

WAIMATE DISTRICT NEWSLINE



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THE FESTIVE SEASON



Mayor Craig Rowley

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, Waimate residents can now enjoy a brand new Christmas tree.

The seven metre tree comes with baubles and lights and takes pride of place in Seddon Square, Waimate.

Sponsorship for the full cost of the tree has been secured from major sponsor Alpine Data Networks (a division of Alpine Energy) and several other local businesses (Oceania Dairy, Property Brokers, Farmlands Real Estate, Rooney Earthmoving Ltd, Waimate Signage, and Leathwick Contracting).

I'm very grateful to Alpine Data Networks and the other sponsors for their community support and generosity. I'm in no doubt the tree, with its decorations and lights, will be a source of enjoyment and pride and will be a welcome addition for the upcoming festive season.

The lights will be on a timer and will be turned off each night at midnight. I hope you can take the opportunity to see the tree, either during the day or at night. It's something for the whole community to celebrate.

And one other thing .. Council's 2017/18 Annual Report (and summary) has now been finalised and can be found at www.waimatedc.govt.nz.



Our District. Our Future.

WAIMATE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Revitalising Our Streetscapes Project #1: Painting at Seddon Square



ROAD CONDITIONS

After the huge amount of rain we've had lately and the subsequent flooding, some of our unsealed roads now need repairs.

The roads need a chance to dry out before repairs can be made and the rain hasn't completely finished with us yet so some repairs will have to wait a bit.

Gravel is being spread over some roads and grading will be done over the Christmas/New Year period.

You may have driven over some of these roads and seen potholes and other damage ... we're onto it!

Thanks for your patience.

MANSE STREET PROJECT

Work on the Manse Street stormwater project is progressing well. Once completed, the new stormwater system will have an expected life of 100 years.

The installation of the stormwater pipes is complete and remaining resurfacing is expected to be completed by Christmas.

So what next? The kerb and channel (otherwise known as the gutter) at the Edinburgh Street/Belt Street/Town Belt Street/Manse Street intersection is to be done soon (weather could have an impact on how quickly this will be completed).

Restoration of the kerb and channel from Harris Street to Rhodes Street is expected to be finished by Christmas and new footpaths will be built on the Rhodes Street to Belt Street section after Christmas.

Stay tuned for further updates!

HANGING BASKETS ADORN MAIN STREET

New hanging baskets can now be seen along Queen Street, extending the project that began last summer.

The baskets are hanging on many sections of Queen Street including Victoria Terrace to Cafe on Queen on one side and Glasgow Street to just past the Grigson Street intersection on the other side. Plants include petunias, begonias, lobelia and fuchsias, adding colour and vibrancy to the streetscape.

Hanging baskets are a much-loved feature of many streetscapes and Waimate is no exception. Not only do they provide some eye-catching colour and vibrancy around town, they are also a good example of how we are bringing to life our Economic Development Strategy as one of our beautification projects.

An upgraded irrigation system has been installed for the majority of the baskets, which includes a pipeline fitted at the top of verandas and has built-in valves that automatically water the plants. The watering is timed to come on in the evenings and early mornings to avoid water dripping on pedestrians!

