

NEWSLINE

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MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

With daylight saving now behind us, I hope you enjoyed a great Easter break. It's been an intriguing month for many within the Waimate District, with Covid-19 alert levels coming back into play and then within a matter of days, disappearing again following no community cases being reported nationwide. While it was bitterly disappointing to see the March Hare Rally postponed due to Covid restrictions, it was full steam ahead for the Bushtown Steam Up Day as thousands of people enjoyed the opportunity to take a step back in time and soak in the surrounds. It's always pleasing to see the progress Bushtown

Waimate is making, and with a great vision ahead, the project continues to go from strength to strength as it grows and develops under the guidance and commitment from a hardworking committee. Elsewhere, it was a time to reflect on and celebrate the incredible people and organisations we have within our district, with the 2021 Civic Awards highlighting some fantastic volunteer spirit (see below). After several weeks of flood-related disruption, it was encouraging to see our district library reopen again. It was a personal privilege to cut the ribbon and invite the public back through the doors.

Until next time, stay well.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2021 CIVIC AWARD RECIPIENTS



Julie Anderson (Inner Wheel of Waimate) John and Makere Kairiwa Lillian Bailey

The 2021 Waimate District Civic Awards were recently held at the Waimate Event Centre. Dozens of nominations were received throughout the Individual, Group/Organisation and Youth categories. In his address to the recipients, Mayor Craig Rowley said people like the ones that were honoured are the reason the Waimate District is such a special place to live and work.

LIBRARY CARD BENEFITS WHEREVER YOU ARE

Whether you are at the library or relaxing in the comfort of your own home, you can enjoy the benefits of being a library card holder at any time. With the library back open again, it's a great time to share with you all of the wonderful digital services available at your fingertips. Simply use your library card number and gain access to:

Beamafilm: Watch thousands of high quality, local and international movies, including back catalogue and premium titles, at the click of a button.

PressReader: Gain access to more than 7000 magazine and newspaper titles, including the renowned New York Times, Washington Post, Daily Mail and The Sydney Morning Herald.

BorrowBox: Using the BorrowBox app, browse, borrow, read and listen to your favourite eBooks and eAudiobook anywhere, everywhere, anytime. Just another fantastic platform to add to the benefits of being a library member.

And of course, if digital isn't your thing - head down to the library and enjoy thousands of books, newspapers and movies available in-house. If you're looking for something specific, or perhaps would like a recommendation, speak with our friendly team and they'll be sure to put you on the right track. It's all part of the service!

THREE WATERS - WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?

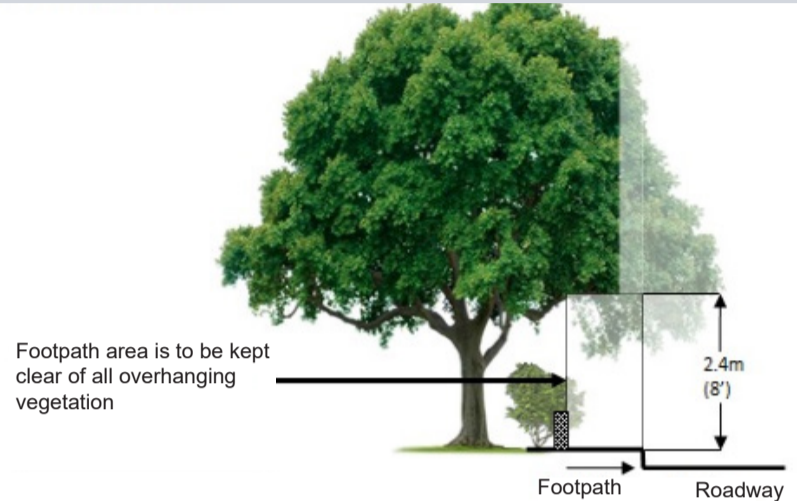
You may be wondering what we mean when we refer to the Three Waters. Simply put, it is a term for the supply of drinking water, and management of both stormwater and wastewater. We group them together as each has an effect on the others.

The government is now looking to raise the standard of three waters, and has introduced Three Waters Reforms. These reforms potentially look to improve regulation and investigate service delivery options.

The first stage of the conversation was the Council signing a Memorandum of Understanding, which essentially meant Council would participate in good faith in the three waters reform programme.

In the months ahead, Council will be rolling out information about the Three Waters Reforms and how they may impact our communities - so stay tuned.

KEEPING THE FOOTPATHS CLEAR



Overhanging trees, hedges and other vegetation can be a real nuisance. When trees, hedges or other plants grow and start to overhang a footpath or road from private property, there can be safety and/or accessibility issues for people.

As we move in to autumn, we need to make sure our footpaths and roads are safe and can be easily used by everyone, including the kids on scooters, the sight-impaired, those with disabilities and of course the 'good ol' postie'.

Therefore, in line with Council bylaws, please ensure footpaths kept clear of all overhanging vegetation, with a clearance of 2.4m from ground level.

If you are out and about and happen to notice trees or vegetation are affecting your safe use of footpaths or roads, please contact Council on 03 689 0000, or email council@waimatedc.govt.nz

Thank you for playing your part and helping to keep the district's footpaths clear and accessible.



In association with the Waimate Community ANZAC Group

WAIMATE DISTRICT ANZAC DAY SERVICES Sunday 25 April 2021



6.20am – Hakataramea Dawn Service
Hakataramea Cenotaph, Hakataramea Township

7am – Waimate Dawn Service
Victoria Park Memorial Gates

8am – Southburn (Maungati) Service
Southburn War Memorial

8.45am – St Andrews Service
St Andrews War Memorial

10.30am – Waimate Civic Service
Waimate Event Centre and parade to War Memorial Clock Tower

Returned Personnel (wearing medals) are invited to assemble outside the Waimate Event Centre at 10.25am. Members of the public are asked to be seated inside the Event Centre by 10.20am. Following the service, there will be a parade to the Memorial Clock for the laying of wreaths.

2pm - Ted's Bottle Service (Waihao Forks)
Waihao Forks Hotel

Note: If there are COVID-19 Level 2, or higher, restrictions in place, there will be no public ANZAC services. Instead, there will be an invite-only service at the War Memorial Clock Tower.

"Lest we forget"