

# NEWSLINE

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**Waimate**  
District Council

## MAYOR'S COLUMN



Hello to you all and welcome to this month's edition of Newsline.

Councils are responsible for a raft of things which are essential for the community. One of them is Civil Defence. Over the past few months, Council staff have been attending regular training sessions to ensure that we are equipped to deal with any emergency. Our Emergency Management Officer has regular collaborations with councils across Canterbury.

Mayor Craig Rowley

However, everyone has a role to play in an emergency: Government agencies, councils, community organisations and every individual. The best way to deal with an emergency is to prepare for it. Together, we are all Civil Defence. Visit the [GetReady.co.nz](http://GetReady.co.nz) website to be prepared.

I met with members of Grey Power recently, along with other elected members and Council staff, to understand the troubles faced by some members of our community because of issues with our footpaths. They outlined issues on and off footpaths, particularly around intersections. Work has already begun to clearly mark safe crossing points at intersections with white paint. Grey Power will explore safety and handling courses for mobility scooters, along with a guide to safe and preferred routes in town over the coming months. We are committed to working alongside Grey Power to ensure our footpaths remain safe and accessible for everyone.

Until next time, take care.

## LET'S NOT WASTE OUR WASTE

Waimate District Council's Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024-30 is now open for public consultation.

The plan is a guiding document which identifies Council's vision for how we manage waste, and how we are working to minimise it and the associated costs. It sets out ambitious targets and methods for achieving them.

Council has identified three methods to bring about the changes required for achieving our targets:

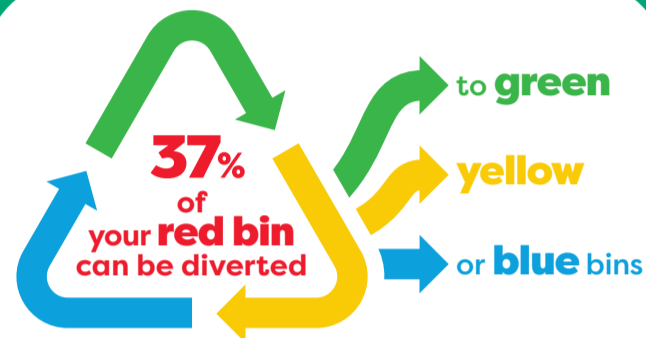
1. Influencing behaviours
2. Provision of waste services and facilities
3. Regulating how waste services are provided.

We will build on the achievements our district has made so far and explore opportunities for working towards circular economy principles, diverting more from our refuse bins and getting similar levels of access to rubbish collection across the district.

We welcome feedback and ideas from the community and encourage you all to have your say.



## About waste



**Have your say on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024-2030.**

**Don't let your waste go to waste.**

Get the consultation document at [waimatedc.govt.nz/wmmp](http://waimatedc.govt.nz/wmmp), or from Council reception

**Submissions close 9am on Monday 1 July**

## COMMUNITY HOUSING UNITS RE-ROOFED

Council's community housing units on Kennedy Crescent just got a lot cosier this winter thanks to the completed re-roofing project.

Local contractor Brad Keen Building Ltd had been engaged by the Council to replace and insulate the roofs of the 1960s buildings.

The community houses are made up of nine buildings encompassing 27 individual units.



Nau mai, Haere mai!

Save the date

**SATURDAY 6 JULY**

Waimate District Council and Te Rūnanga o Waihao invite you to come along for a day of learning, fun and food to celebrate Matariki

Stay tuned for more information



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# SNAPSHOT:



Waimate District Jobs Hub in conjunction with Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), Waimate District Council, Local Government New Zealand and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) supports jobseekers into employment. The programme also assists jobseekers with getting a driver licence.

Since its inception in November 2020, the programme has assisted over 310 jobseekers into employment, 183 of whom are in full-time permanent jobs. It has also assisted with over 168 driver licences and provided over 190 hours of driving lessons.

## Waimate hosts Minister of Social Development

A meeting at the Waimate Event Centre last month was an opportunity to shine a light on the positive impact of the MTFJ programme. Minister Louise Upston met with Waimate District Mayor Craig Rowley, Employment Co-ordinator Lisa Dobson, Driver Licence Programme Coordinator Deborah Kibble and MTFJ participant Leo Marriott. Also in attendance were representatives from MSD, our local MP Miles Anderson, Mayors and MTFJ coordinators from Waitaki and Mackenzie DCs and the MTFJ Chair Mayor Max Baxter.

The Minister took the opportunity to speak with people involved in the programme's delivery and remarked that she's a "big fan" of the programme and enjoyed learning more of its positive impacts on our community.

"The MTFJ programme is a stellar example of localism and community-based solutions", said Mayor Craig Rowley.

"The key reason for the success we see in Waimate is community buy-in. Jobseekers, employers, Waimate High School and other organisations have all worked collaboratively to bring about these amazing outcomes. It is heartwarming to empower people with the tools required to succeed and assist them into jobs and careers that fuel their passion", said Lisa Dobson.



Lisa Dobson with students and jobseekers

## Employment Fair fosters connection

An Employment Fair organised by the Waimate District Jobs Hub at the Waimate Event Centre last month welcomed 90 attendees and featured 17 stalls from locally owned businesses, and those with a local presence.

From school students exploring future career paths to jobseekers seeking employment opportunities, the diverse mix of attendees demonstrated the fair's impact. It served as a platform to make connections between individuals and employers, while shedding light on the varied roles available within our district.

## New Milestone for the Driver Licence Programme

Living rurally without a driver licence is a significant barrier to finding employment. Waimate District Jobs Hub has assisted with driver licences and provided driving lessons to jobseekers and budding young drivers. However, a lack of driving instructors in Waimate meant getting instructors from Timaru or Oamaru, or driving learners to them, which slows the process considerably.

Local sponsorship from Fonterra, Rotary Club of Waimate and Waimate Lions Club enabled a dedicated vehicle to be purchased for conducting driving lessons. On behalf of the Waimate District, Council acknowledges the generosity of our sponsors. It will help countless jobseekers and make a positive impact in the district.

Deborah Kibble, a Waimate local and Council's newly appointed Driver Licence Programme Coordinator will start taking bookings for lessons soon. Her appointment will enable us to have regular driving lessons, fast-track the licencing process and help more clients.

Mayor Craig Rowley considers the vehicle and our local driving instructor as assets to our community. They will make a positive impact in the district.

Deborah is able to assist jobseekers and budding young drivers with the driver licencing process. She can be contacted on 027 689 0033 or by emailing [deborah.kibble@waimatedc.govt.nz](mailto:deborah.kibble@waimatedc.govt.nz)



Deborah Kibble



From left: Marijanna Hay, Lynette Stringer and Harvey Wood (all Rotary Club of Waimate), Mayor Craig Rowley, Alan Maitland (Fonterra), Edgar Taeye (Waimate Lions Club), Peter Hughes (Rotary Club of Waimate), Deborah Kibble (Driver Licence Programme Coordinator) and Lisa Dobson (Employment Coordinator)

## CAMPING SEASON WRAPPED UP

There were plenty of happy campers at the Waimate Lakes Camping this season.

A recent customer satisfaction survey conducted by Council showed 89% of campers rating their overall experience as positive (six and above out of 10). The camping season commenced on 16 September 2023 with the gates opening at 8am and closed on 28 April 2024. Season ticket sales of 523 were down on last season's 574, although 1,120 casual tickets were purchased, compared with 710 for 2022/23.

Visitors came from as far afield as Germany, Belgium, France, England, Canada, Chile, China, and Northern Ireland.

Mayor Craig Rowley said the beauty of the Waimate Lakes Camping is in its simplicity and timeless charm. "It is a chance to get away from everything and relax. We are lucky to have such a wonderful place right on our doorstep."

"There was some feedback asking us to invest in more modern facilities but that would increase the prices. We want to keep our prices as affordable as possible while ensuring we maintain the quality of our existing amenities. It was pleasing to see people enjoy themselves up there and provide valuable feedback. This is a credit to the Waimate Lakes Camping and Parks and Reserve staff."

The next camping season opens Saturday 14 September 2024. We look forward to having many more happy campers.

Are we allowing and planning for the right land use activities in the right place?

What considerations should apply to buildings and structures?

How do we manage our cultural, heritage and biodiversity areas?

# Waimate District Climate Resilience Strategy

## Land Use and the Built Environment Action Plan Workshop

Hear potential issues and solutions from our expert guest speaker

Join us for an interactive workshop on land use and the built environment challenges and opportunities in our district

This is the third of a series of workshops where we are taking your input to draft the Climate Resilience Strategy.

Fill out the [Land Use and the Built Environment survey](https://waimatedc.govt.nz/land-use-survey) at [waimatedc.govt.nz/land-use-survey](https://waimatedc.govt.nz/land-use-survey)

Tuesday 25 June, 6pm  
Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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