

# Waitaki LINK

NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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## SPRING *has* SPRUNG

Now we're past the first of September, with the daffodils putting their yellow bonnets on to say 'hello' and lots of happy baby lambs about.

Whether you're weeding, baking, out providing an essential service (thank you) or practicing the ancient art of extreme patience with your nearest and dearest, we hope you're doing OK, Waitaki.

## We're HERE WHATEVER the LEVEL

We know Alert Level 3 can be complicated and present more challenges for everybody as some businesses can get back to work but with lots of rules and restrictions.

Most Council facilities will remain closed at Level 3. Parks are open but please stay off the equipment. Public toilets are closed apart from those on state highways for use by essential workers. We have started taking bookings again for building inspections but urgent LIMS are still suspended for now. Our Animal Control team are available throughout and so are our hard-working customer services team who, while our offices are closed, can still be contacted by phone on 03 433 0300 or by email at [service@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:service@waitaki.govt.nz).

Returns bins at our Libraries remain closed - please keep all library items at your home until reopening. There are no overdue fines or fees during Levels 3 & 4 and renewal fees for rental items will be waived.

The Waitaki Resource Recovery Park remains closed for now, but the Ōamaru Transfer Station and Council owned rural Recovery Parks/Transfer Stations are open with some hours reduced and Covid restrictions in place.

Check out our website for full details on services affected or call us to talk to one of our friendly staff. We'll update this information should Waitaki move to Level 2.

## Does CENTENNIAL PARK HIT THE MARK?

Have your say on the site of the new sports and events centre.

Consultation on the location of Waitaki's new Indoor Sports and Events Centre is now open! Centennial Park has been identified as the best possible location as it would complement the wide range of sports already established there, and leverage the use of existing parking, toilets and changing rooms. What do YOU think?

The consultation document and associated information are available on Council's website. Submissions can be made via our online feedback form or hard copies of the consultation document, if Covid response levels permit.

Consultation closes 1 October. Those who wish to speak to their submission may do so at a hearing scheduled for Monday 18 October 2021.

## GET FUNDED

Closing dates for the Creative Communities Scheme Grant and Community Group Grants have been extended to Friday 22 October 2021.

Got an idea for a project that could use a funding boost? As well as (possibly) having more time on your hands to get your application together, there is also now more time to get your application in to us.



## NEED INTERNET? SKINNY JUMP!

Waitaki District Libraries are still able to deploy free Skinny Jump modems and low cost internet over the lockdown period to those in need.

You can use the Skinny Jump checker: [www.skinny.co.nz/jump/home/](http://www.skinny.co.nz/jump/home/) to check if you are eligible or call a lovely librarian on 03 433 0850 or email: [library@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:library@waitaki.govt.nz)



## OUR ARTS *will* GO ON

The 2021 Waitaki Arts festival isn't cancelled, because that's not how we roll.

The Waitaki community has a tradition of being bold and fearless so, unlike tonnes of other stuff, it's planning on ploughing ahead from Friday 15 to Sunday 24 October. The biennial Waitaki Arts Festival brings together a community of creators and innovators, featuring an extensive programme of visual, performing and literary arts from local and national performers and artists.

This year, we're joining with last year's successful 'Meet the Maker' Waitaki studio tour to welcome you into the homes and creative spaces of some of the best artists and crafts people in the district.

Full details at [www.oamaruoperahouse.co.nz](http://www.oamaruoperahouse.co.nz)

## Forrester Gallery ZINE FEST



Feeling creative? Got something on your mind? Do your kids need an outlet to channel some of those (increasingly wacky) ideas?

Share art, thoughts and poetry by entering the Burns Zinefest 2021. What's a zine? Pronounced 'zeen', a zine is a small, artistic handmade

book. Anybody can make them about anything! And if you're stuck at home more than usual, this is the perfect time to make one. Head to the Forrester Gallery Facebook page for some handy how-tos, dates and entry criteria.

## HELP IS AVAILABLE



Lockdowns are hugely unsettling, and have an effect on people's mental health.

If you are worried about your mental health or someone else's, the best place to get help is your GP or local mental health provider. However, if you or someone else is in danger or endangering others, call police immediately on 111. Or if you need to talk to someone else:

**Lifeline:** 0800 543 354 (available 24/7)

**Suicide Crisis Helpline:** 0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO) (available 24/7)

**Youthline:** 0800 376 633

**Kidsline:** 0800 543 754 (available 24/7)

**Whatsup:** 0800 942 8787 (Mon-Fri 1pm to 10pm. Sat-Sun 3pm-10pm)

**Depression helpline:** 0800 111 757 (available 24/7)

**Rainbow Youth:** (09) 376 4155

**Samaritans:** 0800 726 666

**UNSAFE IN YOUR BUBBLE? Need the Police but it's not safe to talk? If you are in danger call 111 - if it's not safe to talk push 55, stay silent, and your call will be put through to Police.**



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