

NEWSLINE

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Waimate
District Council

MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

Our favourite time of the year is here. The Waimate Lakes Camping season officially opens on 16 September. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all campers, especially those who will visit our district for the first time. I hope you enjoy the spectacular and serene landscapes our campsites have

to offer along with modern amenities to make your stay a memorable experience. Season passes are now available and proving to be a hit. I hope you have a wonderful time in our district and create memories for life.

Now, on to an important issue, the general election. Every election is pitched as the most important one ever, however, this year, making your voice heard and casting your vote will be pertinent; for the sake of our district, and your local identity. The Waimate District Council has fought long and hard over the last few years for local people to determine their own future. It is that time of the electoral cycle where we can decide the future direction for our country.

The central government has pushed its water reforms through Parliament which came into effect on 22 August enabling the establishment of 10 water service entities. The entity for Canterbury and

the West Coast (Entity 1) is expected to go live in July 2025. Whether the legislation survives or not, will come down to the result of the election, with opposition parties publicly committing its repeal.

I encourage our community to read and understand the policies of the various political parties. This is your opportunity to influence your future and ensure that local voices are heard. I urge all eligible voters in the district to enrol themselves and vote in the election. Your voice and your vote will decide the future of Council and our community. All information around the election and voting can be found on vote.nz

Until next time, take care.



WAIMATE LAKES CAMPING SEASON

There are few time-honoured traditions loved by Kiwi families as much as camping. The Waimate District has camping grounds in some of the most spectacular places in the country. Whether it's the popular Waitangi East, Waitangi West, Te Akatarawa, Fisherman's Bend or Briar's Gully, there's plenty of space for everyone.

Along the shorelines of Lakes Aviemore and Waitaki, activities range from swimming, boating, water skiing, canoeing, picnics, tramping and fishing.

The lakes are also 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 first-hand this season. All campgrounds have toilets, chemical waste stations and drinking water (to be boiled) along with well-equipped rubbish and recycling stations.

Season passes starting from \$450 are now available at Council reception at 125 Queen Street,

Waimate. You can also buy a season pass by calling 03 689 0000 between 8am and 4.30pm.

With each season pass, you will receive an information brochure to help familiarise yourself with the rules, guidelines and expectations. All information can also be found on Council's website at waimatedc.govt.nz.

The camping season opens 8am, Saturday 16 September 2023.

Stay safe, respect others and enjoy yourselves.

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About the Draft Glenavy Recreation Reserve Management Plan

Help us shape the future of the reserve.
Tell us what you think.

Submissions are now open.

**Submissions close 12pm,
Wednesday 18 October.**

To download the Consultation Document go to waimatedc.govt.nz/current-consultations, or collect a copy from Council's Main Office.



**PUBLIC
CONSULTATION
→ DECISION**

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In an Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 August, with no feedback from public consultation to consider, Council approved the proposed amendment to the Dangerous Buildings Policy and Insanitary Buildings Policy. Section 123B of the Building Act 2004 has been added to the definitions section of both policies.

You can find information about the consultation on Council's website at waimatedc.govt.nz



Join our team Join our team Join our team

Are you ready to make a difference to your local community?

Council is recruiting for a number of roles.

- Three Waters Technician/Trainee Three Waters Technician
- Technical Support Officer – Roading
- Resource/Environmental Planner
- Building Control Officer
- Emergency Management Officer and Health & Safety Advisor

To learn more about these roles visit the Careers page on the Council website.

NEW CITIZENS WELCOMED

On Tuesday 15 August, Council acknowledged six Waimate District residents who were recently granted citizenship. Originally from the Philippines, United Kingdom and Ireland, the new citizens administered their oath and were sworn in and welcomed at a civic ceremony held in the Council Chambers. Council celebrates their newfound status as New Zealand citizens, while respecting their roots and the cultural wealth they bring with them.

The ceremony saw students from Waituna Creek School sing the national anthem, followed by messages from the Governor-General and the Minister of Internal Affairs and morning tea with the Mayor and Councillors.



From left to right: Charlie Clavey, George Clavey, Julie Clavey, Mayor Craig Rowley, Janice Eseo, Georgina Eseo and John Torpay

Patrick Partleton was nominated for a scholarship by the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) and Waimate District Council to attend Outward Bound's eight-day Whakatipu course.

He describes the experience in his own words.



MY EIGHT DAY ADVENTURE

By Patrick Partleton

On 29 July, after eight hours of travel and two bus trips, I reached Picton from Waimate to attend Outward Bound's eight-day Whakatipu course. Along the way, I met other participants who boarded the bus from Twizel, Ashburton and Hurunui districts.

All participants met with Outward Bound staff in Picton and kicked-off our adventure by handing over our valuables and 'distractions' - phones, books, etc, and getting changed into the physical training gear. After loading our luggage on to the Kirt Hahn motorboat, we ran about 3km to Bob's Bay, and jumped into the water, swimming back to the boat. That was just the beginning!

The next day we were assigned positions on the rowboat and started learning how to row. Starting with the zigzag formation, we rowed to the first night base, TK, accompanied by dolphins and a pretty sunset.

Every morning, the first task was to get ready for physical training and complete a warmup in total silence, followed by a 3km run and a jump into the water. Morning showers were cold outdoor showers followed by breakfast. The morning assembly was when we planned our activities for the day and receive messages. Our watchhouse was inspected every day for tidiness, clean toilets and we had a roster for meal duties. Over the eight days we participated in rowing, outdoor rock-wall climbing, high ropes, individual and group tramps (including a night in the bush by yourself) and team building exercises. We had sessions on goal setting, understanding comfort zones, working well with others, maintaining professional relationships and confidence building.

I enjoyed the physical challenges, especially the high ropes where I was additionally challenged by being asked to jump between platforms with my eyes closed and hands free. The challenge was working as a team and relying on others to be on time and follow instructions. One morning we had to repeat our morning run and swim because some of our watches were behind time. This experience made me realise how different I am to others my age because while others were missing their phones and junk food, I was happy to go without and appreciate the experience. We had several discussions about teamwork, accepting others' differences and working with our strengths.

I would like to thank MTFJ and the Waimate District Council for the opportunity and sponsorship. I really enjoyed the experience; the amazing scenery, particularly on frosty mornings is something I'll never forget. I have learnt a lot about myself and now I look forward to attending the 21-day course in a few years' time.



You can contact our Employment Coordinator, Lisa Dobson at lisa.dobson@waimatedc.govt.nz to find out more about the MTFJ programme and opportunities.



COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING

Waimate Urban Ward

Wednesday 20 September 2023

- 12pm to 1pm – Waimate Event Centre Clubrooms
- 6pm to 7pm – Waimate Event Centre Function Room

An opportunity for residents to engage and talk to your Mayor and Councillors. Come and discuss what's on your mind.

Residents are invited to forward agenda items to any of the following:

Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain
sharyn.cain@waimatedc.govt.nz
027 277 1973

Councillor John Begg
john.begg@waimatedc.govt.nz
021 203 0056

Councillor Peter Collins
peter.collins@waimatedc.govt.nz
027 291 8763

Councillor Rick Stevens
rick.stevens@waimatedc.govt.nz
021 741 619

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 12 September at 9.30am

- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19 September at 9.30am

- Ordinary Council Meeting, commencing with Public Forum
- Long Term Plan Workshop

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, 125 Queen Street, Waimate, unless stated otherwise. Agendas are available on waimatedc.govt.nz at least two days prior to a meeting.

To receive a Microsoft Teams link, or to arrange to speak at the Public Forum, please contact the Committee Secretary on karalyn@waimatedc.govt.nz or 03 689 0038.



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