

Waitaki LINK

NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
JULY 2021

In the LINK THIS MONTH

Frosty mornings, ski fields opening and school holidays! We're past the shortest day already and it's not long before we say hello to daffodils (although we've noticed a few popping up already).

This month, camping is in the spotlight, with an extension of the Lakes camping season announced, a campsite liquor ban for Labour weekend and our Freedom Camping bylaw up for review. We've also got some updates on our two big plans, a business survey on the go, and we're getting behind strategies to ditch the plastic in July.



CAMP for a LONG TIME!

Season length and fee increase for Waitaki Lakes Camping Grounds.

The 2021 Waitaki Lakes Camping ground season kicks off on Saturday 18 September 2021. This season campers are invited to enjoy an extended season that will close on the Monday of Queen's Birthday weekend

2022 for the six Waitaki District Council-managed sites, Falstone Creek, Sailors Cutting, Wildlife, Loch Laird, Boat Harbour and Parsons Rock. The longer season does come with an increased cost, with season ticket prices going up to \$550.

The change in season fees also seeks to reduce the burden on ratepayers, with the camping activity at these sites having been subsidised by rates input for many years. At \$550 to keep a caravan, motorhome or tent on a 60m² site for 37 weeks of the year, this still remains one of the cheapest camping experiences to be had. This equates to approx. \$14 per week or \$2 per night! Season pass holders also get the added benefits of waste disposal and rubbish collection.

Casual tickets prices will remain the same at \$25 per night for two people. Boat ramp season tickets will be \$60.

LABOUR DAY *camping rules for* LOCH LAIRD

The alcohol-fuelled behaviour of young people celebrating the end of the school year at the Loch Laird campground over Labour Weekend is undesirable and unsafe.

As a consequence, the Waitaki District Council is considering a temporary liquor ban and an increased Police presence over Labour Weekend 2021. Parents are also being asked to take a greater responsibility.

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale is challenging parents to help out. "We need parents' help to keep our youth safe, and we need to ensure parents know what their children are doing, and to step up and take responsibility. This year we are asking them to help out at the event itself, and to play an active part in keeping our young people safe. Please don't just drop them off to fend for themselves."

Parents who are interested in volunteering some time over the weekend are encouraged to phone Lucianne White on 03 433 0300.

CITIZENS AWARDS

Do you know a fabulous Waitakian who deserves a big thank you?

Show your appreciation for someone who goes above and beyond! Nominations for the Waitaki Citizens Awards 2021 open 1 July and close 30 July. More information on our website or email Lkingan@waitaki.govt.nz.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GUIDE

Got kids? Need entertainment?

Look out for a copy of our 'What to do in Oamaru' Winter School Holiday Entertainment Guide around town, on our website or the cut-out-and-keep version of the guide is in this week's edition of the Oamaru Mail!

Break FREE FROM PLASTIC

Go plastic free for July and win prizes!

Waitaki District Council will be participating in Plastic Free July 2021. Keep an eye out on our Website/Facebook page for tips and tricks on how you can reduce the use of single-use plastic in your life. We'll be looking for your feedback/suggestions/experiences on how you achieved this as well! There will be a competition with some awesome prizes, an afternoon of short movies on plastic waste, guest speakers and a mini market of sustainable products for sale, plus demonstrations and workshops on plastic reduction and waste minimisation.



BUSINESS SURVEY *next step*

How are Waitaki businesses doing?

Following on from the recent tourism providers' survey carried out by Waitaki District Council's Economic Development team, is a survey to seek input from broader businesses – Retailers and Service providers – into the key issues and opportunities which they currently experience and challenges they might face in the future. Results will be collated and shared so local businesses and Council can work together to identify initiatives that might support future growth. So, how are we doing? Here is the link to the survey which takes 10-15 minutes to complete: www.waitaki.govt.nz/survey/retailers-and-service-providers

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know it is a breach of our Dog Control Bylaw to fail to pick up your dog's poo?

There is a \$300 fine for not picking up after your dog in public spaces. A dog owner who is not carrying a dog poo bag when walking their dog commits an offence against the bylaw.

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The Plans! The Plans!

DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

Council has decided to pause work around the Significant Natural Areas part of the District Plan landowner engagement.

"As other councils have done with significant natural areas, we're going to push pause," said Mayor Gary Kircher. "There is just too much uncertainty, as the Indigenous Biodiversity National Policy Statement is still being developed. We need to have more discussions with our community, talk to every single affected landowner and give them assurance that we're taking their views on board."

So, what happens now?

We will be working with Federated Farmers and other groups to set up a small mobile group who will help us work through the SNAs and knock this into shape.

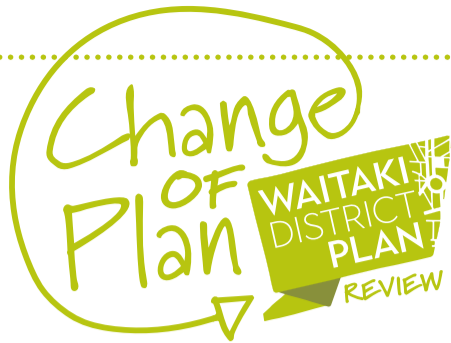
It's hoped this won't delay the adoption of a draft District Plan for public consultation in the latter half of this year, but we need to be realistic, and there is a chance this could happen. At the end of the day, we're focussed on creating a District Plan which protects our unique environment, reflects the aspirations of our community, and lets people get on and do things.

Pausing the SNA portion of the new overlays doesn't mean that the entire review process has been stalled.

The reference group members will be announced soon.

If you have any questions about this process or anything else, please get in touch with the team via email: planreview@waitaki.govt.nz

Keep in the loop as we change the plan by signing up for our District Plan review newsletter.



NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Under section 95a of the resource management act 1991

The Waitaki District Council has received the following land use resource consent application:

Council Application reference number: 201.2020.1603

Applicant: Ciaran Maurice Keogh & Barbara Jill Corson

Site Location: 23 and 25 Te Karita Road, Moeraki.

Proposal: Subdivision and Land Use Consent to adjust the boundaries between Lot 1 DP 18457 (23 Te Karita Rd) and Lot 2 DP18457 (25 Te Karita Rd) resulting in lot sizes below the minimum density and the establishment of one residential dwelling platform on Lot 1 and another two building platforms for sheds alongside landscaping of the site within a Significant Coastal Landscape.

Submissions will be received at the office of the Waitaki District Council, Private Bag 50058, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru, no later than:

4 pm, 21 July 2021.

Submissions can be made by any person, in writing and must be dated and signed, and include the following information:

1. Your name, postal address, telephone number (fax/email address if applicable);
2. Details of the application in respect of which you are making the submission;
3. Whether you support or oppose the application;
4. Your submission, with reasons;
5. The decision that you wish Council to make; and,
6. Whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

The application can be viewed and submission form obtained at the Waitaki District Council Office, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru, during normal office hours or on the Council's website at: www.waitaki.govt.nz.

A copy of your submission must be also served on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable.

Applicant's Address for Service:

Ciaran Maurice Keogh & Barbara Jill Corson
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Wrapping up the LONG TERM PLAN

Council's projected budget and work programme for the next 10 years is complete with the document adopted on 29 June.

After considering 435 submissions from the community, Council has now agreed on a number of projects including the proposed indoor sports and events centre, sealing a portion of Tutu Hill Road, support for the Vanished World Centre in Duntroun, a community walkway in Dunback and the fencing of the skatepark and kids' bike park in Palmerston, just to name a few.

Much of Council's work relates to maintaining and renewing our infrastructure to enable us to provide drinking water, wastewater disposal, our transport network and sport and recreation opportunities. The majority of our spending (approximately 70%) is related to our \$831 million asset base. In this 10 year plan we have just approved a budget for some of the greatest investments ever for our roading network and our water infrastructure. These key services require the increased investment to deal with more and heavier vehicle numbers on our roads and higher standards for drinking water and wastewater treatment that have been demanded previously. Once again, thank you to those that provided a submission.

RATES REBATE threshold INCREASE

The new maximum rebate and income abatement thresholds for 2021/22 have been signed off by Cabinet and will come into effect on 1 July 2021.

The maximum rebate is now \$665 (was \$655) and income abatement thresholds are now \$26,510 (was \$26,150). If you're on a low or fixed income and pay rates? You could be eligible for a rates rebate - get in touch with us and we can help you apply.

What can YOUR LIBRARY do for YOU?

Are you a community group interested in discovering what is available through your library?

Community Engagement Librarian, Fiona Kerr can give a talk to your group by arrangement. Contact Fiona on 03 433 0850 or email library@waitaki.govt.nz.



FREEDOM CAMPING Bylaw REVIEW

Do you support our current freedom camping bylaw? Are there things you would like to change about it?

Waitaki District Council enacted the Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw in 2016, in recognition that visitor numbers to the district were on the increase and Council anticipated issues with non-responsible freedom camping were likely to continue or escalate. Since the implementation of the 2016 Bylaw, the number of community-generated complaints have declined from 32 in 2017 to just 10 in 2020. From 2016 to 2018, officers issued 513 infringements, with only 2 infringements being issued from 2019 to 2021.

Monitoring of freedom camping sites has shown high levels of compliance and a good knowledge and understanding of the Waitaki district's Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw. The Freedom Camping Ambassador initiative has allowed Council to identify areas of high usage and to target education to those areas. For these reasons, Council officers believe the Bylaw is working as designed and that no changes are proposed.

The public are now being asked if they support the bylaw and, if not, what concerns/issues they have. *To be clear this consultation is only about Waitaki's bylaw and not the Freedom Camping Act, which we have no power to change.*

Submissions can be made via the online form on the consultation page of the Council website or by emailing consult@waitaki.govt.nz. The consultation document will also be available from Council offices and Waitaki district libraries. Submissions open Friday 2 July and close 2 August, 2021. People will be invited to speak to their submissions on Monday 16 August, 2021.

