

Mayor's Message

Monthly "Fifteen Minutes with the Mayor" Forum

As a new initiative, I intend to have a monthly 'one-on-one forum' for ratepayers to come and talk informally to me about any issues or ideas. This will be held in my office at Council, on the second Wednesday of each month from 10-12noon (with the first being Wednesday 12 November). No appointment is necessary.

Friends of Waimate

The Mayoress and I went to the Friends of Waimate luncheon held at the Hornby Working Mens' Club in Christchurch. There were 65 attendees – all people born or brought up within the Waimate District. I gave a short update on what's been happening around the district over the last 12 months. This was a very worthwhile event, but numbers have been dwindling over recent years – in the past they have had up to 135 people attend the lunch. If you know any ex-Waimate residents living in the Christchurch area who might be interested in this group, please contact Pauline Crawford, phone 03 3854047.

Oceania Dairy Factory

Council's Chief Executive, Bede Carran and I recently had a brief tour of the Oceania facility. It was incredible to see the level of automation used in the process of drying milk. The other thing brought to my attention was the large amount of spin-off business that is generated from the factory. This ranges from pest control to laundry services to contracted transport services.

Waimate 50 Event

I'm looking forward to seeing all the contestants and visitors to the district during Labour Weekend's annual Waimate 50 Motorsport events. Waimate 50 is fast becoming one of our district's iconic events, and I wish the organisers all the best for another successful weekend.

Please note the Waimate District Library will not be open as usual on the Saturday during Labour Weekend due to road closures associated with the Waimate 50 event.



Mayor

Rates Rebate 2014/15

You may be eligible to have up to **\$605** 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 2014 and your name is on the rates bill;
- You were living at the property as at 1 July 2014;
- 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 2014/15 Rating Year is \$605.

For more information call **Lee-Ann Smart** at **Waimate District Council** **03 689 0000** or visit **www.ratesrebates.govt.nz**



Consultation on Policies

Council is currently consulting on:

- Draft Significance and Engagement Policy,
- Draft Psychoactive Substances Local Approved Products Policy and
- Draft Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw.

On the following page you will find a brief summary of key information from the policies and a submission timetable. **The final day for submissions is 16 November.** Full copies of the above policies can be found on the Council website or from the Council Office.

Please Clean up After Your Dog

Waimate District dog owners are reminded that it is the responsibility of the owner or person having control of a dog in public areas, to remove and dispose of any dog faeces immediately. Dog walkers should carry suitable receptacles when walking a dog. Further information on the Waimate District Council dog Bylaws can be viewed on our website, or by speaking to the Animal Control Officer.



Council News

Get Ready Get Thru with CDEM and SCRST

Waimate Civil Defence Emergency Management and South Canterbury Rural Support Trust are joining forces at the South Canterbury A and P Waimate Show on 22nd November.

Look out for our stand; call in and take part in our quiz to win a goodie bag and get yourselves in the draw for a great prize of a PowerAll, the ultimate emergency power companion and a copy of John Kirwin's book 'All Blacks Don't Cry'.

Community Funding

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

Creative Communities NZ

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.

Sports Fund Grants

The Sports Fund assists with grants for club initiatives, equipment purchase, training programmes, judge's expenses etc. Application forms and information regarding eligibility and funding are available from the Information Centre, specific enquiries to Donna van der Byl. Information and applications forms can be downloaded from the Council website. **Applications close Thursday 23rd October 2014.**

Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Opens Tuesday 28th October 2014

Hours: Mon-Fri (Opening hours are dependent on weather conditions)
7.00am-10.00am Lane Swimming
10.00am-5.00pm Public Swimming
Saturdays, Sunday, & Public Holidays
12noon-5.00pm

Prices:

Adults	\$3.50	Per swim
Child	\$2.00	Per swim
Pre-school	Free	

Seasons Tickets:

Adult	\$130.00
Child	\$ 75.00
Family	\$150.00 (unlimited swims)

Concession:

Adult	\$62.00	20 swims
Child	\$35.00	20 swims
Over 80	\$50.00	20 swims

Take care of your bins and crates

Could householders please try and take their refuse bins and recycle crates in as soon as possible after they have been emptied, especially on windy days. There have been several incidents of the bins and crates getting blown into other people's properties and onto the road.

Street Closure To Vehicular Traffic

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 IS HERBY GIVEN that the Waimate District Council and NZ Transport Agency for the purpose of permitting Waimate 50 Motorsport Inc. to hold a street sprint will close the following Roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

State Highway

State Highway 82 Queen Street (Grigson Street to Mill Rd)

Date of Closure: 6.00am Saturday 25 October 2014 to 12.00pm Monday 27 October 2014

Local Road Closures

- High Street (Shearman to John)
- Slee Street (Queen to Shearman)
- Glasgow (Queen to Shearman)
- Graham Street (Slee to Glasgow)
- Manse (Innes to Shearman)
- Shearman (63 Shearman to High)
- Victoria Tce (Queen to Paul)
- High St to William St (Saturday night)
- John Street (Fire Station to Anglican Church)
- Goldsmith Street (Queen to Paul)
- William Street (Queen to Paul)

During the period of closure the alternative route for State Highway 82 (Queen St) will be via Parsonage Rd, Herbert St, Cameron St, Wall St, High St, Tennant St, Mill Rd, Harris St, Naylor and Tennant St.

Day Closures on SHW82

State Highway 82, from Waimate to Kurow, will be closed during the day for the deck on the Elephant Hill Stream Bridge, near Ikawai, to be replaced.



A three-kilometre detour will be in place, however this will be on a narrow sealed local road and motorists are being asked to take extra care, particularly when passing on coming vehicles.

The detour route will be along Redcliffs Back Road and Waihuna Road, adding a few minutes to journey times during the next three to four weeks.

Motorists travelling up Middle Road from Glenavy will need to travel back along SH82 towards Waimate to access the detour.

The detour will be in place from 8.30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, the highway being re-opened to all traffic each night and at the weekends with speed restrictions in place.

Waimate District Council Meetings

in the Council Chambers

Council Meeting Tuesday 21 October 2014, 9am

Council Meeting Tuesday 18 November 2014, 9am

Council Meeting Tuesday 25 November 2014, 9am Hearings on Special Policy Consultation
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



Reminder

Rates payment due Friday 28th November

