

WAITAKI LINK

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NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL



Photo: Sarah Baker

BACK TO BUSINESS *(kind of)*

Welcome to the first week of Level 3, Waitaki!

For some it will be just like Level 4 but with surfing and takeaways, but as thousands of southern businesses headed back to work this week, it's a whole new world.

Many of our staff and contractors are back out and about - please respect their work bubbles and don't approach them. If you want to report an issue, phone us on 03 433 0300 or use our online channels. We've updated our list of how Council Services will be operating at Level 3 on our website, but give us a call or send us an email at service@waitaki.govt.nz if you have any questions.



WHAT'S OPEN?

Cara at the The Business Hive has whipped up this app: <https://waitaki.glideapp.io/>
It's free to use and free to register your business (register now!). Easily check who's open and how they're operating from your phone or computer. Things are constantly changing and keeping up is like playing golf while standing on a lilo in a lake, but one thing's for sure, shopping local has never been more important!



A LOAD of RUBBISH

It's been a looong Level 4 and we know people will have concerns about the amount of rubbish that may have accumulated.

We asked Council's waste champions to give us all the details around rubbish and recycling in Waitaki. First off, it's still too risky for Transfer Station and Recovery Park staff to handle recycling, so in the interests of keep them safe, this is currently not available. Households are asked to continue storing their clean recyclables or dispose of them with their rubbish. Even if you normally don't do so, it's time to use some of the waste services available in the district. You can always cancel your bin when things get back to normal. Contact: Awamoia Bins on 03 434 9445; WasteCo on 0800 341 11 11; or Waste Management on 03 434 0031.



- Waste Management's refuse transfer station in Oamaru will reopen to the general public and accept rubbish and greenwaste (not recyclables) under Alert Level 3. To protect public health, they will have strict measures in place. Waste Management will confirm opening arrangements under Level 3 on their website and other channels.
- During Level 3, households that normally drop rubbish bags off at the Waitaki Resource Recovery Park will be able to either use the Waste Management transfer station or arrange an on-demand kerbside service from a waste contractor.
- Under Alert Level 3, Council's four Recovery Parks/Transfer Stations at Hampden, Kurow, Otematata and Omarama will remain open for two hours only on Wednesdays and Sundays for rubbish and greenwaste disposal, with strict conditions in place. Palmerston landfill will be open for two hours only on Tuesdays and Sundays. Charges will resume at these facilities from 1 May, with payment by Eftpos only (contactless if possible) to avoid cash-handling risks.

Rats love stockpiled rubbish so please use one of the services available. Thanks for your patience and cooperation - we'll let you know as soon as things change.

OTAGO COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDING *for* WELFARE NEEDS

We're stoked to announce that we've been awarded \$25,000 from the Otago Community Trust. The funds have been earmarked for the welfare needs of the Waitaki district as we progress towards recovery.

Key organisations in Waitaki who provide services to members of the community most in need, and who have experienced an increase in costs as a result, can apply to this fund. Decisions on funding allocations will be made by Councillors, after looking at the needs identified by Safer Waitaki and other agencies.

Otago Community Trust has also launched a larger COVID-19 Response Fund. Details of this can be found on their website.

WET WIPES

How many times/ways can we say this? Don't flush them! They block our pipes and they will block your toilet too, as well as put essential services staff in danger when they have to unclog the pipes. Put them in the bin!



WOMEN of STEM

Who are the women in your community who make science, technology, engineering or maths interesting and meaningful to you?

Is your friend always taking things apart to figure out how they work? Is your neighbour's advice on how to properly condition soil the only reason you've finally managed to grow veggies?

Otago Museum is developing a digital portrait exhibition called *100 women, 100 words... infinite possibilities* which will feature women and girls of all ages who actively embrace science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics as part of their lives. Nominations can be made at otagomuseum.nz/infinitepossibilities from 1 - 31 May 2020. The exhibition will open alongside workshops offered by GirlBoss NZ for school students in early December and will culminate with the Women in Science Expo, to mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11 February 2021.



Dear DIARY

Once we start moving around a little more under Level 3 you might want to keep a diary of your movements so if contact

tracers DO get in touch, it will make it easier to zap the virus. If you want to be a bit more technical you could turn on your phone's location tracker.

We know it sounds a bit much, but this whole thing is a bit flippin' much - and if you get sick this is the easiest way to trace the people you've been around and squish COVID-19 for good.



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