

# NEWSLINE

## AUGUST 2022



### NEW CITIZENS WELCOMED



At the last Council meeting (26 July), 14 new citizens were officially welcomed to the Waimate District, eight of whom were present and six unable to attend. On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain along with fellow Councillors, Council staff and extended guests congratulated the group and acknowledged those unable to get along to the presentation. As part of the function, the new citizens were gifted with a small token and asked to share why they chose New Zealand and what they enjoy about Waimate. Pictured from left, David Bosomworth (Scotland), Zrinka Gregoran (Croatia), Julie Dee (Scotland) and the Fetalver family from the Philippines; Roselma, Eric, Shanlee and Earl Andrew. Those absent included David Atherton (England), Tracey Foster (England), Lloyd Mawdsley (UK), David Mawdsley (Germany), Lewis Mawdsley (UK), Philip Jackson (UK) and Lavanya Mattu (India).

### THE BUSHMAN RETURNS



After several weeks on leave, The Bushman has returned to his rightful place looking sharper and shinier than ever. With a new coat of paint, a fresh log and a pile of woodchip scattered at the base, it looks like he has already been hard at work - even during his time off. A big thanks to Allan Laurie for supplying the log, it looks great. In 2006, Christchurch artist Donald Paterson took a year to sculpt him. The Bushman is constructed of marble-based filler, resin-coated clothing and bronze hands, head and hat. The sculpture is a nod to our early saw milling heritage. In the mid 19th century, Waimate was a small village surrounded by about 1200ha of native forest. By the 1870s, hundreds of men were employed at five sawmills operating in the bush. In 1878, nor-west winds fanned a fire which burned for eight days. Five sawmills were destroyed and 70 houses burned, but no lives were lost. If you haven't already caught a snap with The Bushman, you will find him quietly observing the passing traffic on Queen Street (near the clocktower).

## TWO-MINUTE AGENDA

26 July 2022

### DISC GOLF PROPOSAL SUPPORTED

A proposal to establish an international grade 18-hole disc golf course at Knottingley Park and Arboretum in Waimate has been supported by Council, following further information supplied at last month's meeting. Overseeing the project is Waimate2gether, who have recently engaged the expert services of Wanaka-based Vortica Disc Golf, consultants for the overall proposal and course design.

An initial approach to Council in June resulted in the group being asked to provide further details, investigating the feasibility of the project. As part of their report, Vortica estimated up to 1000 players from outside of the Waimate District would visit the course to play the new 18-basket design. The proposal also states the possibility of a local disc golf club to be formed, with the club responsible for the ownership of the course hardware and to perform ongoing maintenance.

With support now in place, Waimate2gether are awaiting the outcome of a \$60,000 funding request, recently put forward to the Department of Internal Affairs. Subject to funding approval, the course installation is expected to get underway later this year.

### ANNUAL DOG REPORT STATISTICS

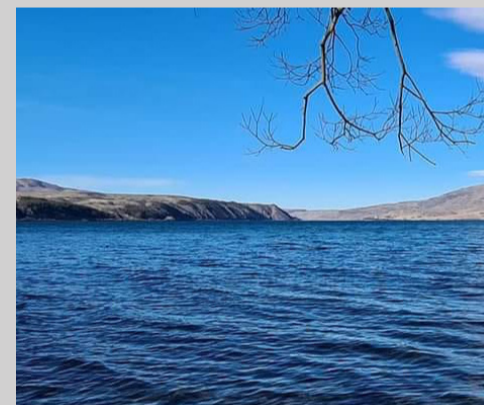
The annual dog control data for the 12-month period ending 30 June 2022 has been released, identifying clear improvements throughout the area in comparison to 2021. The data shows an increase of 94 registered dogs, an additional 21 wandering dogs, 21 dogs impounded and a 100% registration success of known dogs throughout the district. The full report can be viewed on Council's website, [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz)

### MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATED

As part of a three-year review, Council has approved some minor changes to the Knottingley Park and Arboretum Management Plan. The Plan serves as a supporting document to Council's General Reserves Policy and the 2019 Recreation Asset Management Plan, reflecting the concerns and aspirations of both the Waimate public, park visitors and a shared understanding on how the reserve will be developed, maintained and managed.

For all meeting agendas and minutes, visit [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz)

### BUMPER CAMPING SEASON SET TO START



#### SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Next month (September) marks the opening of the 2022/23 Waimate Lakes Camping season, an occasion eagerly anticipated on the calendar of many. Following on from last season, there will be no set-up day - instead an opening day on Saturday 17 September 2022, with gates opening from 8am.

With the warmer days ahead, there's no better time to go back to basics, get out and explore your own backyard. Camping is a time-honoured tradition for many Kiwi families and the Waimate District has camping grounds in some of the most spectacular places in the country. Whether it's the popular Waitangi, Te Akatarawa, Fisherman's Bend Reserve or Briar's Gully, there's plenty of space for everyone and this year is shaping up to be yet another bumper summer.

Along the shorelines of Lakes Aviemore and Waitaki, activities range from swimming, boating, water skiing, canoeing, picnics, tramping and fishing - with the Lakes providing an ideal place to get away from the everyday hustle and bustle, relax and enjoy. But don't just take our word for it, grab the caravan, tent, campervan or house bus and experience it firsthand this season. All campgrounds have toilets, porta-pottie stations and drinking water, and are well equipped with rubbish and recycling stations.

Season tickets are now available at Council's main office (125 Queen Street, Waimate) and will be available at Kurow Autos and the camping ground headquarters during the season itself. Casual concession tickets are also available at the registration booths on site at the respective campground. With each season ticket, you will receive an information brochure to help familiarise yourself with the rules, guidelines and expectations.

Take a moment to read through this, and if you have any questions, speak to our camp supervisor on site. Above all, stay safe, respect others and most importantly, enjoy yourselves.

