

MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

As we look ahead to the second half of the year and all that it may bring, there is plenty of challenges that we must navigate, and plenty of topics that we'd like your feedback on.

As the clock ticks down to the start of the new kerbside rubbish and recycling service, which gets underway from Monday 5 July, many of you will have started to receive your new bins. As you will see across the page, it's important that you lift the yellow lid and inside you will find a handy information guide, along with your blue crate. Refer to this information guide for everything you need to know, and be sure to download the Waimate Bins app.

By now, some residents will have received the Waimate District Residents' Survey – this is an independent research exercise to help Council clearly identify the wants and needs of our ratepayers, and helps us to better understand public perception.

Please take some time out to complete this survey – every returned result will help shape the district's future and provide invaluable insight. The survey is entirely anonymous and is selected at random.

Speaking of the district's future, keep an eye out for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Consultation Document, scheduled to arrive in the coming weeks directly to your mailbox. In this, you will see Council's immediate plan for the next three years and the longer-term vision through to 2031.

I strongly encourage you to engage in the consultation process and tell us what you think via your submission. If you want to know more, be sure to get along to one of our community chat sessions, (as shown below) and ask us anything you would like to know.

We'll even pop the kettle on.

Until next time, stay well.

INTRODUCING . . . THE 'GREEN ORGANICS BIN'

Perhaps one of the biggest changes associated with the district's new kerbside rubbish and recycling service is the green organics bin. To many, it may just seem like a bin for greenwaste, but rest assured, it's much, much more.



You can use your organics bin for food scraps, garden waste, cardboard pizza boxes, fish and chip paper, wet newspapers, animal droppings, fur, hair, tea bags, raw/cooked meat and the list goes on.





As the countdown begins to the new service getting underway on Monday 5 July, here's a few frequently asked questions to help you better understand the need for a dedicated organics bin.

I already compost at home, so why do I need this bin?

While it's great that you are composting, there are many items that simply cannot be composted without the use of a commercial composter. This is where your organics bin comes in to play, on hand for all those items that don't meet the DIY criteria.

It's also worth remembering, items placed down a sink disposal unit go straight through to wastewater, so it's best to use your green organics bin where possible.

What can I put in my organics bin?

Yes	Food waste Coffee grounds, eggshells, fish, fruit and vegetable scraps, cheese, meat (raw or cooked) and tea bags (no staples)	
	Garden waste Branches, flowers, leaves, weeds, lawn clippings (unsprayed) and untreated wood	
	Cardboard and paper Cardboard pizza boxes and fish and chip paper. Put any plastics pieces in the red rubbish bin	
	Paper towels and newspaper Paper hand towels and wet newspapers	
	Animal droppings, fur and hair Animal droppings (wrapped in paper), animal fur and hair	

2021-31 LTP SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

Councillors and Council staff will be out and about across the district to discuss our plans, and the Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document. Come along, let us know what you think and ask any questions you may have.

SAVE THE DATE!

Community Chat Sessions

Glenavy Hall
Monday 21 June, 7pm to 8pm

Waimate Event Centre
Tuesday 22 June, 5pm to 7pm
Wednesday 23 June, 11am to 12pm

St Andrews Hall
Wednesday 23 June, 7pm to 8pm

Cattle Creek Hall
Thursday 24 June, 1pm to 2pm

Maungati Hall
Monday 28 June, 7pm to 8pm

Call in anytime within the set times and have your say. We'll pop the kettle on - see you there!







Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document Out Soon

HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY

2021 RESIDENTS' SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Waimate District 2021 Residents' Satisfaction Survey covers topics such as:

-  Council communications, distribution and scope of information, district promotion
-  Community engagement, services and facilities, parks and reserves
-  Three waters, roading and footpaths, waste management, emergency management
-  Value for money/rates, image, reputation and overall feedback

WHAT

Please tell us your views and opinions about the Waimate District Council's many services and facilities, and how we can help make Waimate a better district.

WHY

Key Research is an independent research company conducting the survey on behalf of Waimate District Council. Key Research will protect your privacy by ensuring that no one, including Council, will know you have taken part. It is important you complete the survey to help shape your community.

HOW

By mail: Survey arriving in your mail box soon. Refer to instructions enclosed and return by 18 June 2021.

Online: To complete the survey, go to:
<https://survey.keyresearchsurveys.com/kr/waimatedc2021>

What can't go in my organics bin?

Plastic bags, plant pots, fast food containers, ashes, treated wood, sprayed lawn clippings, bricks, concrete, metal, cabbage tree and rhubarb leaves, gravel, dirt and soil.

Instead, please place these in the red rubbish bin, or where required, take to the Waimate Resource Recovery Park.

LIFTING THE LID

Take a look in your yellow recycling bin and you will find a handy information guide. This information guide will outline everything you need to know ahead of the new kerbside rubbish and recycling service getting underway on Monday 5 July.

For further questions, or to download a copy of this guide, visit waimatedc.govt.nz, download the Waimate Bins app on your Apple App Store or Google Play and/or contact our customer service team on 03 689 0000.

