

TRANSFORMING THE MAORI CEMETERY AND TOTARA FOREST

The burial place of Chief Te Huru and other members of the Maori community is undergoing a significant upgrade alongside the Totara Forest that is adjacent to the cemetery.

Using heritage photos, Council staff have been able to see how the area used to look and have helped recreate the area as it once was, describing the work as a project to be proud of.

Spokesperson for the Te Huru whānau, Jo McLean, expresses the whānau's thanks for the work that has been done. "This is a very important Wāhi Tapu site. The mana that sits within the urupā for the whānau is also recognised in terms of the importance the site holds for the community as a whole and the history of Te Waimatamate. Being able to share this together brings a context to our history in a way that unites us all."

The final part of the project will involve finishing work on the track through the Totara Forest and native planting.



MANAGING OUR RESERVES



Should Knottingley Park and Arboretum include a dog park? Could we host music festivals? Should trees have better identification (signs or plaques)?

These are some of the questions being posed and we'd like you to tell us what you think.

More information can be found at waimatedc.govt.nz including an online submission form.

We need feedback by **Friday 30 August 2019** and, if you wish to speak to Council about your submission, hearings will be held on Tuesday 10 September 2019 before final decisions are made on Tuesday 8 October 2019.

RECREATIONAL TRACK GRANT

The Recreational Track Grant has had a make-over and, together with a new name, it has been expanded to include track maintenance, track signage, and GIS mapping. (Building new tracks are still part of the funding criteria.)

It also gives Council the ability to apply if Council is leading a project where a community organisation is a stakeholder in the project.

This grant and the Heritage Fund are now open for applications (see waimatedc.govt.nz for more information).

The Heritage Fund is open for projects that include archaeological and traditional sites, buildings and sites with Historic Place classifications, and more.

Applications for both funds close **Tuesday 20 August 2019**.

SELECTING OUR NEW COUNCIL

Nominations are now open! We'll be voting for a mayor and councillors in October and for the next three years they'll represent our community.

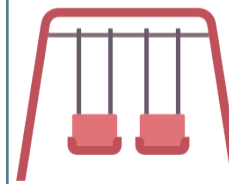
Have an issue you'd like to address? Have you thought about standing? Do you know someone who you think would make an effective councillor or mayor?

We've prepared some useful information including FAQs and key dates. You'll find this and nomination forms at waimatedc.govt.nz.

Nominations close: Midday (12pm) Friday 16 August 2019.



RATES AT A GLANCE



Ever wondered how your rates are carved up? How much are spent on roads, the library, swimming pool, public toilets, playgrounds, or civil defence?

We've devised a clever illustration to give you an idea of how your rates are spent. See it at waimatedc.govt.nz.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

NZ Transport Agency are proposing to reduce two speed limits in Glenavy – the 100km section (from Waitaki Village, across the Waitaki Bridge to the existing 70km section) reduced to 80km and the existing 70km section through Glenavy to 60km. NZTA staff will be attending a Glenavy community meeting on Tuesday 6 August 2019 to discuss the proposal.