

The Waitaki LINK

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Waitaki DISTRICT COUNCIL

Happy 2012. We hope you enjoy reading the first Waitaki Link for 2012 on news from Waitaki District Council.

Council welcomes new staff members

Steven May - Regulatory Services Manager

Council is delighted to announce Steven May as the new Regulatory Services Manager. After leaving school Steven became an electrician and once qualified changed career to join the NZ Police force. Steven worked for 17 years in both Auckland and Marlborough in the role of Constable, Detective, Sergeant, Police Prosecutor, Strategic Traffic O/C, Senior Sergeant, Station Manager and Sub Area Commander and received the Queens Police medal for "long service and good conduct". Steven then moved on to work for the NZ Immigration Service as the Operational Manager for the South. He spent the last two years at the Waikato District Council as the Resource Monitoring, Bylaws and Civil Defence Manager before joining Waitaki District Council.



Steven May - Regulatory Manager

Helen Bradley - PA to Community Services Manager

Council is pleased to welcome Helen Bradley to the Community Services Department as the Personal Assistant to the Community Services Manager. Helen grew up in Oamaru, is married to a local farmer and experienced in administration.

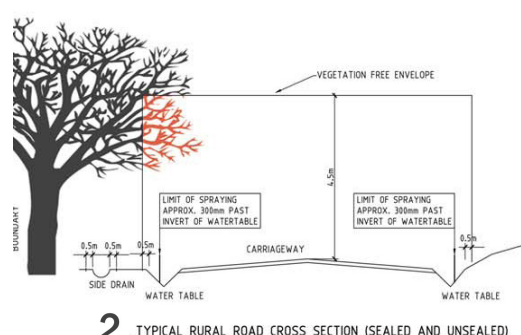
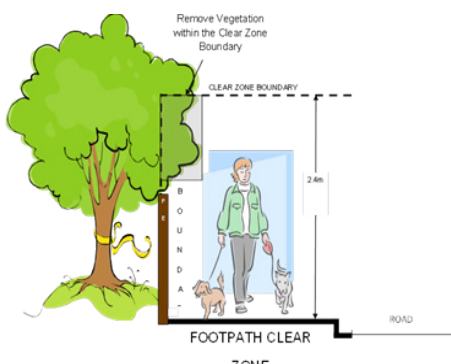
Keep the district's footpaths user friendly

With such a good growing season, now is a good time to check that the vegetation on the boundary of your property has not become overgrown. "Overgrown vegetation protruding from private property (urban or rural) into the road reserve, including pest plants (i.e. gorse and broom) and any roadside vegetation deemed to be private, including shelterbelts, will be controlled and maintained by the adjacent landowner. Grass verges are to be maintained by the adjacent landowner." Waitaki District Council - General Bylaw 2006; Public Place Rule 234, Overhanging Vegetation Liable to Obstruct, states;

No person shall permit or allow vegetation to encroach on to or over any Public place so as to obstruct or interfere with the free movement of persons using that public place:

- (a) That there be sufficient clearance to give pedestrians free passage with vertical clearance to 2.4 metres.
- (b) That Officers are authorised to give written notice to trim or cut back obstructions which do not comply.

Please refer to the diagrams below which show rural and urban requirements for vegetation control.



2. TYPICAL RURAL ROAD CROSS SECTION (SEALED AND UNSEALED)

Areas above the entire footpath, to a height of 2.4m must be kept clear of overgrowth from trees, low shrubs, vines and hedges.

Water restrictor tampering is THEFT

Council is often called to investigate water shortages within the rural supplies. Shortages are often caused by burst or damaged pipework within the system, however, it can also be the result of missing or tampered supply restrictors. All customers pay for a certain amount of water units. Infrastructure surrounding the water supply is controlled to deliver the correct amount of water to all users. Once a restrictor is tampered with, other customers relying on the supply can suffer water shortages.

In an effort to reduce unnecessary investigation and additional cost to the rate payers in the District, we would like to remind all customers with restricted water supplies that any tampering with restrictors will be regarded as theft and will be reported to the Police for appropriate action.

Mobile dog patrols out in the district

Council has received a number of calls concerning dogs being exercised or allowed to run loose uncontrolled by a leash. A number of recent dog attacks and rushing dog incidents in the District could have been prevented had their carers had their dog controlled by a leash.

The District Bylaw 2004 states that "The owner of a dog may allow their dog on any public place (not being a prohibited public place or dog exercise area) if the dog is controlled on a leash".

Also, every person being the owner or for the time being having the care or control of any dog shall keep such a dog:

On a lease or chain held by such person and securely attached to the collar on such dog.

Dog Control Officers will be enforcing the above Bylaw and if caught, dog owners may be liable for fines up to \$300. Council appreciates those dog owners who register their dogs and exercise them on a lead. The mobile patrols will be offering a gift for the dog owners seen complying with the Bylaw as a thank you for good behaviour!!!!

Long Term Plan 2012-22 countdown

Over the last few months Council has been busy working on the next Long Term Community Plan (or Long Term Plan) for the 2012-22 period. This is an important document which shapes Council activities from roads to libraries over the next ten years. It also explains how much this will cost and how we will pay for it. We intend to seek your opinion on the draft plan during the consultation period in April/May before adopting a final plan in June. Your views are important in the development of the plan and we encourage you to have your say on what you want to see. The countdown has started - keep an eye out for more information!

Council intends to launch a website to help residents understand and provide feedback on the development of the Long Term Plan over the next month. In addition to the website, copies of the draft plan and summary of the draft plan are currently being prepared and will be available to residents during April.

Council is eager to get your views on the draft Long Term Plan and officers will be available to attend meetings when invited by community groups. Past experience (especially with the recent 2011/12 Annual Plan) demonstrated this is a more effective way of getting messages to the community than holding public meetings, which can be poorly attended. Please contact Customer Services on 03 433 0300 or email consult@waitaki.govt.nz if you are interested in having someone come and speak to you about the draft Long Term Plan. Council will try and accommodate all invitations. Further details on the timing and how to submit on the plan will be provided in the coming weeks.

Harbour Development Update



Check out the new Pontoon and renewed Signal Man Hut down at the harbour. Follow the Harbour development on Facebook, search for "Harbourside Playground" and join in the discussion.



Public Notices

TRAFFIC DISRUPTION NOTICE

Waitaki District Council wish to advise that the Oamaru Car Show will be having a 'Main Street Cruise' in Oamaru on **Friday evening 10 February 2012**. The route will be Wear, Lower Thames, Itchen and Humber Streets'. The Eastern side of Lower Thames Street will be closed to through traffic between Wear and Itchen Streets from 3.30 to 9.00 pm. Through traffic will be redirected to the Western side of Lower Thames Street during the event. Public parking on Eastern Lower Thames St will be restricted including the median area. Meek, Steward and Humber Street parking will be available.

ROAD STOPPING OF UNFORMED ROAD DEEM ROAD, SHAG VALLEY

Public Notice was given that the unformed road Deem Road [shown as Section 1 on SO 424904] was to be stopped and amalgamated with title to the land held by the adjoining owners. The adjoining land owners were notified and Public Notice given of the proposal. No objections were received, and, as the time limit for objections has now expired, this road is declared to be stopped.

PART OF WHITE CLIFFS ROAD, REIDSTON

Public Notice was given that part of unformed road White Cliffs Road [shown as Section 1 on SO 436775] was to be stopped and amalgamated with title to the land held by the adjoining owners. The adjoining land owners were notified and Public Notice given of the proposal. No objections were received, and, as the time limit for objections has now expired, this portion of the road is declared to be stopped.



Waitaki District Libraries



Holiday Reading

Have you filled in your booklet?

Time to get it back to your library!

Return your completed booklet by 18/1/2012 to your library to be in the draw to win a prize like a swim at Waitaki Aquatic Centre.



There are a couple of events coming up for those into cycling and all things healthy (or others who have made rash New Year resolutions!)

1st February is **National 'Go By Bike Day'** and the first day of Bikewise Month.

During the summer it is much more appealing to leave your cars at home... so consider cycling or walking to work for at least a day or every day and if you already do so, encourage your colleagues to join in too! In Oamaru there will be a local 'Go By Bike' event where you can cycle by for a free breakfast and quick bike check, more details will be sent about these closer to the time.

The Bike Wise Challenge is a fun and free competition held in February every year. It is open to any organisation in New Zealand. The aim of the competition is to get as many of your colleagues to ride a bike for just ten minutes or two kilometres over the four week challenge period. It's not about cycling the most number of kilometres- it's all about getting more people on bikes. The team with the highest percentage of staff cycling within their size categories wins! For more information visit: www.bikewise.co.nz/bike-wise-challenge

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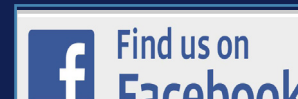
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