

Waitaki LINK

NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
APRIL 2021

APRIL IS A BIG MONTH!

Autumn has arrived in Waitaki - the leaves are falling, temperatures cooling - we hope you have a relaxing Easter weekend with a chance to see friends and family.

Voting in the Waihemo by-election is happening now. One of our biggest public consultations for the year starts this month and we'd love you to get involved. School Holidays kick-off in April and there's a great line-up of activities to keep the kids entertained. We've got a big weekend of theatre and music at the Opera House. ANZAC Day is in April too, a time to remember those fallen on the battlefield and reflect on their sacrifice.

HORSES *on* COURSES

The Waitaki Goldfields endurance event rides into Palmerston this Easter weekend from April 2-5

Waitaki District Council is proud to be the event naming sponsor of the 2021 National Endurance and CTR (Competitive Trail Riding) Championship. Endurance riding is one of the fastest growing Equestrian Sports in the world with over 70 participating nations worldwide.

Held for the first time in Waitaki by the Waitaki Endurance & CTR Club in the stunning Nenthorn Valley, Macraes, horse riding professionals from all over New Zealand will compete for the national titles and prizes. There will also be a chance for those who have never ridden in an endurance or CTR event to take part with a 5k lead rein event for absolute beginners. Spectators are warmly invited to attend what will be a first for Waitaki and meet some lovely horses, including Rosco, pictured here with Mayor Gary Kircher.

BoredomBUSTERS

Autumn School Holiday Guide

We're putting together another jam-packed school holidays activity guide. It will be with schools the last week of term with copies available around town and online.

RATES REBATES

We know paying rates can be tough for some people.

If you're a low-income homeowner, you might be eligible for a Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) rates rebate subsidy of up to \$655. Full details on the scheme can be found on the Rates Rebate Scheme page on the Department of Internal Affairs website or call into our offices at 20 Thames street for more information.

Get ready for a BLOCKBUSTER WEEKEND at the OPERA HOUSE!

9 April - Carnivorous Plant Society:

NZ's favourite psychedelic jazz band take you on a journey from the streets of Mexico to the mountains of Asia then straight to the depths of hell, performing in front of original animations that will ignite your imagination.

10 April - Wild Dogs Under My Skirt:

a celebration of what it is to be a Samoan woman and a deeply personal view of the Pacific Islander life in New Zealand. A hit in New York, this award-winning and acclaimed show is one of the best you'll see this year.

11 April - Beethoven: Virtuoso:

Celebrate Beethoven's 250th anniversary with the New Zealand String Quartet, an unforgettable programme by internationally celebrated performers.

12 April - Owls Do Cry:

Janet Frame's classic novel Owls Do Cry comes to life in an exhilarating multimedia visual experience, filled with fierce heart and visual splendour.

Visit oamaruoperahouse.co.nz for more details

Time to **VOTE**

WAIHEMO!

All those eligible to vote in the Waihemo by-election should already have their voting papers.

Make sure you pop your completed papers in the post as soon as possible. If they are not received by ElectionNZ by 12 noon on 13 April they will not be counted.

Who will be our new Councillor? There are four candidates: Stephen Wesselingh, Jim Thomson, Arlene Goss and Gervais O'Reilly, all vying for the vacant ward seat on the Waitaki District Council. Our electoral staff Carole and David will be at the Waihemo Service Centre on the 7 April and 10 April between 10am - 2pm if anyone wants to do special votes. Special voting is also available until 12 noon on the 13 April at Council HQ in Ōamaru.

WAITAKI ANZAC DAY SERVICES

SATURDAY 24 APRIL

A children's Posy Laying Service 3.30pm, Ōamaru Services Lawn Cemetery.

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

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6.30am Dawn Service, at the Great War Memorial, Thames Street opposite Council HQ.
10.30am Main Parade, commencing from the South African War Memorial, at the intersection of Severn and Thames Streets.

Alma 7.15am, Alma War Memorial

Enfield 9.00am, Enfield Presbyterian Church

Georgetown 10.00am, Georgetown War Memorial

Hampden 10.30am, Hampden Hall

Livingstone 10.30am, Livingstone War Memorial

Maheno 9.00am, School gates

Pukeuri 8.30am, Pukeuri War Memorial

Papakaio 9.00am, Papakaio War Memorial

UPPER WAITAKI

Hakataramea 6.20am, Hakataramea Main Street

Kurow 8.15am, Kurow Cemetery

Ōtekaieke 8.45am, Memorial Gates

Duntroon 9.15am, Duntroon War Memorial

Ōmārama 11.00am, Ōmārama Memorial

WAIHEMO

Palmerston 8.45am, Memorial Gates, DG Murray Hall 9.00am

Dunback 11.00am, Memorial Gates followed by Wreath Laying at the Dunback Domain



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The Plans! The Plans!

There are two major Plans that we need your help with this year - we'll be running consultation on both of them during April.

The Long Term Plan, (or LTP) is essentially our 10 year budget, while the District Plan Review is all about updating the rulebook for land use in Waitaki. It's super important we get both of these right, and that you are happy with the final versions too.

YOU DON'T NEED A FLUX CAPACITOR...

... to help make Waitaki's future better, just get involved with our Long term Plan consultation.

Things got a bit derailed for everyone last year but now we're totally back into the really important job of planning for Waitaki's future. The Long Term Plan looks at levels and costs of Council services plus the big ticket spending items that we may or may not include in our budget for the next ten years. It's a balancing act between service realities, community needs and aspirations, and the community's willingness to pay.

Tell us what you think. A rates increase, a proposed sports centre, how we should be facing climate change, recovering from COVID, minimising waste... there's a lot to consider when it comes to thinking about the next 10 years and we need your help getting it right. Public consultation will start towards the end of April.



DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

Early engagement with affected landowners has begun, with updated maps produced which adhere to new rules set out by government that increase the level of protection for:

- **Native plant and animal habitats** (Significant Natural Areas)
- **Natural landscape features** (Outstanding and Significant Natural Features)
- **Landscapes of value - inland and coastal** (Outstanding Natural Landscapes)
- **Sites and areas of significance to Māori** (Wāhi Tūpuna)

The early engagement is designed as a heads-up to landowners that are most affected by these new overlays, and a fact checking exercise for Council's mapping systems. Each of these targeted landowners will receive a letter, a booklet of factsheets, and a map of their property showing where the overlays fall. We now wait for feedback and a chance to have a chat about any concerns, either face-to-face or via a special hotline that has been set up.

NB: Not everyone will be getting a letter, and it's far from the last opportunity that landowners will have to make sure they're heard!

NEXT STEP:

Public meetings are being planned for communities in coastal areas.



...AND ANOTHER THING

Tell us what you think about changes to our Development Contributions Policy and to our Policy on Revenue and Financing.

The purpose of the Development Contribution Policy is to set out how council proposes to calculate and levy development contributions. We are reviewing our policy in line with the LTP as we have to do every 3 years. There are minor changes to the policy following a more thorough review in 2018. Stakeholders including developers, builders, architects, lawyers and surveyors are the folks likely to be affected by these minor changes. You'll be able to have your say on these changes when the consultation opens later in the month. More details to come.

Getting BACK TO THE FUTURE LONG TERM PLAN Waitaki 2021-2031

Come down to Council HQ between 12 - 1pm on Saturday, 10 April to find out about the Long Term Plan Consultation and check out our new DeLorean! *

**Actually, we're just borrowing it for the weekend*

GREAT SCOTT!

In a shameless publicity stunt to advertise our upcoming Long Term Plan consultation we'll have a DeLorean parked outside Council HQ on Thames St Ōamaru on Saturday April 10 from 12 noon till 1pm. Come down dressed as your favourite Back to the Future character and have your photo taken as the clock strikes 12 with the same DeLorean model used in the movies! (We'll even have a flux capacitor and a hover board to help set the scene!)

Thanks to the DeLorean club of New Zealand (who say please don't touch the car, its soooo hard to get the fingerprints off stainless steel).

Jump on Council's Facebook page before the 10th, tell us one thing that you would like to see in Waitaki's future, and you could even win a ride! Once the car gets up to 88 MPH, who knows what will happen! (just kidding, we would never speed in the CBD).

