

Waitaki LINK

NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 2021

Blimmin heck! How can it be November already?

Santa will be here before we know it, so avoid a piece of coal in your stocking by sorting any Council paperwork as end-of-year deadlines are closing in. Check our website for deadline dates for consents, special licenses, etc. and Christmas and New Year shut down hours for Council Services and Facilities.

WRIGGLE & RHYME *on the OUTSIDE*

Outside Library Activities brought to you by Waitaki District Libraries

Been missing Toddler Time and Wriggle & Rhyme? Great news: we're heading outside and you'll find us near the Band Rotunda in the Ōamaru Public Gardens from November 18 until the end of January at this stage. Sessions will be on Thursdays 10.45 - 11.15am for Toddler Time: stories and music for preschoolers and Fridays 10.30 - 11am for Wriggle & Rhyme. Check the Waitaki District Libraries Facebook page to make sure we're still outside if the weather looks dodgy.

The SPATIAL PLAN

Ōamaru, Weston and Kakanui are growing and our Spatial Plan will be a 'blueprint' which sets out the guidelines for growth and development over the next 30 years.

These are great places where people want to live. And we want them to stay that way - that means thinking about how to plan for changing needs into the future. We need your feedback! Our spatial plan is like a cake that needs YOU as the special ingredient.

For the full Draft Spatial Plan and to have your say visit: www.waitaki.govt.nz/spatial-plan-feedback



Changes to the HERITAGE FUND

Are you breathing new life into part of our Heritage? There's now more money in the kitty for heritage building and restoration projects.

The first year has \$50k available and from next year there'll be \$100k. There are now three funding rounds per year. The first new funding round is open November to January 2022 with applications and information sheets on our website and at Council offices. Our Heritage Advisor Heather Bauchop is available to talk you through your applications - give us a call or email hbauchop@waitaki.govt.nz.

WHAT'S ON at the FORRESTER?



MARITIME-TRACE-EXPOSURE

30 October 2021 to 7 February 2022

An exhibition by the artist group *An Architecture of the Sea* (Wayne Barrar, Kerry Hines, Mizuho Nishioka & Tane Moleta). Utilising photography, moving image, poetry, sound and virtual space.

TALKING TO MYSELF | IOAN GRIGORE

30 October 2021 to 5 December 2021

THE FANTASY'S ALWAYS BETTER THAN THE REALITY | DAVE HOPE

30 October 2021 to 5 December 2021

This solo show is about life's big questions, and the fine line between chaos and sanity.

Entry is FREE to all events
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E-WASTE weekend



Wondering what to do with your electronic waste? If you can plug it in, then we take it!

Drop it off for FREE at our special e-waste weekend this month, 27 and 28 November at the Waitaki Resource Recovery Park on Chelmer Street in Ōamaru. Drop-off is available from 10am - 4pm both days - just follow the signs and directions from staff.

A collaboration between Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust and Waitaki District Council.

RATES REBATES? GET IN TOUCH!

Assistance for ratepayers on low incomes: Are you on a low or fixed income and pay rates? If so, you could qualify for a rates rebate which can mean an up to \$665 reduction on your bill.

If you know someone else who might find this helpful, please encourage them to contact us. Applications must be made by 30 June 2022 for the 21/22 year. Want to know more? Give us a call on 03 433 0300, pop into our offices, or check www.govt.nz/rates-rebates to see if you're eligible.

RELIGHTING LIGHTS LIT *by* LIONS



In the late 1990's the North Otago Lions led a community project to light the Severn Street trees.

The underlighting highlighted the trees, enhancing the entrance to Ōamaru. Unfortunately, the lights became affected by moisture and became unserviceable about 5 years ago.

Happily, new lighting technology means we can bring this community gift back to life and once again celebrate the tree lined boulevard in its full glory. We will be putting new ground lights in the existing boxes to avoid any unnecessary exposure to the tree's roots. The new lights will have a warm white light and Network Waitaki will start installing these this month.

ARE YOU BEING SATISFIED?

DID YOU KNOW? We'll be using this spot in the Waitaki Link to answer some questions that came up in our recent Resident's Satisfaction Survey.

1. Why don't we seal more unsealed roads?

Sealing a gravel road costs \$140,000 to \$160,000 per kilometre if the road is strong enough and wide enough for a sealed road. If the gravel road needs to be strengthened and constructed for seal, it will cost \$400,000 to \$450,000 per km! An unsealed road costs roughly \$1,500 per km per year to maintain. A sealed road costs 3 times as much, or \$4,500 per km per year, to maintain.

We will only commit to this expense where the traffic volumes support this investment benefiting the community and if we can attract subsidies (57%) from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) to offset the cost of reconstructing, sealing and maintaining the new sealed road. This subsidy depends on a number of factors including traffic volumes, the variety of traffic, significance of the route and how many people live along it.



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