

WAITAKI LINK

September 2019

NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Photo: Sarah Baker

WAITAKI LAKES CAMP GROUNDS OPEN

It's time for campground passes and sunglasses, boat ramps picking up Gramps and heading for Waitaki Lakes Camping Grounds **which officially open on September 21st**. Love awnings? Flip flops and lilos? Remember Stubbies? (They had a coin pocket which only had room for a 50cent piece, but things were cheaper then.) Let's bring them back! Get your retro camping fix and make sure it lasts with a season pass available from council HQ, Westside Café & Shop, Otematata, Mobil Garage, Omārama, Kurow Auto Services or camp supervisors and registration booths.



BEE KIND - HAVE A POLLINATION PARTY

September is Bee Awareness month, a month dedicated to our Waitaki bees. You can love our bees by: Planting bee-friendly wildflowers and providing a saucer of pesticide-free water for bees to drink. Well-nourished bees are more capable of fending off disease and parasites.

Eating Waitaki honey – Our bees create a wide range of delicious, high quality honeys. By eating these honeys you are not only choosing a natural sweet option, you are supporting our beekeepers who work hard to care for our bees and their environment.

Spraying safely – Choose bee-safe pesticides if you are spraying your garden or consider whether spraying is necessary at all. Remember to spray when bees are away: early in the morning or at sunset.

The nice people at Apiculture NZ have given us 50 packets of seeds that grow bee's favourite flowers and suggest you have a honey-themed party with friends and get sowing. Available at Council HQ. first in, first served.



SOMETHING GOT YOUR GOAT? VOTE!

But before you vote, make an effort to find out what the candidates stand for, make sure their beliefs align with the things you care about - go to a debate, read their online profiles and then...

Casting a postal vote is as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Your papers will arrive in the mail last week of September, along with a candidates book featuring profiles of those standing
2. You can vote for 1 mayor, Councillors in your ward (if there are 6 vacancies then you get to choose 6 candidates), SDHB – note, this one's a bit different because you vote in order of preference - ORC, Oamaru Licensing Trust and Ecan (depending where you live).
3. Post your voting papers by the first week of October.

If you simply can't get your act together to post your vote (dog ate your voting papers) you can make a special vote any time from the last week of September up to noon on election day. Come into Council HQ and we'll sort you out.



ON YOUR BIKE

Two great events are being held in Waitaki this September to raise awareness of mental health issues. Both reflect this year's New Zealand Mental Health Awareness Week theme- 'explore your way to wellness. The first is a screening of the cycling documentary One Day Ahead at the Oamaru Opera House Ink box, 7PM on September 27. Tickets are \$25 (+fee) from Ticket Direct and the Oamaru Opera House, with all proceeds going to Mental Health New Zealand. The following day there will be a community bike ride on the A2O leaving from Weston at 10am, culminating at Elderslie estate with a family fun day. Organisers hope there will be a large turn-out for this most excellent outing.



SECOND ARTS FESTIVAL PROGRAMME IN THE FRAME

The 2nd biennial festival programme has a lucky 13 entertainments; comedy, literature, multi-dimensional theatre and music. Starting with an absolute coup of a World Premiere, Owls Do Cry, adapted from Janet Frame's novel; there's also a homage to the aunties we love and love to hate, a movie night in the Oamaru Public Gardens a celebration of Spring for Art on Bikes, and the reopening of the Janet Frame trail. There's even a theatre performance for babies! With so many offerings, you'll need to pace yourself. Pick up a copy of the programme from the Opera House, or check out their Facebook page for full details.



MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Te wiki o te reo Māori takes place this year between 9 and 15 September. 'Kia Kaha te reo Māori' is the theme this year: 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. Why not take the opportunity to learn the Maori myths and legends behind the places we love? Makotukutuku (Cape Wanbrow) is situated between Awamoa Creek and Oamaru on Te Tai-o-Āra-te-uru (Otago coastline). Makotukutuku was an ancestor on the Ārai-te-uru waka that capsized off the coastline near Matakaea (Shag Point). After capsizing, many of the passengers went ashore to explore the land, however they needed to be back at the waka before daylight. Most did not make it, including Makotukutuku, transformed into the cape.



www.waitaki.govt.nz



Waitaki

DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WAITAKI