

NEWSLINE

JULY 2022



LOCAL VOICE DOWN THE DRAIN



There was a great community turnout at the Waimate Event Centre on Tuesday night (12 July), as hundreds of residents packed the stadium to attend a public update on the Government's Three Waters Reform Programme.

Meeting attendees were taken through a presentation by Council detailing what will happen if the reforms go ahead, specifically looking at rates and the likely future of Council.

Did you miss the meeting, but still want to have your say?

No problem - you can still make a submission to Parliament's Select Committee, and ask to speak to your submission. You can also write to your local MP with your views and sign an online petition to oppose the proposals at demandbetter.nz

Through this website, you will also find an example of a submission. Feel free to use this, tweak as you require and above all else, be sure to make your voice heard. All submissions must be received by 11.59pm on Friday 22 July.

How do I make a submission to Parliament?
To make a submission to Parliament's Select Committee, visit demandbetter.nz and click on Make a Submission.

To learn more, or to access further resources, visit waimatedc.govt.nz and click on Three Waters Reform. Here you will find a hub of information, including past media reports, Mayoral columns and progress updates.

If you need assistance with your submission, please email info@communities4localdemocracy.co.nz

DEMAND BETTER WAIMATE, HAVE YOUR SAY TODAY!

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REINSTATED



Eagle-eyed road users will notice the pedestrian crossing on High Street has now been reinstated. During the resealing in June, contractors sealed over the previous crossing point and since then, Council received plenty of feedback to question when it will be put back in place.

In the interest of safety, the crossing has been reinstated away from the corner.

If you're still not quite sure where we are referring to, here's (above) our Roding Manager Rob Moffat giving it the big tick. Thank you to all those who took the time to provide their views to Council, your feedback is always appreciated.

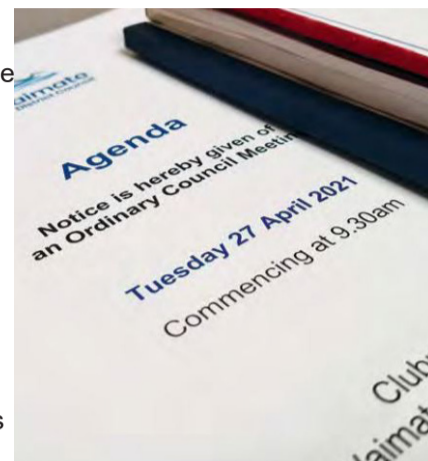
PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OPEN WORKSHOPS

If you have ever wondered about the ins and outs of agenda items at Council, now is your chance to get a front seat insight. Throughout the year, Council hold workshops and presentations for Elected Members, and generally these are open to the public.

These informal 'information sessions' are a good way for members of the public to find out more on what's happening behind the scenes at Council. While they are always informative and cover items of interest, no decisions are made.

For the most part, the Council workshops are held at the Waimate Event Centre (15 Paul Street, Waimate), unless stated otherwise. If this is something you are interested in, but can not make the session in person, there is also a Zoom option for you to tune in and observe.

The next Council Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday 9 August 2022, with agendas typically available on Council's website two days prior. For a full list of Council meetings and workshops, visit waimatedc.govt.nz/council/meetings



COME AND READ TO WOLFIE THE GREYHOUND



If you are looking for something to do with the kids during the school holidays, then look no further. Come and read with our resident greyhound Wolfie, or get comfortable and listen in. We are also going to have our Animal Control Officer on standby, teaching safety around dogs and while Wolfie will be around for most of the term break, it's important you ring ahead and make a booking. Alternatively, pop in for our public storytime session on Tuesday 12 July from 10.30am to 11.30am. For all other Reading with Wolfie sessions, please contact the library team directly on 03 689 0071, or email ann.hume@waimatedc.govt.nz. Wolfie and the team can't wait to see you soon.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPEN

Waimate District Council invite applications for financial assistance from clubs, groups and organisations within the Waimate District for the Heritage and Recreational Track Grants.

Enquiries and completed applications to:
Grants Administrator, PO Box 122, Waimate or Waimate Event Centre, 15 Paul Street, Waimate. For all enquiries, phone 03 689 7771, or email info@waimatedc.govt.nz

Applications close Friday 29 July 2022 at midday.
Please note, late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted.



Have you registered your dog yet?

ANNUAL PAYMENT DUE BY 31 JULY 2022 **Pay it your way.**

Online.

We can now accept payment via internet banking. Ask our team for more information.

In person.

Drop in and see us on any weekday at 125 Queen Street, Waimate (between 8am to 4.30pm).

Instalments.

Set up an easy to manage instalment with our friendly customer service team.

