

The Waitaki LINK



Waitaki DISTRICT COUNCIL

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RURAL TRANSFER STATIONS OPENING TIMES: Hampden Wednesday & Sunday 9am – 12pm : Kurow Wednesday & Sunday 10am – 1pm
Omarama Wednesday & Sunday 9am – 12pm: Otematata Wednesday & Sunday 1pm – 4pm

New Costumes for Steampunk Exhibition!

Visitors to the North Otago Museum will be treated to a selection of new costumes as part of the Steampunk: Fabulous Fashions, Original Inspiration exhibition. The exhibition, which runs from now until 13 March next year, features garments from the Steampunk Fashion Show alongside original Victorian items from the Museum's own collection.

The new selection includes a lighthouse keeper, "Lady Smell Good-Odouriser to High Society" and supreme winner "Rose-the Automated Wife". Curator Chloe Searle explained "It is fantastic seeing the costumes close up. The detail is amazing."

A changing line-up will be presented over the course of the exhibition which is free entry and open every day.



Great News for Library Users!

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Councils in Otago and Southland, Waitaki residents will now have access to 35 public libraries, 3 book buses and more than 1.5 million items, through the development of reciprocal arrangements between Council libraries. The network of libraries known as the "South Lib Consortium" is composed of the following: Dunedin City Council, Invercargill City Council, Southland District Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council, Central Otago District Council, Waitaki District Council, Gore District Council and the Clutha District Council. This arrangement came about with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2009 and now provides permanent residents living in the District reciprocal membership to any public library.



Long-Term Plan (LTP) countdown...

Council has turned its full attention to the next 2012-22 Long-Term Plan. The Long-Term Plan is produced every three years and outlines the activities, services and costs of Council activities over the next ten years. The community plays a critical role in the development of the Long-Term Plan. Over the coming months you will see more information coming out on our ideas as part of a draft Long-Term Plan which we want to discuss with you. This is the time for you to be involved and influence what is in the plan and what the Council will deliver into the future. This will pick up pace, and early next year, we will encourage you to let us know what you think of our draft proposals before finalising the Long Term Plan by the 30 June 2012.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Road users are advised that the following site will be closed to traffic;

Ouse Street Road Reconstruction. Ouse Street, from Thames Street to Reed Street will be closed for the 48 hour period from 12 to 13 October 2011 (footpaths will remain open) to allow resurfacing and road marking.

Council appreciates the public's patience while these necessary works are carried out.

Horse Riding on Public Roads

With the weather improving and the summer approaching we would remind everyone to be considerate to other road users, especially on country roads. In particular we would ask motorists to give careful regard to horse riders who may be sharing the road. Horses can take fright easily so we ask drivers to adjust your speed as soon as you see horses on the road ahead of you.

Tips for driving near horses

- Slow down and pass carefully, giving the horse and rider plenty of room;
- Don't sound your horn, rev your engine or pass at speed, as this could frighten the horse;
- If the horse and rider are on a bridge or narrow road be very careful, **slow** down or **stop**;
- If the horse appears frightened **stop**;
- At night, dip your headlights when approaching a horse;
- Two vehicles should avoid passing near a horse.



The message is clear. Be careful around horse traffic. (Information supplied by NZTA).

Waitaki Consent Processing Near Top of Nationwide Survey

Environment Minister, (Hon) Nick Smith has released the results of the biennial RMA survey of local authorities. Once again Waitaki District Council is near the top of the statistics with 98% of consents processed on time.

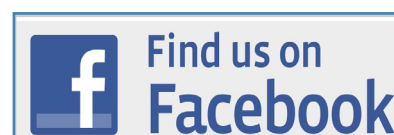
Council CEO Michael Ross noted his "pride and delight" with the Planning Unit's performance over a challenging last twelve months which has included the appointment of new staff and implementation of a new software system. Mr Ross explained "The only glitch earlier this year was processing three consents in just over 20 working days. This was during a time when we were down two planners and we had two consultants helping out." In line with the Resource Management Act (RMA) Discount Regulations, the three applicants were refunded 1% of their total cost for each day over time. This amounted to less than \$80 for all three.

Council's Planning Manager, David Campbell, noted the changes to the RMA in 2009 had resulted in a higher standard of applications. Mr Campbell explained that the Council seeks to ensure that when an application is lodged it will go through the process smoothly. Mr Campbell continued, "there is no point accepting a substandard application, only to go back and forth with the applicant to get it right". The Council's (now full strength) Planning Unit is available to meet with applicants to go through their applications prior to lodgement. Further details of the results can be found at the Ministry for the Environment's website:

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/annual-survey/2010-2011/index.html>

For more information, contact the Planning Unit on 03 433 0300

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ OAMARU LIBRARY

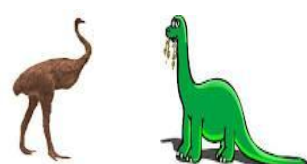
6 years & under: Stories daily @ 11am

7-12 years: Activities daily @ 10 am

Week 1

October 10-14

MOAS, DINOSAURS & OTHER ANIMALS



Week 2

October 17-21

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF STEAMPUNK



Please register interest at Oamaru Library for the 7-12 year old activities



The quickest way to get help with water supply problems

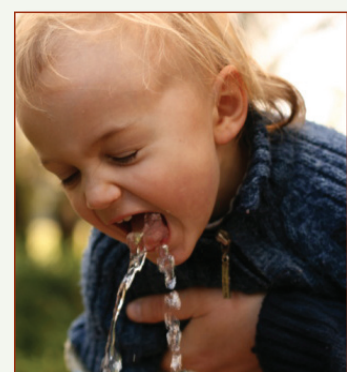


A reminder to anyone experiencing water supply problems (such as low water pressure or leaking pipes):

Please call the Council's Customer Service team on 03 433 0300.

If it's a problem the Council is responsible for, we'll make sure our contractors get onto it straight away.

It's important to note that calling Whitestone or any of the Council engineers directly doesn't get the problem fixed any faster - in fact it can slow things down because they can't do anything about the problem until it's been electronically recorded through Council's Customer Request system.



This request system is important because it keeps a permanent record of all the details, and helps us to track and monitor any problems with the supplies.

This process is the most efficient and cost-effective way for Council to deal with water supply problems.

Farm Productivity and Profits Seminar



Waitaki District Council presents a free public seminar on maintaining farm productivity and profits in an uncertain climate.

Date: Monday 10 October 2011

Time: 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Venue: ODT Inkbox, Oamaru Opera House, 90 Thames Street

Climate Scientist Dr Jim Salinger with Business Commentator Rod Oram will be discussing:

- The nature of climate change;
- How it affects rural industries in regional NZ;
- The latest information on climate change science;
- The impact on New Zealanders' health, properties, infrastructure, environment and rural industries.

Waitaki District Council, Thames Street, Oamaru 9444; Tel: (03) 433 0300

Oamaru Service Centre

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

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(Thursday 8:30am - 4pm)

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Upcoming Meetings:

HARBOUR SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 10 October, 9.00am
Council HQ, Council Chamber

WAITAKI RUGBY WORLD CUP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Monday 10 October, 3.00pm
Conference Room, Council HQ

WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD

Monday 10 October, 7.15pm
Waihemo Service Centre, Palmerston

AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD

Tuesday 11 October, 7.15pm
Lakes Centre, Otematata

LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE

Thursday 20 October, 5-7pm (TBC)
Waimate District Council Chambers, Waimate