

## Mayor's Message

### Lower Rate Increase

Council are always mindful of the effect of its rates on our ratepayers and we work hard to keep our rate increases to a minimum, so it is pleasing to have been able to lower the proposed rate increase at our Council Meeting on Friday 5 June 2015 when decisions were made following submissions to the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2015-25.

The Council initially budgeted a 40% increase in money to be spent on our roading network to recognise the increased traffic weights and volumes that are occurring on our roads due to dairy development. However the Government had signalled only an extra 17% increase in funding subsidy for the Waimate District.

While it is disappointing this subsidy is not higher, our district fared significantly better than many other districts around the country. Roading is a key issue that has been identified by Council and we are currently working hard to increase the level of spend and service on our roads moving forward.

Also contributing to the lower-than-expected rate increase was Council's decision to remove the rates remission for the Glenavy and Pareora Huts. For the last three years, the Glenavy and Pareora hutholders have received a 75% remission on the Civic Amenities component within their rates, which has previously been distributed amongst other rural ratepayers. The decision to remove this remission came about after a lengthy discussion, taking into account all the submissions both for and against.

It was felt it has been unfair for rural ratepayers to subsidise the rating requirement of the hutholders. Had the 75% remission remained, this would have equated to an extra \$18 for properties within Rural 1 and an extra \$55.50 for properties within Rural 2 ratepayers.

Council also made a decision to implement the Rural 1 and Rural 2 zones to better reflect the proximity to Council services like the library and parks. We feel this new zoning better reflects a fairer system for all our rural ratepayers.

The proposed business development fund has also been dropped. The consultation process identified a clear message from the business community that they did not want a business development rate imposed. This funding would have allowed for the planning of beautification and promotion of the Business 1 and 2 areas. The clear message from the submissions was these initiatives should not be Council-driven.

### Environment Canterbury Rates

We are now collecting rates on behalf of Environment Canterbury here at Waimate. Ratepayers will notice a change in the next rates assessment from Council, with the invoice including a separate section relating to Environment Canterbury rates. With these rates both being on the one invoice, there will be no further need for you to make separate payments.

### Nepalese Fundraising Dinner

I would like to congratulate the organising team of the Nepalese Fundraising Dinner on Friday 5 June 2015 for such an enjoyable event, which I believe raised over \$45,000 to go towards the rebuild of communities in the Nepal area.



Mayor Craig Rowley with Nepalese New Zealanders Sarala Tamang Sherchan (left) and Binita Bhujel (both of Ikawai)

### New Citizens

I was pleased to be able to conduct the Citizenship Ceremony for Craig Jackson and Edmund Rooke last month. As part of the ceremony we were treated to an excellent rendition of the National Anthem sung both in Maori and English by a small group of pupils from Waimate Main School. Congratulations to both Craig and Edmund and I hope you will enjoy the privileges that having a New Zealand Citizenship brings.



Craig Jackson, Mayor Rowley, Edmund Rooke

*C. Rowley*  
Mayor

## Council News

### Grant Funding Recipients

Recent grant funding rounds saw a number of clubs and organisations receive funding for a variety of local projects.

#### Waimate District Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund:

Waimate Rugby Club \$2000, Waihao Downs School \$500, High School Soccer \$540, Junior Soccer \$2295, High School Netball \$2338

#### Waimate District Council Sports Fund:

Waimate Junior Soccer \$900, Community Centre \$251, Miniball Club \$130, Toc Harrier Club \$350

#### Waimate District Council Community Grant:

Waimate RSA \$1000, Custom & Classic Club \$750, Centrecare Counselling \$3000, Events Waimate \$750, Community Christmas in the Park \$1000

**Creative Communities Scheme:** Waimate High School Art \$2340, Community Garden \$500, Community Christmas in the Square \$1800, Historical Soc \$1000

For further information on grants refer to Council website.

### Library Happenings

With the July school holidays fast approaching, Librarian Linda is putting together another fun filled program of events to be held at the Library over the holidays to keep children entertained and warm! Details will be available closer to the time.

### Rates Notice & Assessments by Email

Waimate District Council would like to support you to help our environment. If you would like your rates assessment and invoices sent to you via email, simply email your request to rates@waimatedc.govt.nz quoting your Name, Address of Property and Valuation Number (these details can be found on your Rates invoice), it's as easy as that. If you have any queries contact Lee-Ann Smart on 03 689 0036

**Remember:** If you pay your rates by Automatic Payment to Waimate District Council you will need to review your payment amount to incorporate the ECan rates from 1st July 2015.

If you have a direct debit arrangement with Timaru District Council for ECan rates, you will need to cancel this after 1 July 2015.

### Urban Water

Did you know one drip per second from a tap wastes 7,884 litres of water per year? This can escalate up to 41,000 litres per year if unattended. These figures can be multiplied if there are many households with a leaky tap or toilet cistern. A quick check of household and garden taps and toilet cisterns saves wastage.

### Rural Water - Frost Plugs

Please ensure there is lagging around your restrictors for protection against frost over the winter period, this will prevent your frost plug from blowing and losing water and essential storage. Replacement frost plugs are available from Council.

## Council News

### 2015/2016 Dog Control Fees

Council has set the fees for the registration of dogs within the Waimate District for the 2015/2016 year **WHICH MUST BE PAID BY THE 1 JULY 2015.**

#### Dog Registration

Fees for the 2015/2016 registration year are as follows (GST inclusive)

#### Registration Fee Per Dog 2015/16

<b>Non working dog</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Neutered non working dog</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Selected owner dog</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Working dog</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Farm pet dog</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Dangerous dog</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

### Penalty

A penalty of 50% of the registration fee shall be imposed for each dog over three months of age, not registered by **2 August 2015.**

All dogs over the age of three months must be registered. If a dog reaches the age of three months after 1 July 2015, the dog control fees will be a proportion of the annual fee.

All dog owners with dogs ordinarily kept within the Waimate District must register with the Waimate District Council.

Dog registration forms will be mailed to all known dog owners in June. If you have not received your registration form by the 25 June, please contact the Council on 03 689 0055 or by email animalcontrol@waimatedc.govt.nz.

### Outdoor Fires in Residential Areas

There are strict restrictions on the lighting of outdoor fires in residential areas because it is likely that a fire will cause a nuisance or contribute to health problems caused by poor air quality.

For more information visit [www.ecan.govt.nz/](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/) air or phone Environment Canterbury on 0800 324636



**To report a fire nuisance or illegal fire call the 24 hour pollution hotline 0800 765588**

## Local News

### Automobile Association (AA)

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

Prior to these visits those wishing to apply for drivers licenses, relicensing etc should ring the AA on 03 688 4189 for relevant information and appointment (where necessary).

### Business Owners

#### Do you Need Advice?

A business specialist from Aoraki Development Trust will be at the Waimate District Council on:

**Tuesday 7 July & Tuesday 4 August.**

For an appointment contact Fiona Stevens phone 03 687 2739

### Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

in the Council Chambers

30 June Council Meeting, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am

21 July Environmental Services and Finance; District Infrastructure, Community Services and Development Meeting, 9.30am

11 August Council Meeting, beginning with Public Forum at 9.30am.

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

Waimate District Council

Phone 03 689 0000 - 24 hours

Website: [www.waimatedc.govt.nz](http://www.waimatedc.govt.nz)



**Reminder**  
**Check out the library**  
**for July school holiday activities**

