

WAITAKI LINK

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NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Photo: Sarah Baker

WANDA MAKES HER DEBUT AT FIELD DAYS



She's as nervous as a wallflower at a tea dance and getting the dress on her has been hell but the Waitaki District Council's conversation caravan is going to be at Otago Field Days in Palmerston on 4 & 5 October. Last year, council staff and interns shivered under an awning during rain and hail – this time they'll be able to shelter in Wanda's retro comfort and so can Waihemo residents. Come and

Meet the Park: Whitestone Geopark staff and trustees are all scheduled to be on hand over the two days to answer questions, educate and inspire. Palmerston's the golden gateway to the WWG, so its only right that the first in a new series of public engagements starts right here.



GET SAVVY ON SCAMS

Hosted by Safer Waitaki, this free, fun and interactive workshop on how to avoid online scams will be held at the Oamaru Opera House at 11am on October 15.

It is reported that online scams are costing us \$500 million per year with 72% of New Zealanders saying they have been targeted by a scam.

Presenter Bronwyn Groot CFFC will show you how you can protect yourself, family members and clients from the latest scams and frauds. Get tips on how to recognise a set-up and avoid a scam, and what to do if you discover you have been scammed. Please RSVP to Helen Algar at halgar@waitaki.govt.nz

WAITAKI'S CULTURAL COLLECTIONS GO DIGITAL

Now anyone, anywhere can access the cultural treasures of Waitaki – even in your jammies!

The cultural collections of the Waitaki District are now accessible online through the Culture Waitaki

website <https://collection.culturewaitaki.org.nz/explore>.

The team at the Forrester Gallery, North Otago Museum and Waitaki District Archive have launched the first part of their collections online, with a selection of over 2500 objects from across collections.

The Director of the Gallery, Museum & Archive, Jane Macknight says, "We are always looking at ways of making our collections and our stories more accessible to our community. The Cultural Facilities Development Project (CFDP) is about better physical access to more of our collections through exhibitions and education programmes. Collections Online enables anyone anywhere in the world to jump online and find out more about the Waitaki and its rich cultural history by interacting with our cultural collections".

The work behind the scenes involved to bring this project to fruition has been intensive. The first instalment of digital content includes a collection of historical photographs of Ōamaru Harbour, the Steenson collection of architectural drawings which features a large number of local buildings and residences from the Victorian and Edwardian eras; a collection of heritage artworks; and the Memorial Oaks' plaque collection. The next instalment will feature objects selected for the new Museum displays as well as more photographs and more artworks.



WATER MEMBRANES

The new membranes are in and producing water!

This was massive for the team working at Ōamaru Water Treatment Plant, but they've successfully completed this project and we're now better placed to cope with adverse weather events and more demand on the supply in the future.

Many thanks to everyone for reducing your water use over the last weeks. There was a noticeable drop in demand (helped by the colder weather too).

The reservoir is still filling back up, so please help us look after this valuable resource by being mindful of water use at all other times – especially as we go into the warmer summer months (hopefully soon!)



VOTE
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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Get your voting papers filled in and in the mail box this Saturday (5 Oct)! Council HQ on Thames St will be open on Sat, 12 October until noon for your last chance to drop your voting papers in to us.

CLUED-UP SUPERS

It's on again! This wonderful expo, which completely rewrites the book on what life is like post-retirement is on Saturday 5 October from 1 - 4pm at the Waitaki Recreation Centre.



ARTS FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Owls Do Cry - Don't miss the World Premiere Adaptation of Janet Frame's Novel. Ōamaru Opera House, 7pm, Friday 4 October, 4pm, Saturday 5 October.

Art on Bikes - Cycle the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail from Weston to Ōamaru Farmers' Market, with fun stops and activities along the way! Great school holiday fun. 10am - 1pm, Sunday 6 October.

Tour Janet Frame's, Ōamaru, book now for the walking tour that explores the Ōamaru that writer Janet Frame knew in the 1930s and 1940s. Starts 56 Eden St, 1pm Sunday 6 October.

Movie Night in the Park - *The Greatest Showman* in the Ōamaru Public Gardens (Craig Fountain area) from 6.30pm (Film screens at 8pm) Thursday 10 October.

...and lots more! Visit: oamaruoperahouse.co.nz for more info.



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