per year, consisting of fires, MVA's, and medical emergencies. There are currently 21 members of the Glenavy Volunteer Fire Brigade, including two women.

### Automobile Association (AA)

Visits Waimate the third Wednesday of every other month (next scheduled visit **Wednesday 22nd May**) at the Waimate District Council Chambers.

Prior to these visits those wishing to apply for drivers licenses, relicensing etc should ring the AA on 0800 822 422 for relevant information and appointment (where necessary).

### Business Owners - Do you Need Advice?

Business specialist Fiona Stevens from Aoraki Development Trust will be at the Waimate District Council on **Tuesday 7th May** and **Tuesday 4th June**. For an appointment phone **Fiona 03 687 2739**

### Waimate District Council Meetings

in the Council Chambers

- Council Meeting Tuesday 21 May, beginning with the Public Forum at 9am
- Council Meeting Tuesday 18 June, beginning with the Public Forum at 9am
- Council Meeting Tuesday 16 July, beginning with the Public Forum at 9am

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

If you require assistance or further details, please contact Karalyn ext 838