

MAYOR'S COLUMN



We are now well into the new year and there are plenty of exciting events coming up in the district over the course of 2020.

Next month, Waimate will be hosting the South Canterbury Relay for Life for the first time and plenty of local businesses, individuals and organisations will be taking part in this important fundraiser, including Waimate District Council staff.

Mayor Craig Rowley

The all-day event will be held on Saturday 14 March at the Waimate A&P Showgrounds to honour cancer survivors, remember loved ones and come together to fight back against cancer.

Get involved in this year's event by signing up your team or come down and support the teams at the A&P Showgrounds.

ALPINE FAULT - NOT IF BUT WHEN

The AF8 roadshow is coming to Waimate this year, bringing together Alpine Fault science and hazard impact information for residents in our region.

The award-winning programme will feature an evening of science and emergency planning to help communities prepare and respond in the event of a major earthquake.

Bringing together Civil Defence Emergency Management, Crown Research Institutes, emergency service and health authorities, the AF8 Roadshow will discuss how communities in our region can prepare at home and in the wider community in an emergency.

This year's AF8 road show *'The Science Beneath Our Feet'* will be at the Regent Theatre in Waimate on Monday March 23 from 7pm.

HERITAGE AND RECREATIONAL GRANTS OPEN

Applications are now open for the Heritage and Recreational Track Grants in the Waimate District. Eligible heritage projects include archaeological and traditional sites, buildings and sites with Historic Place classifications, notable and heritage trees and other buildings or sites Council considers worthy of assistance of which a maximum of \$1000 can be granted.

Recreational Track projects can include track signage, GIS mapping, development of new recreational tracks, improvement and/or maintenance of existing tracks with a maximum of up to \$10,000 available this round. For further information go to: waimatedc.govt.nz. Completed applications can be sent to: Grants Administrator, PO Box 122, Waimate 7960, or Waimate Information Centre, 15 Paul Street, Waimate, email: info@waimatedc.govt.nz or phone: 03 689 7771. Applications close Thursday 20 February 2020.

ROAD RESEALING UPGRADES



Council has nearly completed this season's resealing programme. We use chipseal because it is the most effective way to ensure a safe surface for vehicles by providing texture and protect the underlying road foundations by waterproofing.

This year we will resurface 44 km, 6 to 7 percent of the surface area of the District's 545 km of sealed roads. This costs about \$1.2 million a year, with the NZ Transport Agency paying about 60 percent and the remainder funded through rates.

The work happens between November and March because warm air and ground temperatures are essential to get the best results. For your own safety, the safety

of the workmen and to protect the new seal, please observe the speed limit. The signs will not be removed until the surplus chip has been lifted and the road marking reinstated. The new seal remains susceptible to damage for several weeks after the reseal. Care is needed to ensure that there is no sharp turning of heavy vehicles or strong acceleration as these actions will cause damage to the new seal.

We apologise for any inconvenience the resealing may cause and thank you for your patience while these works are undertaken.

VICTORIA PARK SHELTER UPDATE

Work on the new Victoria Park all-weather pavilion is nearly complete with the foundations and roof now constructed.

The next stage of development will begin shortly and include construction of the seating, and power and water connections.



BABY ON BOARD AT VICTORIA PARK

Victoria Park's bird aviary has a new resident after the arrival of a baby Peafowl at Christmas time. The little chick is now relaxing in its new surroundings with the company of its mum. Come down to Victoria Park and take a look at the Peafowl family.



NEW GARAGING AT EVENT CENTRE

Waimate District Council has completed the construction of a new five-bay garage alongside the Waimate Event Centre.

The new co-funded garage project, in conjunction with the Waimate Vehicle Trust, will house the Trust's fleet of vehicles in a centrally located and secure environment.

