

# WAITAKI LINK

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NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL



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## HELLO DUNTROON, *we'd like to talk with you...*

Duntroonians are invited to be a driving force in the discussion around their town centre and how they'd like it to operate.

There are new public toilets planned for Duntroon. The question is: Where do you want them? We have some ideas, and there are things to be taken into consideration, like not cluttering up the roadway, not obscuring people's view of Brooke, the mare of Duntroon, etc. It's also time for conversations around parking, pedestrian flow, road crossing and the A20. The Parks team's Mark Burgher is in charge of this project and he'll be at the next meeting of the DDDA in August. Get along and have a chat or download a design form and email it, or just pick up the phone and give him a call. More info on our website.



## DO YOU USE OUR WEBSITE?

We're looking for feedback on how well you think it functions/doesn't.

We know there's a LOT of information stored there: can you find what you're looking for? Your first test is to find the link to our feedback survey: [www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz) then tell us how we can improve our online services.

## HUMBER STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS

Well done to the Roding team!

Works were completed ahead of schedule and locals were understandably fascinated by this job, digging deep, as it did, into historic Ōamaru's very foundations - while still allowing for fish spawning (surely a globally unique project brief). The initial program allowed for 10 days, and even though the extent of erosion was greater than expected, the collaboration of the local contractors had the repairs completed in only 5 days.



## WAITAKI LAKES *camping*

It's the news you've all been waiting for!

Waitaki Lakes camping opens on Saturday 19 September for another season of good old fashioned family-friendly camping. A reminder that setting up prior to Saturday 19 is not permitted.

However, Loch Laird top paddock will again be open on Friday 18 for anyone who would like to arrive on Friday, ready for camp set-up on Saturday. The Council caravan, Wanda, will again be present to greet you and spread the camping cheer with a sausage or two to kick off the season with a bang(er).

Tickets will be on sale early August - check the website for locations and payment instructions. Season boat ramp tickets will be at the reduced cost of \$50 this year only, to reflect the loss of ramp time last season due to COVID-19.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE *will* BID ADIEU *in* 2021

Council Chief Executive Fergus Power is to step down from his role as Chief Executive on 4 June 2021.

Fergus has been Chief Executive of the Waitaki District Council since September 2017. The global COVID-19 pandemic's impact on his family was a key reason for moving forward his departure date, with his wife Tri (from Thailand) now unable to see her family as frequently as had been the case in times pre-COVID-19. Mr Power and his wife will return to live in Thailand following his departure from Council.

Mr Power said a 10-month notice period would give Council ample time to select his successor and while he is enjoying leading the staff at Council and contributing to the community's response to the effects of COVID-19, "family comes first".

"There is still much to do in terms of strengthening Council's capacity to assist in making the Waitaki 'the best place to be'," he said. "A heightened focus on attracting new businesses and residents to the district, while working with Tourism Waitaki and industry stakeholders to maximise domestic visitation will aid the Waitaki's resilience in the face of any further social and economic shocks".



## FUNDING FOR *local* ARTS PROJECTS

Creative Kitty says: Get your paws on an application for the next round of the Creative Communities funding!

If you've an idea for a community arts project - be it music, poetry, fashion, sculpture, theatre, interpretive dance or anything in between - applications open on 24 August 2020 and forms are available from our website, Council offices and Waitaki District Libraries. It's money for Art's Sake!

## FUNDING *for* COMMUNITY GROUPS

Does your community group need funding for a special project, service or activity that will benefit Waitakians?

Applications open on August 17 and close 18 September but forms and all the details are on our website now.



## MOVIE NIGHT *at the* OPERA HOUSE

CHICAGO - 7.30pm, Thurs 3 Sept, \$7.50 (+ fees)

Come dressed to kill! Roxie Hart is a small-time chorus dancer who will kill for fame. After doing just that, she lands behind bars alongside a vaudeville star who, with the help of a hotshot lawyer, has spun her crime into a media frenzy.

## EVENTS @ ŌAMARU LIBRARY

Thurs 6 Aug at 6pm  
*Dark Side of Light* with Damien McNamara

Thurs 20 Aug at 6pm  
*Ki uta ki tai - Everything is Connected* with Biodiversity Advisor Gareth Boyt, presented by the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark

Fri 21 Aug at 12.30pm  
*National Poetry Day* with Rachel Rees

Tues 25 Aug at 6pm  
*Family History Month* with Marilyn Wreakes



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