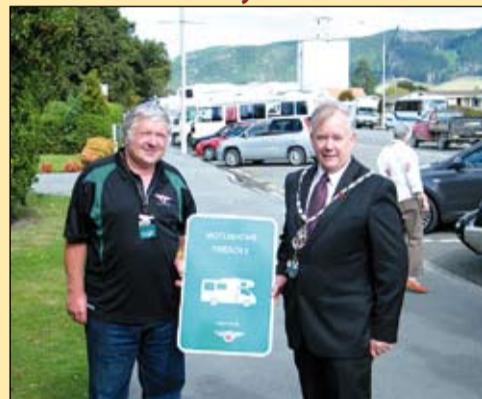


Mayor's Message

Opening Waitaki Bridge

It was my pleasure to attend the opening of the first of the two Waitaki Bridges on Friday 4 April 2014. It was exceptionally pleasing to be able to invite John Coles our former Mayor who was heavily involved in this project to say a few words, and there were also speeches by MP Jacqui Dean, Waitaki Mayor Gary Kircher and Jim Harland from NZTA.

Motorhome Friendly Town



Ken Batchelor of the South Canterbury Motorhome Association and Mayor Rowley

It was great to have such a large attendance of locals and members of the Motor Home Association of South Canterbury to the official designation ceremony of Motor Home Friendly Waimate. The two signs have been installed at the entrances to Waimate, and it is intended to procure more signage and further promote the district as a wonderful place to live and work.

Opening of Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Boland Park



Mayor Rowley and Rotary Club of Waimate President Mick Laming

It gave me much pleasure, together with The Rotary Club of Waimate, to hand over to the community the new outdoor fitness equipment at Boland Park recently. This equipment will enhance this park, together with landscaping work to be completed, new seating, and a swing set for children. We thank the Rotary for their initiative and hope that our community takes the time to use and enjoy these facilities.

Waihaorunga Fire Truck

A brand-new Isuzu Rural Fire appliance has been purchased in jointly between Council and the National Rural Fire Authority, and is now based in Waihaorunga.



Mayor Rowley, along with members of the Waihaorunga Fire Team

Civic Awards



Our 2014 Civic Award function was held last Friday evening, with four presentations made to Ngaire Bond, Matt Henderson, Kathy McCulloch and Kathy and Stephen McGirr for their sterling voluntary work in our district. My appreciation to the nominators and seconders for putting these people forward for an award.

Citizenship Ceremony



Ian & Shirley Anderson, Mayor Rowley, Kayleigh Newnes

I was thrilled to be able to conduct my first Citizenship Ceremony as Mayor recently, welcoming Kayleigh Newnes and Shirley and Ian Anderson as our district's newest sworn-in citizens.

Anzac Day 2014

I am looking forward to seeing our usual large attendances at our Anzac Services around the district on Friday 25 April 2014. Please view our advertisement for times and locations.

C Rowley

Mayor

Waimate District Council Meetings

in the Council Chambers

Hearings and Decisions on Annual Plan 2014/15 submissions ...Tuesday 6 May 2014, 8.30am
Council MeetingTuesday 20 May 2014, 9am
Council MeetingTuesday 17 June 2014, 9am

PUBLIC FORUMS ARE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MEETING.

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

Council News

Refuse and Recycling

Refuse Bin Applications

Council offer a refuse bin collection service in the Urban and a large portion of the Rural area. The urban bin is 80L in capacity and collected weekly from the kerb-side. The rural bin is 240L and collected fortnightly. The charge for the bins is applied to your Rates and only the property owner can agree to this cost being put on their rates. Because alterations can only be made to Rates at the beginning of a rating year which is 1 July, there will be a part year charge which decreases closer to 1 July. If you would like to apply for a refuse bin please contact the office and we can take you through the application procedure.

Public Litter Bins

Council provides public litter bins for the convenience of shoppers and the general public. This helps to keep the shopping, business and park areas litter free and present a tidy environment for all to enjoy.

Unfortunately some people use these litter bins as their personal refuse bins to dispose of household refuse, they are not designed or intended for that purpose.

Council offer a refuse bin or bag service and recyclable material is free at the Resource Recovery Park.

If you require information on any of these services please contact the Council office.

Recycle Crates and Refuse Bins

Just a friendly reminder to tenants or landowners selling and moving to another property, either in Waimate or to another town, that the refuse bin and recycle crate remains on the property. These items are paid for through the rates for that property. The recycling crate has the name of the property marked on it and the refuse bins have a number that can be traced back to the property paying for it.

Rural Recycling Depots

Council provides Rural Recycling Depots at Holme Station corner, St Andrew's Village Green, Makikihi Motors, the Hunter Domain, Willowbridge Hall, Waihao Downs School, Morven Hall and at Glenavy on Fisheries Road. These recycling depots are in public places, some near places of residence or work and school areas; it is important that they are kept in a clean and tidy manner.

The bins have signs on them to assist in sorting of the various recycling streams.

Unfortunately there are a few who are spoiling this service for everyone by leaving items that are not recyclable, eg TV's, bags of rubbish, stereos etc. Council staff monitors these depots and if the offenders are identified they will be charged full fees for removing the items.

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.

SPARC 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 Council, specific enquiries to Donna van der

Byl, at Information Centre. Information and applications forms can be downloaded from the Council website.

Applications close on 29 April 2014

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 Donna van der Byl at Information Centre.

Rates Rebate 2013/14



You may be eligible to have up to \$595 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 2013 and your name is on the rates bill;
- You were living at the property as at 1 July 2013;
- 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 for 2013/14 Rating Year is \$595.

For more information call the Waimate District Council 03 689 0036 or visit www.ratesrebates.govt.nz



Waitaki Lakes Camping Reserves

The Council wishes to advise campers that camp facilities at:

FISHERMANS BEND, WAITANGI, TE AKATARAWA, BRIAR GULLY RESERVES

CLOSE Sunday 4th May 2014

All caravans are required to be removed by Sunday 11 May 2014.



WAIMATE ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Friday 25 April 2014

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



Reminder

Refuse Bags available at Information Centre



Waimate District Council

Phone 03 689 0000 - 24 hours

Website: www.waimatedc.govt.nz