

WAITAKI LINK

September 2020

NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

CRUMBLE *with your* GRUMBLE

We have a set group who we ALWAYS hear from - people who just can't get enough of a good grumble (and good on them). But some of you might be too polite and might be quietly grumbling away to yourselves. We'd really love to hear from you. Plus, with the whole COVID-19 thing we feel like we haven't had a chance for a chat in real life for a loooooong time. Got a legitimate grumble? We can't do anything about water being too wet, for example, but if there's a Council-related peeve you'd like to get off your chest, Wanda will be at the Ōamaru Farmers' Market on Sunday Sept 13 with Councillors and Communications staff all ears open - then tootling around the district after that. Let us know what's wrong and how you think we could fix it. (If you feel like giving us a compliment that would be nice, too). Did we mention there will be apple crumble with your grumble?



WAITAKI LAKES *camping*

Hey there, long time lakers!

Wanda, the Council's conversation caravan, is single and ready to mingle. She'll be at Loch Laird top paddock on Friday September 18 with a sausage sizzle for all you super-eager folks planning to overnight there before the Waitaki Lakes camping season officially opens on Saturday Sept 19. Come and say hello, grab a snarler and one of our groovy bumper stickers.

Reluctant return to PAID PARKING

Council has voted for an early return to paid parking in the Medway and Steward St car parks.

The free parking was to continue until 30 Sept, but due to complaints from numerous residents, usual parking fees will be payable from 2 Sept. Free parking will continue in all other areas until 30 Sept. Time restricted parking remains as normal.

During the free parking initiative, members of the public have experienced difficulty in finding appropriate parking near Ōamaru Hospital and the Waitaki Aquatic Centre which has meant patients are missing hospital appointments, or arriving late, and members of the public for swimming-related activities. This is in part due to members of the public using the free parking initiative to park their vehicles all day or for extended periods in the Medway and Steward St car parks.

Free PUBLIC WI-FI

Council's Information Services team will soon begin the roll out of free Wi-Fi for the Waitaki district, limited for the time being to Ōmārama, the Ōamaru Harbour and Palmerston.

It's a great start and what we can afford right now, with the aim being to extend it to more of the district in the future. This will be a boon for both locals in need of good connectivity and visitors to the district wanting to discover all that Waitaki has to offer.

CHRISTMAS TREE *& Christmas tree*

Now is the perfect time of year to start being nice to make up for all the naughty that's gone before and thus hopefully sway Santa's decision-making.

Here at Council we're hoping three giant Christmas trees will festive up the place and spark a bit of joy (after the 2020 we've had, everyone will be looking forward to a bit of ho ho ho!) We'll be putting them up in Palmerston, Ōamaru and Kurow.



Waitaki: Show us your Talent!
TALENT QUEST 2020
TAKARO PARK (NEW VENUE) ŌAMARU
OCTOBER 10
FREE ENTRY

AUDITION NOW! (BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18)
Upload a short audition video to Youtube then email a link to Leanne - l.kingan@waitaki.govt.nz [Age groups : Ages 11-14 & Ages 15-24]

Can you sing, act, dance, juggle, play music, do comedy, perform your poetry, contort, or anything in between? Then get your group together, or just yourself, and enter the Waitaki District Youth Council Talent Quest to WIN BIG, or just entertain the crowd!

CASH PRIZES
10 major \$100 CASH prizes to win, and 10 other \$50 voucher prizes up for grabs, plus a People's Choice Award!

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Waitaki

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COMMUNITY GROUPS and VOLUNTEERS!

We'd like to give you some money please.

Council looks after 3 community grants which are open for applications NOW. Just apply:

COMMUNITY GROUP GRANTS

Could your community group use a funding boost towards a special project? Big or small: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Applications now open and close 18 Sept 2020.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Funding for local Arts Projects supported by Creative New Zealand. Applications are now open for projects that take place between 1 Oct 2020 - 1 Oct 2021. Applications close 25 Sept 2020.

DONALD & NELLYE MALCOLM TRUST

Applications are now open and are invited from charitable and not-for-profit organisations in North Otago. Allocations are usually small amounts to many organisations, rather than large amounts to a few. Applications close 25 Sept 2020.

All information, including application forms, can be found at www.waitaki.govt.nz, Council offices in Palmerston and Ōamaru, and Waitaki District Libraries.



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