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MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

Hello and welcome to another edition of Newsline. Newsline will now be a one-page, fortnightly publication, to ensure the news gets to you in a timelier fashion.

One project that is gaining momentum this year is the Waimate High School AgHub. This initiative, run by the school and the Waimate Opportunities Trust, aims to prepare students for entry into the agricultural sector.

Farming is the backbone of our local economy, and it is great to see the local high school and community come together to provide opportunities for our young people.

This project has been going for a few years and is continually growing. Keep an eye out for news and support their fundraising efforts when you can.

As far as Council projects go, a recent and exciting one has been our new public notification service 'Notify Me'. Residents can now sign up to receive emergency alerts via text or email for key services like water and civil defence.

This will mean we can get important information out directly to the people who need it. There are different options for what information you can opt to receive, so you will not be spammed with information not relevant to you.

We are also rolling out a fortnightly newsletter that will be sent via email with Council news, public notices and events within the district.

The link for Notify Me is waimatedc.govt.nz/notifyme

Until next time, take care.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCED FOR SCHOOL

The speed limit around St Patrick's School has been reduced to 30km/h, following a decision made at the Ordinary Council Meeting in June. This change was prompted by a request from the school's Principal.

Originally, St Patrick's School was not included in public consultation on the Draft Interim Speed Management Plan due to its small student population and off-road carpark. However, with the increase in student numbers and senior students using the footpath to walk to weekly events, the need for a reduced speed limit became evident. Teachers and students had observed that drivers often did not slow down, even when children were waiting to cross the road.

Council also considered the proximity of the Rural Scholars Childhood Learning Centre. As a result, the 30km/h speed limit now applies along Cameron Street, covering both schools.

This change is part of Council's Speed Management Plan, which aims to enhance the safety and wellbeing of the community, particularly in high-risk areas like school zones.

CONSERVE WATER NOTICE LIFTED

Consumers on the Waimate Urban Water Supply and Hook-Waituna Rural Water Scheme are advised that the conserve water notice has been lifted, as climatic conditions have improved.

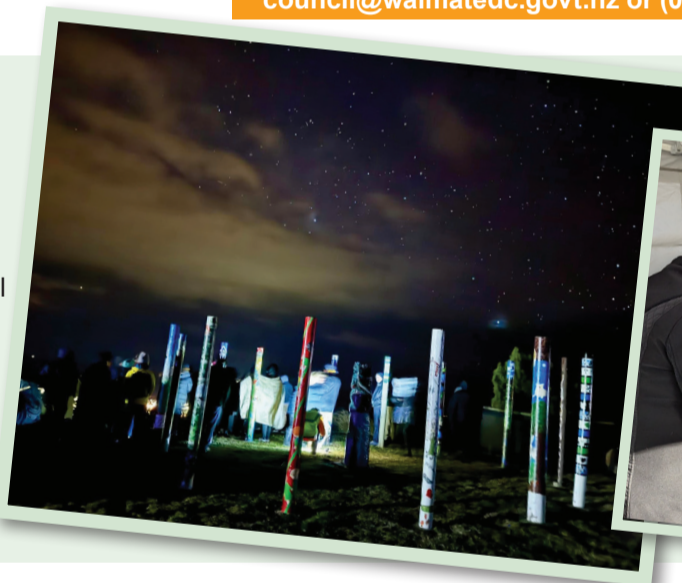
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Council on council@waimatedc.govt.nz or (03) 689 0000.

MATARIKI WRAP

The 'Matariki in Waimate' event, held on 6 July, was a joint initiative between Council and Te Rūnanga o Waihao.

It began with an early morning Hautapu ceremony and breakfast at the White Horse Monument, followed by a special edition of the Waimate Community Market with Te Reo Māori and flax weaving workshops – and finished with an outdoor screening of Frozen in Te Reo Māori.

Mayor Craig Rowley said he was pleased so many people took the opportunity to get involved in our most recent edition to the school holiday calendar.



GLENNAVY TOILETS OPEN



Looks can be deceiving!

Although it resembles a Canadian wood cabin, this building will have a lot more visitors.

The new Glenavy public toilets, nestled in the picturesque Glenavy rest area, next to the freshly developed Glenavy Recreation Reserve, are now open – four weeks ahead of schedule.

The new Exeloo amenity features two cubicles, both of which are accessible facilities.

The \$192,202 project came in under budget at \$180,225.87. The money came from the Government's Three Waters Better Off Funding.

What is carbon sequestration? What does it mean for Waimate?

Biodiversity corridors and riparian buffers - what are they and what are the benefits?

What is the link between biodiversity and climate change?

Can our local economy benefit from nature-based solutions?

Waimate District Climate Resilience Strategy

Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration Action Plan Workshop

HEAR ABOUT POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR DISTRICT FROM OUR EXPERT GUEST SPEAKER

Join us for an interactive workshop on carbon sequestration and natural restoration challenges and opportunities for our district

This is the fourth of a series of workshops where we are taking your input to draft the Climate Resilience Strategy. Fill out the Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration survey at waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Tuesday 6 August, 6pm | Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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