

NEWSLINE

10 APRIL 2025



MAYOR'S COLUMN



Mayor Craig Rowley

This year is turning out to be an important one for the Waimate District. However, even with all the challenges we face, I feel optimistic. As we map the future of our district with the Long Term Plan 2025-2034, I'm confident that Council, staff and our community will work together to build a better tomorrow. Consultation is now open and I welcome everyone, whether you agree with Council's proposals or not, to make a submission and have your say. Your feedback and ideas have value. You can find all the information you need at waimatedc.govt.nz/ltp

Last month I had a meeting with James Meager, Minister for the South Island to talk about issues plaguing Canterbury. I told him that the South Island is getting the shorter end of the stick when it comes to funding from the Government, especially when it comes to roading budgets. I advocated for increased funding for the Waimate District, and the wider Canterbury region. Maintaining our large roading networks should not and cannot fall on councils alone. The Government needs to step up and do more.

I am delighted with the progress we've made with the Event Centre fire restoration. With the tender process now concluded, Council has awarded the contract, and we are about to hand over the site for the commencement of repairs.

Until next time, take care.

Waimate District Anzac Day Services

Friday
25 April 2025



6am – Hakataramea Dawn Service

Hakataramea Cenotaph

7am – Waimate Dawn Service

Victoria Park Memorial Gates

8am – Southburn Service

Southburn War Memorial

9am – St Andrews Service

St Andrews War Memorial

10:30am – Waimate Civic Service

Waimate Event Centre
and parade to War Memorial Clock Tower

Members of the public are asked to be seated inside the Waimate Event Centre by 10:20am.

Returned Personnel (wearing medals) are invited to assemble outside the Waimate Event Centre at 10:25am.

There will be a parade to the Memorial Clock after the service for the laying of wreaths.

All members of the public wearing family medals on the right chest are welcome to march with the returned services personnel.

2pm – Ted's Bottle Service (Waihao Forks)

Waihao Forks Hotel



In association with the **Waimate Community Anzac Group**

Long Term Plan 2025-2034

Let's
chat

Consultation Submissions now open

Give your feedback
on Council's Key Issues:

→ **Managing the
Impact on Rates**

→ **Roading Funding
Shortfall**

→ **Track Funding**

We are also seeking
feedback on:

→ Resource
Management Act
and Food Act Fees
and charges

→ Annual grants

Tell us what you think

Go to waimatedc.govt.nz/ltp

You can go to the library if you don't own a device

**Submissions
close
12pm on Monday
5 May 2025**

Want to know more?

Drop-in to one of our community chat sessions:

→ **Glenavy Hall:** Wednesday 9 April, 7pm to 8pm

→ **St Andrews Hall:** Monday 14 April, 7pm to 8pm

→ **Cattle Creek Hall:** Wednesday 16 April, 2pm to 3pm

→ **Maungati Hall:** Tuesday 22 April, 7pm to 8pm

→ **Waimate Event Centre:** Wednesday 23 April, 12pm to 2pm and 7pm to 8pm

CARAVAN/BOAT STORAGE AT WAIMATE LAKES

Short of space for your caravan or boat at home? We've had many people ask us for storage at the lakes, but we couldn't offer it due to not having staff present during the off-season. That's changed and Waitangi East Campground at Waimate Lakes now offers caravan and boat storage year-round.

We now have Lakes Supervisor Desmond (Mouse) Aitcheson living on-site all year. Caravans and boats can be stored directly in front of the campground office for just \$1.50 per day (inclusive of GST), payable at the end of the storage time.

Gates to the campground will be locked during the off-season except for when staff are working on the campgrounds. Caravan/boat owners will be required to sign an indemnity agreement stating Council holds no liability for damage and we strongly recommend insurance against fire and theft and use of a wheel or tow ball lock.

"We're delighted to offer this storage option," says Parks and Reserves Manager Steve Johnston. "We do need to point out though, that storage does not include any advantage over camping positions and all campers must follow the usual process when the season opens."

For details, call Steve Johnston on 027 689 0013 or email steven.johnston@waimatedc.govt.nz



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