

WAIMATE DISTRICT NEWSLINE



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Craig Rowley

Good news ... democracy has prevailed!

The return to a fully elected Environment Canterbury Council (ECan) will happen next year, however, there was a proposal to limit the number of South Canterbury representatives to one (it was two prior to commissioners being appointed in 2010).

But we fought back, arguing that it was in the best interests of South Canterbury to have two elected representatives. In a joint submission Waimate, Mackenzie, Waitaki and Timaru District Councils urged ECan to reconsider as South Canterbury is largely a rural area and when it comes to land use and water management, rural communities must have a say. ECan listened and agreed - a victory for us! (The proposal will now be formally referred to the Local Government Commission who will make the final decision.)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (EDS) UPDATE

Thanks to the efforts of people who volunteered to be part of the EDS working groups – they have contributed significant time to develop initiatives to help grow our economy.

These ideas are now being turned into proposed actions that will include potential partners, goals, and funding sources. They will then be presented back to the working groups in October/November and to Council for consideration.

Watch this space for further updates!

MEETINGS

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

Audit and Risk Committee
9am, 17 September 2018

Standing Committees*
9.30am, 18 September 2018
(with public forum)

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee
1pm, 19 September 2018
(Waimate Event Centre)

Council Meeting
9.30am, 9 October 2018
(with public forum)

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee
1pm, 17 October 2018
(venue to be advised)

*Community Services and Development; District Infrastructure; Environmental Services and Finance

MONEY ... COMING SOON!

Funding applications for community projects, sporting activities including travel, will open in October.

Do you have a project that will benefit our community, need money for sports initiatives and travel, or have an arts and cultural project?

If this sounds like you or your organisation, you'll want to know more. There's four funds that could help.

Information and application forms are available at www.waimatedc.govt.nz.

Specific enquiries can be made to Donna van der Byl at the Information Centre (ph 03 689 7771 or email info@waimatedc.govt.nz).

Applications close 5pm Tuesday 30 October 2018.

IN BRIEF

KNOTTINGLEY PARK AND ARBORETUM

You may have heard that we are refreshing the original Knottingley Park Management Plan. We intended to have the draft of this plan completed by now, but it has taken longer than anticipated due to us focusing on the future of our water and wastewater assets (as a result of the Government's review).

We expect to have the document ready for public discussion as soon as we are able to re-focus resources to this project.

Please be assured there will be no significant changes (if any) within the park until we have had an opportunity to hold formal conversations with user-groups, and the general public.

SPRING CLEANING

As we mentioned above in our EDS update, one of the initiatives is to revitalise our streetscapes so we'll be doing some cleaning, painting and gardening around the district.

It's September - perfect timing for a spot of spring cleaning!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Event Centre school holiday programme is under development and will be ready closer to the time of the holidays in October.

See it on our website, at the Information Centre, the Waimate Library, and The Trader on Thursday 27 September.

CAMPING SEASON OPENS

The best spots in the Council-owned Waitaki Lakes camping grounds will be up for grabs soon as people start purchasing their season passes. It is a time-honoured tradition for many families who look forward to spending time on the shores of Lakes Aviemore and Waitaki.

The camping grounds are popular destinations for locals and visitors alike, offering plenty of water-based activities and affordable holiday options.

Mayor Craig Rowley says the camping grounds – Fisherman's Bend, Briar's Gully, Te Akatarawa Reserve and Waitangi Reserve – are ideal places for a range of recreational activities.

"There is plenty for people to do including swimming, boating, water skiing, and fishing, and with incredibly affordable rates, families can get away and spend time with each other."

A season pass (September to May) is \$340. Extra adults is \$10 each per night, a camp site for two adults and dependents under 16 is \$20 per night and individual adult campers is \$10 per night.

"Many families have been camping in these iconic spots for years, some for generations. The beauty of the lakes is second-to-none with spectacular scenery and a wealth of outdoor pursuits on offer."

For more information go to www.waimatedc.govt.nz.



Fisherman's Bend