

WAITAKI LINK

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NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Photo: Oamaru breakwater by Scott Milne



WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR OUR HARBOUR?

Tell us how we can make the harbour a vibrant, creative, liveable space.

We're asking for community ideas to plan the future of the Oamaru Harbour Area. We want the Oamaru and wider Waitaki District community to help us create a new plan for the Harbour Area, and the best way to do that is to ensure everyone has a chance to have their say in this first stage which runs until November 30.

This is an opportunity for the community as whole to let us know what they see as the future of the harbour. This includes what people do and don't want to see there, and what they think is important. There'll be public drop-in sessions throughout the month and a survey to fill in online or pick up from Council spaces. Visit our website for more information.

ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Waitaki District Council, together with the RSA Welfare Trust, will be holding an Armistice Day Service on Sunday 11 November at 10.40am at the WW1 memorial outside the Council building to mark the 100 year anniversary of the moment the guns stopped on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11am. Maheno will be conducting an Armistice Day Service at the Maheno Cenotaph, 10.30am, unveiling a memorial commemorating hospital ship HMHS Maheno and her valuable contribution to the First World War. All are welcome to attend.

SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES?

We have noticed that people are contacting us to complain about smoke from outdoor fires. This is something the Regional Councils investigate and respond to, so to get the quickest response please contact them directly.

Not sure who to call? The map shows the boundary line between Environment Canterbury and the Otago Regional Council. Both operate a 24 hour 7 day a week pollution hotline number and will give you the best advice for your situation. Otago Regional Council 0800 474 082 and Environment Canterbury 0800 765 588.

If you are thinking of having a fire, check with your regional council around what rules they have in place. Check it's alright before you light - Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) has its own seasonal restrictions and permitting requirements. Even if your burning is within the Regional Council rules, be sure to check if it's an open, restricted or prohibited fire season. Visit checkitsalright.nz for details.



ARE YOU A LITTLE FRUITY?

Attention: Horticultural Sector – vegetable and fruit growers and packers. The upcoming deadline for existing businesses in the horticultural sector to register and operate under the Food Act 2014 is 28 February 2019.



Please use the 'Where do I fit?' tool on www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-act-2014/ to see if you need to register under the Food Act 2014. If you grow or pack produce for food premises then you will need to register with Council under a National Programme 1 (NP1). See Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) National Programme guidance at the above website.

If you are a member of GLOBALGAP, NZ Good Agricultural Practice (NZGAP) or British Retail Consortium (BRC) then you will need to contact those associations directly for registration information. For street stalls please contact Environmental Services at Council for mobile/itinerant trader permit information.



VICTORIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Hold on to your bonnets! Council staff will be frocking up and donning top hats and coat-tails ready for Victorian Heritage Celebrations which run from the 14th-18th of November. The week culminates in the Network Waitaki Victorian Fete on the Sunday on Harbour Street. Come check out ye olde Waitaki Whitestone Geopark stall!

SANTA SAYS DON'T FORGET THE PAPERWORK!

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas so please be aware that Council Head Office will close at 12.00pm on Friday 21st December 2018 and reopen for business on Thursday 3rd January 2019 which will give council staff the chance to sit in a quiet room patting themselves down to make sure nothing has fallen off.

So if you're organising an event timed before Christmas or in the New Year and need special license for alcohol you must get your submission in before November 22nd. Planning to feed people? Applications for food cut off on 14th Dec, and parking the 19th Dec.



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