

MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

As summer draws to a close, there's been some extremely hot days throughout the last four weeks and plenty of locals and visitors enjoying the sights and activities of our district. However, further afield in New Zealand, there has also been some stark reminders of mother nature's strength, with many cities and towns ravaged by floods, causing widespread damage and forcing many to start again.

One of the hardest hit areas included the Wairoa District, a small, similar sized catchment to Waimate District. Through my years as Mayor, I have enjoyed a good working relationship with Wairoa District Mayor Craig Little and on behalf of the Waimate District, have passed our best wishes on to him and his community. In fact, last month (through the Mayoral Relief Fund) I kickstarted a fundraiser – pledging \$1,000 to get the ball rolling, since prompting many more donations from all areas of our wonderful district – totalling more than \$8,000.

A big thanks to everyone that has given to this cause, every little bit helps and I know it will be extremely well used and distributed to those who need a helping hand the most. There's a long road to recovery, and it's heartening to know so many of you have helped to make that journey just a little easier.

Until next time, take care.

COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

SWIMMING POOL SEASON CLOSING SOON

The Norman Kirk Memorial Pool will be closing to the public on Sunday 19 March 2023. The pool will remain open for bookings (schools, swim club, etc.) through to Friday 24 March 2023. We hope you have enjoyed the swimming season and look forward to welcoming everyone back in October.

ROAD CLOSURES

Sunday 2 April 2023 from 8am to 3pm

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Waimate District Council for the purpose of permitting The Veterinary Centre Whitehorse Big Easy to hold the Big Easy Cycle/Running/Walk event will close the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

- **Mount John Road**
(Hodges Road – River ford)
- **Hodges Road**
(SH82 – Mount John Road)
- **Hillary Street**
(Queen Street – Naylor Street)
- **Naylor Street**
(Betten Street – Hillary Street)
- **Garlands Road**
(Mill Road – Point Bush Road)
- **Point Bush Road**
(Betten Street – end)
- **Betten Street**
(Naylor Street – Point Bush Road)
- **SH 82**
(east of McHenrys Road)

6 March to 4 April 2023

Please be advised, 50min road closures will apply to the section of SH82 (near the Hakataramea Township), east of McHenrys Road – from 6 March through to 4 April 2023. These closures do not affect the Waimate Gorge, the Waimate township or access to surrounding areas.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings and workshops are held in the Council Chamber, 125 Queen Street, Waimate, unless stated. Agendas are available on Council's website at least two days prior to a meeting. Please contact the Committee Secretary karalyn@waimatedc.govt.nz, or phone 689 0038 to receive a Microsoft teams link or to speak at the public forum.

- **Tuesday 14 March, 9:30am**
Audit & Risk Committee
(Council Chamber)
- **Tuesday 21 March, 9:30am**
Ordinary Council Meeting
(Council Chamber)
- **Tuesday 4 April, 9:30am**
Open Workshop
(Council Chamber)

BIN GADGETS

For some residents, there can be nothing worse than having to drag large, often heavy, bins down lengthy driveways every week.

Council is pleased to offer residents the opportunity to purchase a wheelie bin tow hitch.

Here's a quick Q&A with Waimate District Council Waste Management Officer Michael Macbeda on the newest gadgets to hit the market.



BIN TOW HITCH

What is the wheelie bin tow hitch?

With the wheelie bin tow hitch, residents can safely secure the lid of the bin closed while dragging the bin slowly behind the car.

Essentially, the car does all the manual work and ensures minimal stress on your body.

Where can I purchase this item?

The hitch device is available at Council's main reception (125 Queen Street, Waimate) for \$18, or can be sent directly to your address, subject to internet banking.

How does the bin tow hitch work?

Attaching the bin tow hitch is very straight forward. Simply hook the strap around the tow bar and slide the hitch over the bin handle. That's it! In just a matter of seconds your bin is attached and you are ready to go.



BIN CLIP

Equally frustrating as lugging heavy bins around is the process of having to pick rubbish and recycling up from around your neighbourhood following strong winds, often knocking bins over before the collection truck has had time to reach them.

Council acknowledges this is an issue and are pleased to offer a solution – the bin clip.

How does the bin clip work?

The bin clip will unlatch only if the bin is more than half full. When the bin is lifted and tipped into the truck, the force of the weight will force the clip to unlatch, and the contents of the bin will be emptied.

To attach the clip, ensure you wet the latch with water to help make installation easier.

Where can I get this item?

The bin clip is available at Council's main reception (125 Queen Street, Waimate) for \$12, or can be sent directly to your address, subject to internet banking.

For more information, please contact Council on 03 689 0000, or email council@waimatedc.govt.nz

Council Community Meeting



**Wednesday 15 March 2023, 4pm
Hakataramea Gun Club**

An opportunity for Hakataramea/
Waihaorunga residents to engage
and talk to your Mayor and Councillors.
Come and discuss what's on your mind.
For further information contact
Cr Colin Pankhurst on 027 689 2244.

GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Council invites applications for financial assistance from clubs, groups and organisations within the Waimate District for the Creative NZ Communities Scheme.

If you have an idea for a project that might support community involvement in the arts, engage young people in the arts or create cultural diversity in the arts - be sure to apply and tell us more.

Application forms and information are available from the Waimate Event Centre and at waimatedc.govt.nz - all enquiries can be made to the Grants Administrator on 03 689 7771.

All applications must be received by midday Friday 24 March and sent to Grants Administrator, PO Box 122, Waimate 7960, emailed to info@waimatedc.govt.nz, or delivered to the Waimate Event Centre, 15 Paul Street, Waimate.

To learn more, visit waimatedc.govt.nz/community/grants



EARLY CLOSURE

Please be advised, due to a staff meeting, Council's main office (125 Queen Street, Waimate), Waimate District Library and Event Centre will close at 3.30pm on Monday 13 March.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation and understanding at this time.



**Friday 24 March and Monday 27
to Friday 31 March 2023**



**Waimate Event Centre,
Club Room**



**Skills for work,
skills for life,
and preparing you
for employment!**

Sessions will include self-management, finding your strengths, teamwork and problem solving. Suitable for ages 16 - 28. Morning tea and lunch provided and transport available.

Please contact **Lisa Dobson** for further information and to register on **027 257 8578** or email lisa.dobson@waimatedc.govt.nz



2023 RESIDENTS' SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Waimate District 2023 Residents' Satisfaction Survey covers topics such as:

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



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WHAT

In the coming weeks, residents throughout the Waimate District will be randomly selected from the Electoral Roll to take part in the 2023 Waimate District Council Residents' Satisfaction Survey. This survey is completely independent, carried out by Key Research, and any personal, or identifiable information collected, will remain entirely anonymous to Council. Please note, you can only complete the survey if selected.

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. If you are selected, it is important you complete the survey to help shape your community.

HOW

By mail:

Refer to instructions enclosed and return by 20 March 2023.

Online:

To complete the survey, go to: <https://survey.keyresearchsurveys.com/kr/waimate2023>

