

WAITAKI LINK

February 2020

NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

NEW YEAR, NEW TRAIL!

It's time to do your stretches, limber up

(tight Lycra shorts are optional but always good for a laugh) and join us at Waitaki Lakes Village (opposite Waitaki Dam) on February 8 at 2pm for the official opening of the newest section, between Aviemore and Kurow, of the wonderful Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail. Never ridden it before? Now's your chance! Take in the splendid views, and learn more about the fascinating history of the area. You might even score a free ice cream by rocking up to Wanda, the Council caravan and saying giddy to council staff.



WHERE'S WANDA?

She's big, she's blue, she's back!

Council's Conversation Caravan will be at the North Otago A&P Show on Sat February 29 with some doggy treats and useful info about owning a dog in Waitaki. Get along, it's the leash you can do.



FAMILY FUN DAY AT FRIENDLY BAY IS COMING UP IN MARCH!

It was brilliant last year and this year will be even better! Face painting, music, food, a beach dig and more. Circle March 14 on your calendar today!

GROUND CONTROL TO ...

They won't take passengers (boo) but news that Ōamaru could be the world's next space port certainly earned a ton of surprise emojis.

And yes it's true, Dawn Aerospace like us for their satellite launch port. Watch this space.



FRIENDLIEST OF FREEDOM CAMPING SEASONS

Our two Responsible Freedom Camping Ambassadors have been out patrolling the district (by the way, Queenstown has 16 ambassadors so ours are especially hard working) – and the programme has been such a success we haven't had to issue a single fine this season! Making friends and recommending great places to eat and things to do in the region is what they do - keep up the good work boys!



FREE GIGS FOR THE KIDS

School's back and if there's one thing you'll need, it's internets!

Introducing SPARK JUMP – internet access for families with children under the age of 18 that do not have access to the internet at home. The service is subsidised by the Spark Foundation and offered through the Ōamaru Public Library for FREEEEE!!!

First, check to see if your residential address has 4G coverage by ringing us on 03 433 0850 or here: <https://www.spark.co.nz/4g/> or come into the Ōamaru Public Library to enquire. Once they've worked out that you are in a coverage area they'll give you a free Skinny modem already pre-loaded with 30GB of data. After that, you can top up your modem with 30GB of data for only \$10.

NEW LOOS

We're building new public toilets at Moeraki Village and Campbell's Bay, Kakanui with some funding from MBIE.

Work starts in Moeraki on February 3 and finishes end of March 2020. The old toilets will stay in use until the new ones are ready.

Work starts in Campbell's Bay on February 26 and finishes end of May 2020. Portalooos will be in place so no-one is caught short.



MONEY, FOR ARTS SAKE! (& OTHER THINGS)

Does your community group need funding for a special project, your mind full of ideas but your pockets empty of moolah?

Community Group grants open 17 February for projects that can include services, activities or one-off programmes, that benefit the community. Creative Communities grants open 24 February and are supported by Creative New Zealand to encourage participation in the arts, support cultural diversity and help young people engage with the arts. Check our website for all the details.



PAY YOUR RATES MATE, THAT'D BE GREAT!

Don't be late - the Rates Penalty Date is **25 February** after which a 10% penalty fee will be charged. You can pay through your online banking, on our website, or pop into Council offices in Ōamaru or Palmerston. If you haven't received your rates letter from us - let us know.



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