

# NEWSLINE

## NOVEMBER 2019



### MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

Following the local body elections in October, it is my pleasure to welcome our newly elected representatives to the Waimate District Council.

Council has some new and familiar faces representing the district and I am looking forward to working with a dedicated Council with a strong vision for the Waimate District.

It was a privilege to welcome our new Councillors at the Inaugural Council Meeting last month as they made their formal Declarations of Office, discussed their representation on a wide variety of committees and some of the major projects planned for our district.

With so many up and coming plans and developments taking shape in the district, we have some exciting times ahead and a bright future for the Waimate District.



From left standing: Cr David Owen, Cr Fabia Fox, Cr Colin Pankhurst, Cr Sandy McAlwee and Cr Tom O'Connor. From left (sitting): Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain, Mayor Craig Rowley, and Cr Miriam Morton. Absent: Cr Sheila Paul.

### 2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

Council's 2018/19 Annual Report Summary is now available on our website. The report summarises Council's financial and service performance for the year and several points of interest. It was another busy year and together with the community we are helping grow our district and create a sense of pride. To view the report, go to Council's website: [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz)

### NOISE CONTROL AFTER HOURS

Do you have a noise complaint after hours in Waimate? Residents can call Council's after hours phone line on 03 689 0000 which has an option for noise control complaints. Our Timaru based after hours agents service the district after 4.30pm. There is no call out fee to residents.

### POOL SEASON UNDERWAY

Waimate's Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool has opened for the summer season with plenty of fun activities on offer at the six-lane pool.

The pool has recently had heat pumps installed for more even temperature control and lane swimming, a barbecue area, a shaded toddlers paddling pool and plenty of inflatable toys are available for children to enjoy.



The pool is open Monday to Friday 6.30am to 5pm and weekends and public holidays from 11.30am to 5pm until March. Adults are \$4 per session and children \$2. Entry for preschool children, supervisors and people 80 years plus is free.

### WAIMATE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Waimate Operation Christmas Child is underway once again this year with an appeal to help local families struggling financially this Christmas.

The initiative, now in its third year, is run by Mayoress Lyn Stringer who is encouraging people to donate small, unwrapped toys and gifts for boys and girls up to 15 years old at the collection point in the Council foyer.

The collection is growing every year with gifts collected for the Salvation Army who wrap and distribute them to local families ahead of Christmas Day.

The gift drop-off deadline is midday, Friday 29 November 2019.



Mayoress Lyn Stringer and granddaughter Mya Faass.

### NEW VICTORIA PARK SHELTER

Demolition of the old Victoria Park sports pavilion is now complete with an exciting new picnic shelter being constructed on site shortly.

The new all-weather shelter will feature picnic tables with bench seats for people to enjoy all year round, encouraging families, school and sports groups to enjoy a picnic alongside the children's playground and nearby sports facilities.

Below (top photo): The old sports pavilion undergoing demolition works at Victoria Park last week. (Bottom image): An artist's impression of the draft shelter which will be constructed by Thompson Construction.



Waimate District Council  
**Victoria Park Roof Cover**

AN ARTIST IMPRESSION BY THOMPSON



### SHAKEOUT 2019

Council staff and several schools and organisations in the Waimate District took part in another successful Shakeout exercise on 17 October.

Shakeout, a national earthquake drill organised by Civil Defence, is carried out every year by organisations and businesses nationwide to remind people to drop, cover and hold in the event of an earthquake.

More than 800,000 people took part in this year's exercise around the country including pupils from Waituna Creek School's Kereru and Piwakawaka classes (top and centre) and staff at Waimate District Council (below).

