

The Waitaki LINK



Waitaki DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Christmas decorations will be going up in town in the next few weeks ready for the Christmas Parade held on 3 December. Also, in Palmerston and Omarama town centres.

Roading News....

Council welcomes new Rooding Asset Manager - Michael Voss

Council is delighted to welcome Michael Voss as the new Rooding Asset Manager. Michael hails from Western Southland where he was the Rooding Manager for Southland District Council. Both he and his partner Dale are excited about the change in weather, landscape and sampling the local cuisine.

Michael has an extensive engineering background that will help him deal with the challenges of the large diverse roading network in the District. Michael explained: I am really looking forward to sampling what the District has to offer and being able to call Waitaki home.



Resurfacing of footpaths

Fulton Hogan has been awarded a contract to resurface a number of footpaths across the Waitaki District. Work is expected to start in Oamaru on the 23rd November with other work also planned in Palmerston and Maheno.

Fulton Hogan will issue notices to property owners of planned works in their street. Property owners should liaise with Fulton Hogan in the first instance should they have any concerns.

Kerb and channel renewals

Whitestone Contracting will start work on kerb and channel renewals on Slade, Nore, Earn, Aln and Cross Street this month. Affected property owners will receive notification from Whitestone regarding temporary property access and contact details.

Increased sign vandalism in the district

An increase in sign vandalism has been noted within the district. As well as being a criminal offence, ratepayers end up having to pick up at least a share of the bill to replace or reinstate a vandalised sign. In many cases this cost can be upwards of \$250.

Twelve signs were vandalised during September and October. However more worryingly, another twelve signs have been reported as damaged in November already. This is turning into a costly problem and so we would encourage residents to contact the Council or the Police if you see anyone causing any damage. More importantly, is the risk sign vandalism creates to general road safety leading to poor decision making by the driver and its potential for serious consequences.

Council plans to improve unsealed road conditions

Waitaki District Council and Whitestone Contracting Ltd have completed a maintenance review of the unsealed roading network. The aim of the review was to identify how to improve the road network and ride qualities to match the increasing demands over the next five years.

Over the years a number of significant changes in the weight and speed of heavy vehicles, increased general traffic and changes in land use leading to intensive heavy road traffic for short periods have affected the ride quality experienced by road users. Correspondingly Government funding for Council roads has become more constrained.

Council believes implementing the outcomes from the review including better drainage and water runoff will lead to improved maintenance techniques and stronger road surfaces. The success of this plan will be dependent on sourcing appropriate levels of funding, in particular from central government as recognition of the networks increasingly important contribution to Waitaki and the New Zealand's economy.



Before grading



After grading on the same road, but differing location

Don't forget to request your Reference Number...

Is there something you need to know about a Council service? Do you have a suggestion about a Council service? Do you have a Council-related issue you'd like to discuss or have resolved?

If the answer is yes, your first port-of-call is one of the Council's Customer Service centres located in Oamaru and Palmerston. Council's friendly and informed Customer Service staff can assist you with any Council-related matter you can think of – from potholes to planning.

The Customer Service team can resolve many issues, however, if you need more specialist help, they will refer you to another Council Officer.

The Council's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system enables the service centre staff to assist customers efficiently. This system creates a permanent record of every issue brought to Council and forwards it on to the appropriate Council Officer for action. It also provides a way of tracking requests from the first point of contact with Customer Service, through to resolution.

It is important to ask the Council Officer for the CRM reference number and to quote this for any follow up queries. This will make it easier for Council Officers to find your enquiries on the CRM system. Questions and issues can be raised via the phone, e-mail or in person via the service the service centres below.

Get ready for the draft Long Term Plan 2012-22

Council Officers are busy putting together the draft 2012-22 Long Term Plan (LTP).

This is a community plan which will shape 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 consult with you in March/April on the draft plan. Your views are important to shape the plan and we encourage you to have your say on what you want to see.

Harbour update from Kate Kearns - Welsh



We are looking for individuals and businesses to come on board and support the harbour development! This is a great community support opportunity. Let your business become part of the harbour or maybe enhance your family memories by sponsoring a seat or a special tree.

How? We have seats (with your personal plaque), story boards (you can have your business logo on these) even rubbish bins you can contribute towards.

It's easy, email me; Kate Welsh (Harbourside Works Community Project Co-ordinator) kkearnswelsh@waitaki.govt.nz or call me at Council 4330300 to find out more.

Public Notices

STOPPING OF PART OF WHITE CLIFFS ROAD, REIDSTON

In exercise of the power contained in Section 342(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1974 and in accordance with the Tenth Schedule of the said Act, public notice is hereby given that the Waitaki District Council being the Local Authority having control of roads in the District of Waitaki, proposes to stop the 1.3779 hectare portion of White Cliffs Road, Reidston, shown as Section 1 on S0 436775.

EXPLANATION

The above portion of road is unformed and not used for public access. It is superfluous to the Waitaki District Council's legal and physical roading requirements. In addition, it is not required for present or future roading purposes. The road is proposed to be sold and amalgamated with title to the land held by the adjoining owner.

PURPOSE

To be consistent with adjoining properties, the road, when stopped will be zoned rural general under the Waitaki District Plan, and its use will be in accordance with the rules of rural general zoning.

FURTHER INFORMATION

SO 436775, being the plan of survey showing the portion of road to be stopped, may be inspected at Council's offices, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru. Detailed enquires should be directed in the first instance to Dougall McIntyre, Property Manager (433 0300). Persons wishing to object to this proposed stopping must lodge their objections with the Chief Executive in writing not later than 5:00pm on 22 December 2011. The postal address is Private Bag 50058, Oamaru 9444.

Information is also available at www.waitaki.govt.nz. Electronic submissions can be made to 'service@waitaki.govt.nz'.

STOPPING OF PART OF DEEM ROAD, SHAG VALLEY

In exercise of the power contained in Section 342(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1974 and in accordance with the Tenth Schedule of the said Act, public notice is hereby given that the Waitaki District Council being the Local Authority having control of roads in the District of Waitaki, proposes to stop the 8.388 hectare Deem Road, Shag Valley, shown as Section 1 on S0 424904.

EXPLANATION

The above road is unformed and not used for public access. It is superfluous to the Waitaki District Council's legal and physical roading requirements. In addition, it is not required for present or future roading purposes. The road is proposed to be sold and amalgamated with title to the land held by the adjoining owner.

PURPOSE

To be consistent with adjoining properties, the road, when stopped will be zoned rural general under the Waitaki District Plan, and its use will be in accordance with the rules of rural general zoning.

FURTHER INFORMATION

SO 424904, being the plan of survey showing the portion of road to be stopped, may be inspected at Council's offices, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru. Detailed enquires should be directed in the first instance to Dougall McIntyre, Property Manager (433 0300). Persons wishing to object to this proposed stopping must lodge their objections with the Chief Executive in writing not later than 5:00pm on 22 December 2011. The postal address is Private Bag 50058, Oamaru.

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To celebrate
Heritage Week.

three performances by musician and singer
Lynley Caldwell
At the
Oamaru Library
on
Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and
Friday 18th November
at 12.30 pm each day.
All welcome

Lynley Caldwell at the Oamaru Library

The Oamaru Library is celebrating the Annual Heritage Week with a display of books featuring the Arts and Crafts Movement to delight and inform. In addition last Wednesday and Thursday musician and singer; Lynley Caldwell presented a selection of traditional songs. Don't miss her final performance lunch time today from 12.30 – 1.00pm at the Oamaru Library.



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Christmas Building and Planning Consent and Special Liquor Licence Applications

Avoid disappointment over the Christmas break by getting your Building and Planning Consent applications and applications for Special Liquor Licences in as soon as possible.

Building and Planning Consents
To allow the Council to process your consent prior to the Christmas break, the cut-off date is Monday, November 21, 2011. As with all applications, make sure that all details required are provided at the time of application. If the Council has to request further information from you, it may not be possible to have time to process the application before Christmas.

Special Liquor Licences
If you are holding an event that requires a Special Liquor Licence, make sure you get your application in before Monday, November 21, 2011. Don't spoil the show by being slow off the mark!

A happy and safe Christmas to everyone.

Oamaru Service Centre

20 Thames Street, Oamaru 9400
Private Bag 50058, Oamaru 9444

Open to the Public
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5pm
(Thursday 8:30am - 4pm)

Available by Phone 8am - 5pm
Phone: (03) 433 0300
Freephone: 0800 108 081
(within the district)
Fax: (03) 433 0301

Waihemo Service Centre

54 Tiverton Street, Palmerston 9430

Open to the Public
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5pm
(Thursday 9:30am - 5pm)

Available by Phone 8:30am - 5pm
Phone: (03) 465 1106
Fax: (03) 465 1111

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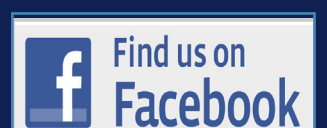
Upcoming Meetings:

WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD
Monday 21 November 2011, 7.15pm
Waihemo Service Center, Tiverton St
Palmerston

AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD
Tuesday 22 November 2011, 7.15pm
Lakes Centre, Otematata



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