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Mayor's Message



Mayor Craig Rowley

Our 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP) is nearing completion and councillors and myself have been encouraged by the thought and time taken by the public to give us feedback and make submissions (we received 168). Taking all this into account, we've discussed our options and have made decisions which will be formally ratified when we adopt the LTP on 26 June 2018.

Water Treatment Upgrades

We'll upgrade the water supplies (where the water comes from) in a staggered approach. That means we'll upgrade supplies with the lowest financial risk in 2018/19 and 2019/20. The more costly upgrades, where treatment

requirements are less predictable, will be upgraded in 2019/20 and 2020/21. This will allow time for the Government to respond to the recommendations from the Havelock North Inquiry. It will also allow us to take stock of any of these implications, especially where alternative funding sources may become available, or amendments to the current Drinking Water Standards could be made.

Addressing Our Deteriorating Roads

We'll spend an additional \$2.54 million over the next three years, increasing our maintenance programme and carrying out more drainage work. We'll focus on the roads showing the most deterioration and those roads critical to our network. We'll maintain this level of funding over the remaining years of the LTP. We'll loan fund part of this additional spend to soften the burden of rates. We're pleased to advise that NZTA will fund 60% and not the original 57% of the work eligible for co-funding.

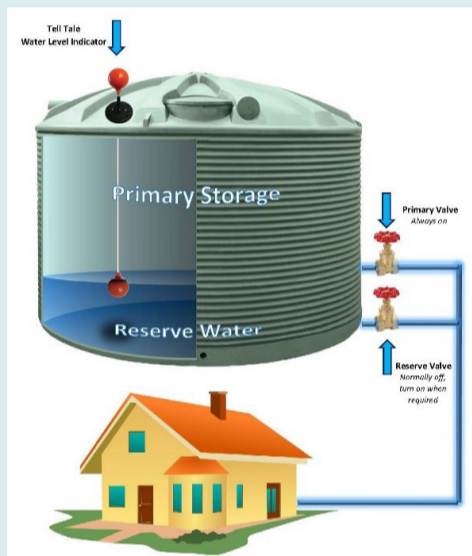
Library Redevelopment

We've agreed to fund the investigation and scoping report for the Library redevelopment in the next two years. Once we've developed recommendations from that report we'll be doing more public consultation before we commit more money to the project.

There have also been a number of other decisions made on other issues including an Easter Sunday Trading Policy, Community Grants, the Rates Remission Policy, direction and funding of Economic Development, and Water and Sewerage Pipe Renewals.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this process, we believe we're on the right track and while the decision to increase rates is never an easy one to make, we know this is necessary and we've done our best to keep them as low as possible.

Do you have enough water?



Unexpected interruptions can occur on any water supply. Natural hazards, weather, or other unplanned events such as a damaged pipe can affect the supply and quality of water.

Some of the Waimate District rural water supply intakes draw raw water from local rivers and streams. When the quality of the source water deteriorates due to weather events, and becomes untreatable or disinfection is no longer effective, Council will follow a procedure of 'selective abstraction'. This means that the intake pumps will be turned off for a period of time until the source water can be treated and disinfected to a compliant level.

Council's Rural Water Scheme, Water Supply Policy December 2011 requires all rural consumers to have storage capacity

of no less than four times your daily water allocation. It is recommended that you allow four times your peak daily usage on your property if it is greater than your daily allocation. Therefore in the instance of a supply outage such as 'selective abstraction' you will have enough water to see you through for four days.

The diagram above is what Council recommends your tank set up should reflect.

The tank or tanks should be sized for a minimum of four days storage. For example, 1,500 litres per day x 4 days = 6,000 litres or greater.

Tanks should be set up to allow for a minimum reserve storage of one quarter of the capacity to cover one day's allocation and keep a household functioning for a day. The portioning of storage needs to be controlled by valves (see diagram). Under normal use, the upper valve (Primary) would be on. The lower valve (Reserve) would normally be off, and only opened when required.

Please note: Follow the tank manufacturer's instructions and warranty before drilling holes in walls of tanks. An alternative to drilling is a hockey-stick-shaped riser pipe inside the tank, at a set height/level, which is connected to the manufacturer's approved outlet, with a valve on the outside.

To help monitor storage it is recommended to install a 'Tell Tale' water level indicator to show you how much stored water is available in the tank. It also gives warning of issues when there may be water loss through leaks or pipe damage on your property.

How we communicate supply outages

When a supply outage occurs that will be greater than 24 hours such as 'selective abstraction', we have a procedure for relaying the information to our consumers:

- Facebook – www.facebook.com/waimatedistrictcouncil
- Website – www.waimatedc.govt.nz
- Water scheme committee members, rural schools, churches and marae
- Newspapers
- Radio (Port FM and The Hits)*
- Red Cross Hazard app – www.redcross.org.nz/what-we-do/in-new-zealand/disaster-management/hazard-app/*
- Letters to consumers*

*In more significant events

Dog Registration

Good news! Dog registration fees for the 2018/19 year are the same as last year. The fees can be viewed at our office or at www.waimatedc.govt.nz.



All dogs over the age of three months must be registered. If a dog reaches the age of three months after 1 July 2018, the fees will be a proportion of the annual fee.

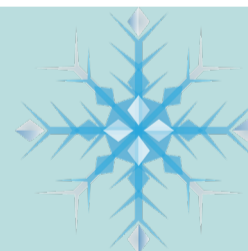
All dog owners with dogs ordinarily kept within the Waimate District must register with Council.

Dog registration forms will be mailed to all known dog owners in June. If you have not received your registration form by 28 June, please contact us on 03 689 0000 or email animalcontrol@waimatedc.govt.nz.

NB: A penalty of 50% of the registration fee shall be imposed for each dog aged over three months that are not registered by 1 August 2018.

Ready for winter?

Given that winter is making its presence felt (brrrr!), now is a good time to check that your restrictor and pipe work has lagging around it.



There are a number of options for lagging – please make sure it is waterproof and that there's an air gap. If you wish to replace your frost plug and install it, call into our office – you'll get one for free.

Just a wee warning note though ... if your pipes and restrictor don't have any lagging and we're called out to replace the frost plug there'll be a \$50 charge ... so lag your pipes today!

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber unless stated otherwise.

Tuesday 26 June – 9.30am – Ordinary Council meeting, starting with Public Forum.

Wednesday 18 July – 1pm – Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee meeting, Waimate Event Centre.

Tuesday 7 August – 9.30am – Standing Committee meetings, starting with Public Forum.

Wednesday 15 August – 1pm – Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee meeting, Waimate Event Centre.

Tuesday 28 August – 9.30am – Ordinary Council meeting, starting with Public Forum.

Rates Rebate Scheme

Applications for a rates rebate for the 2017/18 year close on 30 June 2018. If you haven't already applied, call into our office for an application form and a friendly team member can assist you with completion if needed.

School Holiday Boredom Busters!

The Waimate Event Centre will be running a number of activities over the July school holidays. These will be advertised in the Waimate Trader on Thursday 5 July.

You can also contact the Event Centre on +64 3 689 7771 or visit www.waimatedc.govt.nz for details.

