

# NEWSLINE

## NOVEMBER 2021



### MAYOR'S COLUMN



Last month, the Government finally gave New Zealand some clarity on the Three Waters Reform Programme. Going back on their initial promise to allow communities to have their say, the reform has now been mandated and legislation will be introduced next month to start the process.

As a Council, we're extremely disappointed that the Government have felt the need to take this approach and we will continue to do everything within our capability to ensure the best outcome for you as ratepayers. However, with this direction, you may be wondering what this will mean for you, Council and the Waimate District.

In short, your services will not change and it remains to be very much business as usual. We are continuing to press ahead with our planned three waters upgrades and any debt that is incurred as a result of these upgrades will be transferred across to the new water entity, as proposed under the reform. Longer term, any changes, or likely changes will be publicised well prior to anything taking place and we'll certainly keep you up to date and informed with the reform as it progresses.

Meanwhile, we're on a mission as a district to get 90% fully vaccinated by summer. If you haven't already had your first or second dose, be sure to get along to one of the vaccination clinics, either Friday 5 November at Glenavy School Car Park (11am to 2pm) or Sunday 7 November at the Waihao Forks Hotel (12pm to 2pm) and get this sorted. Outside of these times, you can also go to [bookmyvaccine.co.nz](http://bookmyvaccine.co.nz) and organise a time and day that works for you - but don't wait, vaccinate.

In other news, it's great to see nominations have opened for the 2022 Waimate Civic Awards. If you know a deserving volunteer that fits the criteria, be sure to put them forward. You can pick up a nomination form from Council's Main Office or visit [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz). Nominations close Friday 17 December 2021 at 4pm.

It's also time to start thinking about Christmas and everything that brings with it. It's been a particularly difficult year to navigate and for some families, they will be doing it tough. I strongly urge you to support Waimate Christmas Child to help make their lives a little easier, with all donations finding their way to local households and bringing smiles and joy to children's faces come Christmas Day. All donations can be dropped at the Council foyer by midday on Friday 10 December. Due to health and safety reasons, stuffed toys are unable to be accepted.

Until next time, take care.

### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED

Five Waimate residents will join the respective Creative NZ Communities and the Community and Sports' Committees following Council approval last month. The committees, which typically undergo a refresh every three years, will see the new members take their place at the committee table from next month, with the next available grants in March 2022.

Jane Bell, Ina de Pauw-Fontein, Lorraine Shortus and Craig Robertson were appointed on to the Creative NZ Communities Committee, while Ina, Julie Price and Carol Cross were appointed to the Community and Sports' Committee.

The role of each respective committee is to facilitate grant applications and recommend suitable recipients in accordance with the eligibility and criteria.

Grant applications are assessed on a six-monthly basis. A special thanks to all present committee members and for those that are now stepping down after completing a full term of six years. For more information on community grants, visit Council's website [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz)

### TIME TO MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER



With Labour Weekend now behind us, it can only mean one thing . . . summer is on its way and what better way to spend a hot summer's day than making a splash at Norman Kirk Memorial Pool. Open through to March 2022, the doors are now open and we can't wait to see you soon. The pool facilities feature a canteen, plenty of seating, a grassed area, shaded toddlers paddling pool and a barbeque area - including free gas barbeque facilities to enjoy a family feast. Standard prices are \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child, with various season tickets and bulk swim pricing also available. Preschool children and 80+ swim at no cost.

### 'IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO HELP PUSH CHANGE'



What Michael Macbeda doesn't know about waste management probably isn't worth knowing.

The PhD scholar lives and breathes the topic and has made it his life ambition to help others understand the importance of it.

Recently leaving the big city life of Auckland behind to join the Waimate District Council as Waste Management Officer, Michael is passionate about his new role and despite knowing little about the Waimate District prior to applying for the role, has already hit the ground running.

His wife and four children are yet to make the move south, with Michael encouraging two of his children to finish their school years before relocating to South Canterbury. But all going well, subject to COVID implications, they will join him soon.

In his position, Michael, who emigrated to New Zealand from Nigeria in 2011, will oversee Council's waste management contract with EnviroWaste and help to implement key learnings and processes from within his own expertise.

With a fresh lens on the area, Michael has already identified possible improvements. He would like to see clothing bins reinstated and has set about investigating various options to achieve this.

Since arriving in New Zealand, Michael has travelled to various locations throughout the North Island, but hadn't yet had the opportunity to cross the Cook Strait - until now.

"My view has been so positive here, I've interacted with people at work and outside of work and all my experiences so far have been great. I'm really enjoying the atmosphere and find the area very friendly, welcoming and people are always ready to help . . . I'm looking forward to enjoying everything the district has to offer," Michael said.

In the coming months, Michael plans to facilitate some public education with schools and organisations throughout the Waimate District, something he says will help protect the future.

"We can all do our bit, and then a little bit more . . . it's up to all of us to help push change."

### SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN CALLING ALL WAIMATE DISTRICT BUSINESSES



As a business owner you know the importance of your community getting behind you by supporting and shopping local. Now more than ever, it is so important we share the Shop Local message to allow our local economy to thrive.

When the community invest their money in the local economy, it keeps business doors open and people in employment.

The Explore Waimate Promotions Team are running a Shop Local campaign from Wednesday 10 November to Sunday 19 December. We would love to hear from any Waimate District business who would like to be part of this campaign. There are no catches for signing up, plus it is FREE to participate!

There are some awesome prizes up for grabs to encourage people to shop at participating local businesses (perfect timing in the lead up to Christmas!).

If you are a Waimate District business and would like to be part of this campaign, get in touch before Wednesday 10 November, by contacting:

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