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Waimate
District Council

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Hello to you all and season's greetings as we near the end of another year.

This year has brought its share of challenges, but it has also reminded us of the resilience and community spirit that defines Waimate. From our dedicated volunteers to our hardworking local businesses and the many individuals who contribute to making our district such a special place, I want to extend my sincere thanks.

The holiday season offers us the opportunity to come together, celebrate, and reflect on the year that has been. Whether you are enjoying a summer barbecue, camping at the Waimate Lakes, or making the most of our beautiful walking and cycling tracks, I encourage everyone to take the time to relax, reconnect and recharge.

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful, and joyous Christmas. Here's to a bright and prosperous New Year ahead!

Mayor Craig Rowley



NO SHORTAGE OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Hundreds of community donated gifts will bring smiles to children and families throughout the Waimate District this Christmas, with Operation Christmas Child once again proving a huge success.

Mayoress Lyn Stringer, who leads the initiative in partnership with Community Link Waimate, said she was once again blown away by how many presents had been donated. "We know these are tough financial times and we are unfortunately seeing more families in need. But once again the Waimate community has stepped up and ensured every child gets to open a present on Christmas morning," she said.

The presents will be wrapped and distributed by Community Link with 95 families to receive the parcels, all of whom are within the Waimate District.



Beginning in March, the Norman Kirk Swimming Pool had its surface relined. This has extended the lifespan of the pool and reduced the heating costs.



In May, Council's community housing units on Kennedy Crescent were re-roofed. This involved insulating and replacing the cladding of the 1960's buildings.



WAIMATE DISTRICT
JOBS HUB

In May, the Mayors Taskforce For Jobs launched the vehicle for its Driver Licence Programme, bringing lessons to Waimate.

DRIVER LICENCE SUPPORT



The much-anticipated Waimate District Library renovation and extension was unveiled in December. The new design and layout will help cope with the increased demand on the community service.

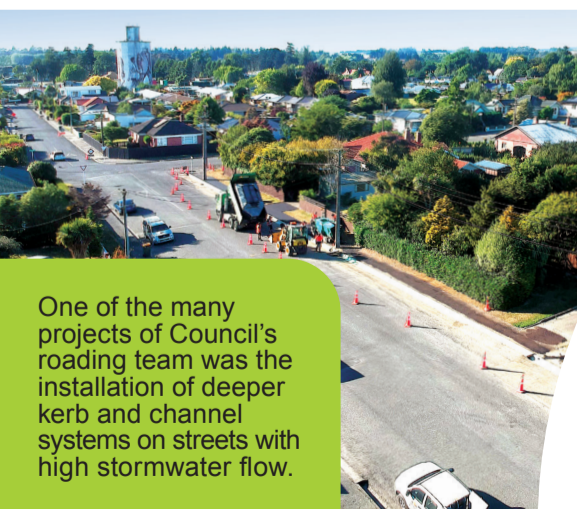


2024 highlights

The new Glenavy public toilets, located next to the Waitaki River Bridge, were unveiled and have proved popular.



One of the many projects of Council's roading team was the installation of deeper kerb and channel systems on streets with high stormwater flow.



This Waimate Lakes camping season saw the implementation of a camping registration app 'Penny' at Fisherman's Bend. This trial aims to ensure all campers can easily pay their fees.



In June, a collaboration between Timaru and Waimate District Councils saw the launch of "Personal Responses to a Warming Planet" – a short guide which gives practical advice to reducing emissions and improving climate resilience.



The 'Matariki in Waimate' event was held on 6 July. The celebrations were a joint venture between Council and Te Runanga o Waihao.

Celebrate
MATARIKI
in Waimate
Saturday 6 July 2024

Holiday Hours

The Waimate District Council offices and Council facilities will be subject to holiday hours. Go to waimatedc.govt.nz for a full list.



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