

Mayor's Message



Ultrafast Broadband

It was highlighted at our recent Council meeting the Waimate District cannot afford to wait until 2024 for the national Ultrafast Broadband (UFB) rollout as the delay is significantly impacting on our rural community and our urban areas. We'll be making it a priority to engage with potential partners and the community in a bid to identify other appropriate solutions that could be implemented sooner.

Victoria Park Playground



Good news for the children! Council agreed to fund the replacement of the Victoria Park playground infrastructure and new safety matting. A future workshop will focus on the District's existing playgrounds, their usage and requirements, and the potential to further develop the Boland Park playground.

Citizenship Ceremony



(from left) Kristy Thomas, Terry Thomas, Crispin Langston Mayor Rowley, Eafou Tagiaia, Rika Yokoyama

I was delighted to be able to recently conduct the citizenship ceremony for Eafou Tagiaia, Crispin Langston, Terry and Kristy Thomas and Rika Yokoyama. The participation of our local Kapa Haka group who performed a waiata for the new citizens and led the national anthem made this ceremony very special for all those who attended.

Waimate District Marketing Website

Council has recently approved the development of a Council-owned, externally designed, developed and operated website that promotes the Waimate District to local, national and international markets. Marketing the district

was identified as a priority through the recent Economic Development Strategy workshops and online survey. Expressions of interest are being sought from appropriate providers and close Friday 30th June. We will keep you informed on progress of this exciting initiative.

Environment Canterbury visit



Environment Canterbury and Waimate District Council Councillors

Recently Council hosted Environment Canterbury Councillors and Chief Executive at a meeting where we highlighted and discussed a number of items that are significant to our district such as clean air, water quality, consent monitoring, roadside spraying, Wainono Drainage Board and the St Andrews Septic Tank Global Consent application. It was a very useful meeting and we will continue to work positively together to better meet the needs of our district.

South Canterbury Sports Awards

Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain attended the South Canterbury Sports Awards recently where our own Natalie Rooney took away the South Canterbury Sportsperson of the Year Award. I congratulate Natalie on attaining the Number 1 World Ranking in Shooting – which no doubt contributed to her selection. I'm sure I speak on behalf of our entire district in congratulating her on this very special achievement. I'd also like to express congratulations to Dylan Kennett and Holly Edmondston for their nominations. It goes without saying that the Waimate District was well and truly represented in this category.

St John District Awards

Recently Mayoress Lyn and I attended the St John District Awards Function at Geraldine where I had the chance to say a few words about the St John service in our district. As I mentioned in my speech, in small rural communities such as Waimate – St John is vital. There wouldn't be many families that haven't had the need to call on the skills of trained St John staff or volunteers in our community. The Waimate service is fortunate to have a full time Paramedic backed up by 16 very willing volunteers in operations. My congratulations go to those who received or were recognised with awards at this function.

Crowley

Mayor Craig Rowley

Council News

Debris & Mud on Road

When the ground is wet, mud from tractors and other vehicles is easily tracked from paddocks onto roads. When a layer of mud forms the road surface becomes slippery creating a safety hazard.

Where an immediate safety risk exists, debris shall be removed without notice.

The cost of removal will be recovered from those responsible for the debris being on the road.

In other situations the person/s responsible shall be requested to remove the debris within a set time frame.

We request all property owners and Contractors whose stock or machinery are causing a mess on the road to be aware of their responsibilities, arrange their operations to minimise the dropping of soil on the road and to clean the road if required.

Community Funding

Recipients of the latest fund rounds for April 2017 were:

Creative Communities NZ Grant Fund Scheme

Waimate Christmas in the Square	\$2,000.00
Te Runanga o Waihao Inc. Society	\$1,000.00
Waihao Downs School	\$1,200.00
Waimate Patchwork Group	\$ 500.00
Waimate High School	\$1,000.00
Waimate Theatre Company	\$1,500.00
Waimate Rocks	\$ 337.00
Waimate Historical Society	\$ 850.00
St Andrews School	\$ 650.00
Waituna Creek School	\$1,500.00

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Waimate High School Soccer	\$ 350.00
Waimate High School Netball	\$1,800.00
Waimate Rugby Football Club Inc.	\$1,800.00
Waimate Junior Soccer Club	\$1,500.00
Waimate Swords Club	\$ 325.00

WDC Sports Fund

Waimate High School	\$ 600.00
Waimate Climbing Club	\$1,161.50
Waituna Creek School	\$ 555.80
Waimate Swords Club	\$ 516.20
Waimate Junior Soccer Club	\$ 281.90

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, notable and heritage trees.

The fund is \$5,000 per annum – the maximum of \$1,000 can be applied for at any one time. Applications are open throughout the year.

For further information contact Donna van der Byl at Information Centre

2017/18 Dog Control Fees

Council has set the fees for the registration of dogs within the Waimate District for the 2017/18 year **WHICH IS PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE BY THE 1 JULY 2017.**

Dog Registration

Fees for the 2017/18 registration year are as follows (GST inclusive)

Registration Fee Per Dog	2017/18
Non working dog	\$100.00
Neutered non working dog	\$ 60.00
Selected owner dog	\$ 30.00
Working dog	\$ 30.00
Farm pet dog	\$ 30.00
Dangerous dog	\$150.00

Penalty

A penalty of 50% of the registration fee shall be imposed for each dog over three months of age, not registered by **1 August 2017.**

All dogs over the age of three months must be registered. If a dog reaches the age of three months after 1 July 2017, 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 28 June, please contact the Council on 03 689 0000 or by email animalcontrol@waimatedc.govt.nz.

Waimate Event & Information Centre

Open: Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm – 6pm to 8pm
Saturday 10am – 2pm

Try out the sporting facilities including roller skating, table tennis or shoot hoops. Rock climbing by appointment.

Our July school holiday programme will be available on our website www.waimatedc.govt.nz
Event Centre, at Information Centre and advertised in The Trader.

Phone 689 7771 or 027 7037480



Upcoming Meetings

Tues 27 June, from 9.30am - Waimate District Council Ordinary Council Meeting in the Council Chamber

Weds 19 July from 1.00pm - Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee meeting at the Waimate Event Centre

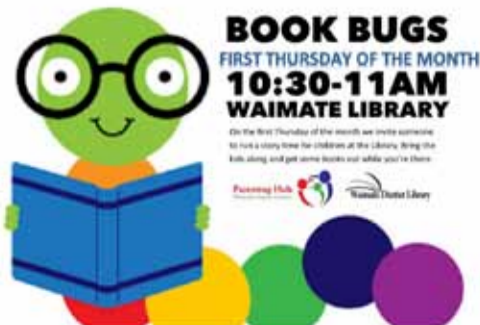
Tues 1 August - Waimate District Council Standing Committee meetings in the Council Chamber

Tues 1 August - Waimate District Council Extra Ordinary Meeting in the Council Chamber

Weds 16 August from 1.00pm - Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee meeting at the Waimate Event Centre

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 03 689 0038



Library Happenings July School Holiday Programme

Wednesday 12 July
10.30am – 11.30 am

Story time with special guests.

Wednesday 19 July
10am – 12 noon

Rock painting and stories