

Mayor's Message

Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the Waimate District Council was held on Tuesday 18 October 2016, where elected representatives made their formal Declarations of Office and major projects were highlighted going into the new triennium. In a message to the new Council, Mayor Craig Rowley congratulated each Councillor, saying he is looking forward to the new Council working closely together for the benefit of the Waimate District.



From left standing: Cr David Owen, Cr Sheila Paul, Cr Tom O'Connor, Cr Miriam Morton
From left sitting: Cr Jakki Guilford; Cr David Anderson, Mayor Craig Rowley, Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain, Cr Peter Collins

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Mayor Craig Rowley

Craig Rowley – Re-elected Mayor



My principal place of residence is in the Waimate district area.

Since being elected as Mayor initially in 2013, we have achieved a great deal around the district. I believe that the work we

have completed is only part way to what I see as enhancing the district. It is now time to focus on the Waimate district around economic development. Attracting residents to the area is a key issue. Along with the routine work carried out by your Council.

In this past term we have focused on roading, this is an area that needs to be continually driven to deliver continued improvements.

Waimate has a bright future with large expansions in progress or planning. We need to be ready to take advantage of these developments and make the most of these opportunities. I give you my commitment to continue to strive for excellence within your local government and deliver services in a prudent and cost efficient manner.

Council News

Waimate District Council Valuation Rolls

The Valuation Rolls for Waimate District Council have been revised by Quotable Value Limited (as the Council's valuation service provider).

The revised Rating Values are effective as at 1 July 2016 and the new notices of valuation were posted to owners and ratepayers from 26 September 2016. The District Valuation Rolls will be open for public inspection, free of charge, during regular office hours, at the offices of Waimate District Council. The revised values can be viewed until 4 November 2016.

Objections to the revised valuations must be lodged, in writing or on line at www.qv.co.nz, no later than 4 November 2016. Objection forms are available from Waimate District Council or Quotable Value Limited and should be posted to: Quotable Value Ltd – Business Support Private Bag 39 818, Wellington Mail Centre LOWER HUTT 5045

More information about "Understanding your Rating Value" can be found at www.qv.co.nz

Timaru Road Treatment Plant Maintenance

Council wishes to inform Waimate residents that it has planned maintenance works for the Timaru Road Water Treatment Plant. Work will be undertaken on the treatment plant filter between **19 October and 19 November 2016**.

During this period of maintenance work Council recommend conservation of water.

2017 Waimate Calendar

Is now available from the Waimate Information Centre for \$13 per copy. Photographers who have their images included are Gerard Richardson, Lindsey Willoughby, Eva Buckingham, Keith Batchelor, Andrew Oliver, Michael Bajko and Glenda Begg.



Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool Season Opened Tuesday 25 October 2016

Hours

Monday to Friday:

7.00am to 10.00am - Lane Swimming

10.00am to 5.00pm - Public Swimming

Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays:

12noon to 5.00pm — Public Swimming

(Please note that opening hours are dependent on weather conditions and special events/bookings)

Prices

Adults \$3.50 per swim

Child \$2.00 per swim

Pre-school Free

Over 80 year-olds Free

Seasons Tickets

Adult \$130.00

Child \$75.00

Family \$150.00

Concession Tickets

Adult \$62.00 (20 swims)

Child \$35.00 (20 swims)

Rate Rebate Scheme

The Rates Rebate Scheme was established in 1973 to provide a subsidy to low-income homeowners



on the cost of their rates (see The Rates Rebate Act 1973 for more information). For 2006 the Government revised the Scheme and increased the rates rebate thresholds significantly, making more people than ever eligible for the rebate. These changes came into effect on 1 July of that year.

The Government, following a review of the Scheme's key settings, has further increased the rates rebate thresholds for the 2016/17 rating year.

The following change came into effect from 1 July 2016:

- Income threshold increased from \$24,440 to \$24,470

The maximum rated rebate will remain \$610 and the additional income allowance for dependants will remain at \$500 per dependant.

This means the income threshold for a full rates rebate for the 2016/17 year is \$24,470 and is increased by \$500 for each dependant in the household.

Homeowners can apply for the new rebate from 1 July 2016, for the 2016/17 rating year. The closing date for applications is 30 June 2017.

Local News

Sport & Recreation Plan Community Survey

Waimate District

We are excited to be working on a new Sport & Recreation Plan for the District.



The Plan will outline ways that sport and recreation can continue to thrive and grow. It will help Council work closely with the community, contributing to active lifestyles, improving health and wellbeing, community involvement, tourism and an appreciation of our wonderful natural environment throughout the District.

The first step in preparing this plan is to ask the community how they participate in sport and recreation and any changes they would like to see.

The Waimate District Sport and Recreation Community Survey is available at the Waimate District Council, the Library, the Information Centre, schools and hotels within the District. Surveys are also available to download from our website – www.waimatedc.govt.nz.

Surveys can be returned to the same locations by **30 November**. Please keep your eyes peeled for this survey and encourage your family and friends to complete it too. We really value your feedback on sport and recreation to enable us to make improvements.

Every completed survey goes in the draw to win some great prizes!

Refuse and Recycling Plastic and Polystyrene

To recycle or not to recycle – that is the question?

The situation with recycling soft plastics and polystyrene has changed and Waimate Council is no longer able to collect them for recycling.

Soft Plastics

Soft plastics are the plastics that shop and supermarket bags, cellophane and lolly wrappers are made of; these cannot be recycled so please put them into the refuse bin or bag.

Hard Plastics

However hard plastics such as the hard plastic meat trays are recyclable, please rinse them and put them in the recycle crate.

Polystyrene

Polystyrene such as the fish and meat trays, packaging material, drinking cups and multi material packaging goes into the refuse bin.

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

in the Council Chamber

1 November, 9.30am Extra Ordinary Council meeting

15 November, 9.30am Inaugural Committee meetings beginning with Public Forum

6 December, 9.30am Ordinary Council meeting beginning with Public Forum

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

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Website: www.waimatedc.govt.nz

REMINDER...

Rates instalment due Friday 25 November

