

Christmas & New Year HOLIDAY SERVICES

ŌAMARU AND PALMERSTON COUNCIL OFFICE HOURS

Ōamaru Council Office

**Closes at 12 noon on Wednesday
24 December 2025 and reopens at
8:30am on Monday 5 January 2026.**

Waihemo Service Centre (Palmerston)

**Closes at 12 noon on Wednesday
24 December 2025 and reopens at 8.30am
on Monday 5 January 2026.**

WAITAKI AQUATIC CENTRE

Wednesday 24 December 2025 6am - 3pm

Thursday 25 December 2025
and Friday 26 December 2025 Closed

Saturday 27 December 2025 to
Tuesday 30 December 2025 10am - 6pm

Wednesday 31 December 2025 10am - 3pm

Thursday 1 January 2026 to
Friday 2 January 2026 Closed

Saturday 3 January 2026 1.30pm - 6pm

Sunday 4 January 2026 10am - 6pm

Monday 5 January 2025 - normal hours resume

ŌAMARU OPERA HOUSE

Closed from 1pm, Friday 19 December 2025,
reopening 8.30am Monday 12 January 2026.

WAITAKI MUSEUM & ARCHIVE AND FORRESTER GALLERY

Wednesday 24 December 2025 10am - 12pm

Thursday 25 December 2025,
Friday 26 December 2025,
Monday 29 December 2025,
Thursday 1 January 2026,
Friday 2 January 2026 Closed

Tuesday 30 December &
Wednesday 31 December 2025 10am - 4pm

*Open usual times all the other days! Normal
hours resume Tuesday 6 January 2026.*

WAITAKI DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Hampden Library

Wednesday 24 December 2025,
Saturday 27 December 2025,
Wednesday 31 December 2025,
Saturday 3 January 2026 10am - 12pm

Monday 29 December 2025 2pm - 4pm

*Closed all other days until Monday 5 January
2026 when normal hours resume.*

Kurow Library

Saturday 27 December 2025,
Saturday 3 January 2026,
Saturday 10 January 2026,
Saturday 17 January 2026 10.30am - 12pm

Tuesday 30 December 2025,
Tuesday 6 January 2026,
Thursday 8 January 2026,
Tuesday 13 January 2026,
Thursday 15 January 2026, 1pm - 3pm

*Closed all other days until Tuesday 20 January
2026 when normal hours resume.*

Ōamaru Library

Wednesday 24 December
2025 8.30am - 12pm

Monday 29 December 2025
to Wednesday 31 December
2025 9.30am - 5pm

*Closed all other days until Monday 5 January
2026 when normal hours resume.*

Ōmārama Library

Wednesday 24 December
2025, Saturday 3 January
2026 9.30am-11am

*Closed all other days until Monday 5 January
2026 when normal hours resume.*

Ōtematata Library

Saturday 27 December 2025
Saturday 3 January 2026 10.30am - 12pm

Tuesday 30 December 2025 2.30pm-3.30pm

*Closed all other days until Monday 5 January
2026 when normal hours resume.*

Palmerston Library

*Closed from 12 noon on Wednesday 24
December 2025 until normal hours resume
Monday 5 January 2026*

Resource Recovery Park and Rural Transfer Stations

Waitaki Resource Recovery Park – Chelmer St

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years
Day and Friday 2 January 2026

Normal hours otherwise.

Rural Transfer Stations

Usual hours until the 24 December 2025

- **Closed Christmas Day**

Ōmārama / Otematata / Kurow

7 days a week from 26 December 2025 (First
Day) thru 18 January 2026 (Final Day) with
extended hours below.

- **Ōmārama:** 8.30am - 12.30pm
- **Otematata:** 1pm - 5pm
- **Kurow:** 1pm - 5pm

Hampden

Closed Christmas and Boxing days then 7
Days from 27 December 2025 (first day) –
11 January 2026 (last day).

- **8.30am – 12.30pm**

Waihemo Wastebusters – Palmerston

Closed Christmas day and New Years Day
normal hours otherwise Wednesday, Friday,
Sunday 11am – 4pm.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

General Emergency 111

**Call 03 433 0300 or 0800 108 081 for
Council services after-hours contacts**

Animal Management 03 433 0300

Noise Control 03 433 0300

Council Property 03 433 0300

(including the Ōamaru Airport
and Ōamaru Harbour)

**Food & Health Standards
& Environmental Health** 03 365 1667

Ōamaru Library 03 433 0850

Ōamaru Opera House 027 703 8196

**Parks, Camp
Sports fields & Toilets** 03 433 0300

Road Emergencies 03 437 9010 or
027 703 1249

Waitaki Aquatic Centre 027 289 8158

Waitaki Lakes Camping 027 686 6901

Water & Drainage 03 433 0300 or
03 437 9012*

** Excluding Awamoko, Tokarahi, Windsor,
Kauru Hill, Stoneburn and Bushey Creek -
please contact your operator or caretaker.*

The team
at Waitaki
District Council
wishes you a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

