

MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

April proved to be a busy month for the district, with some high profile events taking place and many turning out to pay their respects to His Royal Highness Prince Philip following his passing last month. A small service was held at Seddon Square, with the Waimate RSA sounding the howitzer artillery gun on three occasions to signify our district's condolences. A Book of Condolence was also set-up for members of the public to share their thoughts and messages as a fitting gesture to Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family.

It was also great to see hundreds turn out across the district for the respective ANZAC Day services, something we were unable to do last year due to COVID-19. ANZAC is a special time for many, and it's during this occasion, we can commemorate those that have gone before us and honour all returned and serving servicemen and women. Let's not forget.

In other news, you'll most likely be aware that we are gearing up to roll out the new kerbside rubbish and recycling service in the coming months. I understand there's been quite a bit of misinformation doing the rounds on the community grapevine, therefore it's worth checking out the column to your right and finding out firsthand what you need to know ahead of the bins arriving later this month.

Meanwhile, looking ahead, Council are preparing to circulate the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Consultation Document for your consideration. Here you will see what shapes our budgets and what Council are proposing by the way of rate increases over the next 10 years to continue providing and increasing levels of service throughout the district. Look out for this document next month and please take the time to complete a submission. Your input plays a direct part in Council's decision making process going forward, and this is your chance to have your say.

Until next time, stay well.

FRIENDS OF KNOTTINGLEY RECOGNISED



The former Friends of Knottingley Park members gather with Mayor Craig Rowley.

Earlier this year, the Friends of Knottingley Park group officially disbanded and brought the curtain down on an incredible era of service to the Waimate District.

It was fantastic to acknowledge and recognise the group's collective efforts over many decades with a small thank-you event taking place at the Waimate Event Centre.

In his address to the group, Mayor Craig Rowley referred to the legacy built for future generations and pointed out Knottingley Park and Arboretum has been "richly blessed with the work carried out over their years of operation."

"We know that many former group members will continue to take an avid interest and we will always welcome their advice and knowledge.

"We congratulate you all for the great service and thank you for your vision and commitment that has both grown and shaped this park for the enjoyment of many people to come."

To conclude the event, a plaque to acknowledge the group's contribution was unveiled and will feature at Knottingley Park and Arboretum in the coming weeks.

BIN BASICS - EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!



Ahead of your new bins arriving later this month, here's a quick run down of everything you need to know.

When will my new bins arrive?

Your new bins will start to arrive from Monday 17 May 2021. This rollout process will take approximately three weeks, and will be accompanied with an information brochure packed with key details and educational snippets.

What will happen with my existing bins?

The 80L red rubbish bins and 240L rural and commercial bins will be collected after they have been emptied on their normal collection day. For urban properties, this collection day will be Wednesday 30 June or Thursday 1 July, while rural properties will have their bins collected on Tuesday 22 June.

In regards to the black recycling crates, residents will have the opportunity to keep these at no cost. If you wish to do so, please bring your crate in following final collection. Crates left out on the final collection day will be taken away.

The current greenwaste collection is a service provided privately by Metallic Sweeping. These bins will also be collected back in on Tuesday 29 June.

When does the new service officially start?

The new kerbside rubbish and recycling service will officially commence on Monday 5 July, and will supersede the existing two-bins and a black crate.

Will my collection days change?

Urban Waimate - Wednesday and Thursday
Southern rural Waimate - Monday
Northern rural Waimate (including rural townships) - Tuesday

Bins will be emptied weekly and fortnightly on the above schedule. Glass crate and organics bin (weekly), rubbish and recycling bins (fortnightly on alternate sequence).

Who does this service apply to?

Every residential dwelling and commercial business within the urban Waimate area, Glenavy township, St Andrews township, Willowbridge settlement, Morven settlement and Makikihi township will receive a new set of bins.

Those that live outside of these areas and currently have a rubbish collection will also receive a set of new bins.

For residents that live rurally and do not currently have a rubbish collection service, they can opt in to receive the new service. Please contact the Council to discuss the truck collection route and how your property could be serviced, 03 689 0000. For a full list of service areas and to view the maps, please visit our website, waimatedc.govt.nz