

# NEWSLINE

JUNE 2020

## MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

The Waimate District made a very committed response to the recent COVID-19 lockdown and with our community now at level 2, we have much greater ability to get out and enjoy the district and support our wider business community once again.

Our district has a wide range of local goods and services on offer and I'd like to encourage all residents and visitors to the district to shop local and get behind our local businesses. Come and browse our unique retail shops or our regular Saturday morning community market, and consider buying your grocery, household, hardware supplies and gift purchases locally.

Waimate has a great range so shop locally and help keep our district thriving.

## VICTORIA PARK SHELTER UPGRADES

Following the construction of Victoria Park's new shelter last year, Council has now installed three new picnic tables and six seating areas for the public to enjoy. Below: Victoria Park's newly built shelter with the easy access timber tables and seating areas.



## LITTER INFRINGEMENT FINE

On 12 May 2020, Council passed a resolution setting the infringement fine for littering under the Litter Act 1979 at \$300 per offence. Delegated enforcement officers within the Waimate District Council will be able to issue litter infringement fines, pursuant to section 14 of the Litter Act 1979, for offences within the Waimate District from 15 June 2020.

## DOG REGISTRATION FEES

It's that time of year when dog registration fees are due (1 July). Want to make regular instalments to avoid paying late penalties? Then now's the time to apply to set up weekly or fortnightly automatic payments.

URBAN		RURAL	
Non-working dog	\$100	Working dog or farm pet	\$30
Neutered, non-working & dogs under 12 mths	\$60	Dangerous dog-	
Selected owner	\$30	150% of applicable fee	

Dogs from 3 months of age must be registered. Late fee penalties unpaid by 1 August are 150% of the base fee. If you have left the district, please let us know so we can update our details.

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

Do you have a project or club activity that needs funding? Council is inviting applications for financial assistance from clubs, groups and organisations within the Waimate District for the following community funds:

- 1. Community Grant** - provides funding to assist with local community projects.
- 2. Sports Grant** - provides funding to assist with local sporting projects.
- 3. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund** - provides a travel subsidy for sporting clubs and schools competing in regular local sports and competitions.

Application forms and details are available at [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz). Enquiries can be made to the Grants Administrator on 03 689 7771. Accountability forms for previous funding must be completed. All applications must be received by 5pm **Friday 12 June 2020** and sent to: Grants Administrator, PO Box 122, Waimate 7960, or email [info@waimatedc.govt.nz](mailto:info@waimatedc.govt.nz)

## RATES REMINDER

The new rating year for 2020/21 is fast approaching, and we would like to remind customers that have opted to pay their rates via automatic payment that you will need to review the payment amount to ensure it is sufficient to clear your rates for the new rating year and avoid penalties. You will need to review your payment when you receive the first instalment invoice mid-July.

Contact us to discuss the option of switching to direct debit (Rates EasyPay). There are weekly, fortnightly, monthly and quarterly (instalment due date) options available for payment. Direct debit is convenient, you won't forget to pay or need to recalculate rates each year, and it will ensure that your rating account(s) will not attract any penalties for late payment. You will still have full control over your rates account(s), and if you want to stop or alter a direct debit, you only need to contact us.

Late payment penalties will not apply if an arrangement has been agreed. Call us on 03 689 0000 or email [rates@waimatedc.govt.nz](mailto:rates@waimatedc.govt.nz) if you would like discuss this or a payment plan – we're here to help.

## NEW UNVEILING DATE FOR TED'S BOTTLE SCULPTURE

A new date for the commissioning of the Ted d'Auvergne sculpture has been set following the cancellation of Anzac Day celebrations. The sculpture, which represents the soldiers who left rural communities such as Waihao Downs for war, will now be unveiled and gifted to the community at 2pm on **Saturday 15 August 2020**, coinciding with VJ day.

The Ted d'Auvergne Sculpture Fundraising Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the many local and South Canterbury people, organisations and businesses who have generously supported this project with fundraising initiatives, a Give-a-Little page and private donations. It would be appreciated if members of the public interested in attending this event email the Committee Secretary Karalyn Reid to register for the event email [karalyn@waimatedc.govt.nz](mailto:karalyn@waimatedc.govt.nz)

