

WAITAKI LINK

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WILL WAITAKI BE SHORTLISTED TO BE NZ'S FIRST UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK?

An announcement should be made in the next few days on whether The New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO has shortlisted 'Waitaki Whitestone Geopark' as its preferred candidate for UNESCO Global Geopark status in New Zealand.

Waitaki District Council submitted an expression of interest to become a Geopark in April this year. The proposed Geopark would encompass most of the Waitaki District. It includes well-known tourist sites such as Vanished World and Moeraki Boulders. An independent Geoparks Expert Advisory Panel, established by the National Commission late last year, have been carefully considering all expressions of interest and results will be announced soon.

FILIPINO WAITAKI VARIETY CONCERT

The Filipino culture and arts will be presented live on 9 June 2018 at the Oamaru Opera House, in collaboration with the Waitaki Multicultural Council and with special guest Joseph Balfe.

You will be entertained and educated with rich and colorful Filipino culture, full of story, dances and music, travelling from the olden times up to the present. Be ready to be mesmerised in an hour and a half of Filipino folk dance, festivals, rituals, celebrations and international influence.



DOG REGISTRATION

Accounts will soon be sent out to all registered dog owners in Waitaki reminding them to register their dog on or before 31 July. Every dog owner must register their dog when it reaches the age of three months and re-register each year. Although an account is sent at the beginning of June, the responsibility to register remains with the dog's owner whether or not an account is received.

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Your Library is so much more than just books! Waitaki District Libraries is pleased to be able to offer two new research databases to our customers: MasterFILE Premier and Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre. Both databases contain thousands of full-text articles from magazines, journals and books and contain more than 73,000 primary source documents as well as over 1.5 million photos, maps and flags. All you need is a library card and you can access these databases straight away from home. Just go to the library website: www.library.waitaki.govt.nz and click on the link in the left-hand navigation panel. Follow the instructions for logging in and enjoy!

DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS?

Are you a new or an existing business that is not registered? Have you recently purchased a business? Are you a hairdresser that works from home? Camp Ground, Hairdresser, Funeral Director and Offensive Trades registrations for 2018/19 are being sent out soon. If you haven't already registered, you need to contact the Environmental Services team on 03 4330 300 or come into the council offices in Oamaru or Palmerston.

MENTAL ILLNESS IN FICTION

To celebrate NZ's very own crime fiction awards - The "Ngaio Marsh Awards", Finn Bell, Forensic psychologist and crime writer, will give a talk on "Mental Illness in Fiction" at 6pm on Thursday 14 June at Oamaru Library. Finn Bell is based in Dunedin and won the First Book Prize in the 2017 Ngaio Marsh Awards.



Image credit: Ryan Moore, Blondie, 2018, Amelia Earhart, 2018 and Lemmy, 2017, spray paint on griptape.



GRIPTAPE & A CAN OF PAINT AT FORRESTER GALLERY

RYAN MOORE : GRIPTAPE AND A CAN OF PAINT is a new exhibition running from 2 June to 29 July 2018. Portraits created by local artist Ryan Moore, will be on display in the Community Gallery. A self-taught artist, Moore has developed and refined his craft over 20 years painting on skateboards. His portraits have grown to include the use of elaborate frames, with a subject matter driven by humour, nostalgia and admiration. All works are one-offs created by layering only white spray paint through hand drawn and cut stencils.



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