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Local water done well

Discussions are ongoing around the future of local water services across New Zealand.

Councils are preparing to make decisions relating to the development of a water services delivery plan that will meet Government requirements for delivery of safe and financially sustainable water services, while considering the environment and regulatory requirements. The water services delivery plans will describe how councils intend to deliver the three water services (freshwater, wastewater, stormwater) and which other councils they might join up with (if any) to do this.

Masterton District Council (MDC) joined our neighbouring Wairarapa Councils and seven other councils in the Wellington region to do some early work to understand what a Regional Water Services Delivery model (across the 10 councils)

would look like. MDC is due to decide on whether it continues as part of the Wellington Regional model in November.

That decision will tie the Council to the future Wellington regional model if it decides to remain involved. If not, then it will still have other options to consider. One of those options relates to a smaller Provincial Delivery model involving the Wairarapa and Tararua district councils. A team was set up a few months ago to evaluate this option and bring back their findings to the Council to help them with the decision.

Options for water service delivery models, including retaining our current approach, will go out for public consultation in early 2025. Meanwhile, for the latest information on where we're at, head to our website and search 'local water done well'.



Coastal alcohol bans

Alcohol bans are again in place for Riversdale and Castlepoint for Labour Weekend.

The ban on carrying or consuming alcohol in public will run from 7pm-7am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, 25-28 October.

The following areas are covered by the bans:

Riversdale - Orui Station/Riversdale Road intersection, and along Riversdale Road to Riversdale township, Bodle Drive to the lagoon and including Riversdale Beach, from the lagoon to the Southern Riversdale Reserve to the water's edge. From Blue Pacific Parade and Bodle Drive intersection along Blue Pacific Parade to and including the Southern Riversdale Reserve, including the beach to the water's edge.

From Riversdale Road and Pinedale Crescent intersection along Pinedale Crescent to the intersection with Blue Pacific Parade. The southern terrace off Palm Parade and the middle terrace off Pinedale Crescent, being Rochdale Road, Otaraia Road, Bull Lane, Tama Road, Pukeko Place and Knoyle Road.

This includes all public places, public parks and

accessways into the defined area where the prohibition will be extended to.

Castlepoint - From the Castlepoint motorcamp to the Castlepoint lagoon, including Jetty Road and Castlepoint Beach, to the water's edge. From in front of the motorcamp to the Castlepoint lagoon, including Castlepoint Reserve. Also including Guthrie and Balfour Crescents and all public roads and places to which the public have access within the township of Castlepoint.

The usual New Year's Eve ban on alcohol vehicles at Riversdale and Castlepoint will also again be in place.

To ensure everyone has a great time at the beach over New Year, road closures and alcohol-free zones will again be in place at both Castlepoint and Riversdale.

Alcohol-free zones: 6pm, Monday 30 December 2023 until 6am, Wednesday 1 January 2024

Road closures: 4pm, Tuesday 31 December 2023 until 6am, Wednesday 1 January 2024

Peter Laing Agriculture Trust grants

Time is running out for aspiring young farmers to apply for grants from the Peter Laing Agriculture Trust.

The grants are designed to assist people who intend to follow a practical farming career and close at 4pm on Friday 10 November.

Grants can be used to pay for:

- Practical training to help you enter the agricultural industry (e.g., through a cadet scheme, or certificate or diploma level of study).
- Specialist equipment, such as a saddle, or to buy dogs, if you're starting your first job in agriculture.

Applicants must be a resident in Wairarapa or have strong links with the region, and:

- have a focus on pastoral farming with a planned career path
- a strong desire to expand their knowledge and interest in agriculture

Application forms are available on the Council website, or at the Council's offices at 161 Queen Street and 27 Lincoln Road, and Masterton District Library, 54 Queen Street.



Scarily good time ahead

Halloween in the Park returns to Queen Elizabeth Park on, you guessed it, Thursday, 31 October – and Masterton District Council is again producing its HalloWhere? map of hauntingly decorated houses.

Today (23 October) is the last day to register your house for our HalloWhere? map! Register through the Masterton District Council website - search 'Halloween'.

The map will be available on our website from Tuesday 29 October or you can find it printed in the Midweek on Wednesday 30 October.

Halloween in the Park is free and family-friendly, with something for everyone, no matter their fear threshold.

Prepare to be scared stiff in the Hospital of Horrors - Sponsored by Wai Techs – across the road in the fully accessible Memorial Stadium. Action will be low-scare from 4-5pm, with high scare time from 5-7pm.

The miniature train will be providing providing free rides on the island in the Lake of Remembrance, and food trucks on the green space will offer all the fuel you need for activities including face painting, play activities, and Halloween photo opportunities.

There'll be roaming Halloween characters, and spot prizes for the best dressed.

The event is not focussed on the park island this year to maximise accessibility.

Youth Hub to open in style

The Youth Hub at Masterton's skatepark will open with a bang on Friday 15 November.

Bring the whole whanau for an evening of music, kai, market stalls, and spot prizes from 5-7pm.

The Masterton District Youth Council is calling for stallholders, so if you're a young person with cool stuff to sell, register by

emailing: events@mstn.govt.nz

The Hub is a community space for Masterton's rangatahi, and includes a space to hang out, and a kitchenette with running water.

How it grows will depend on what our community tells us. The Council is running an online survey to get great ideas on what happens next in the space.



Register for the Christmas parade

Registrations close on Thursday, 31 October for a place in Masterton's Christmas Parade. The parade will take place along Queen Street from 12:30pm on Saturday 30 November followed by Christmas in the Park at Queen Elizabeth Park.

Trust House is again sponsoring prizes in each of four categories – commercial, community group, sports group, education. Register online via the Council website or pick up a forms at the Council's Queen Street office and Masterton District Library.

Council Meetings

The meetings of the Council and its committees for the coming month are listed below.

Unless specified, all meetings will be held in the Kiwi Room at Waiata House, 27 Lincoln Road, Masterton. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings. The meetings will also be accessible to the public via the livestream on the Masterton District Council YouTube channel. Agendas will be available on the Council website (www.mstn.govt.nz) and copies will be available for inspection at the main Council office, 161 Queen Street, and at the Library, 54 Queen Street, two working days prior to the meeting.

Opportunity for Public Comment

At the beginning of some meetings, a period is available for those who wish to speak or comment on any matter relevant to the meeting in question. Requests to speak at a meeting should be made to Harriet Kennedy, Governance Team Leader, phone 370 6300 or email mdc@mstn.govt.nz at least one clear day before the meeting.

What's On

Today - Wednesday 23 October

9am Wairarapa Local Alcohol Policy hearings - Hurunui o Rangi meeting room, Carterton District Council

Registrations close for Hallowhere? map

Wednesday 30 October

9:30am Council Meeting

Thursday 31 October

4pm Halloween - HalloWhere? and festivities in QE Park

4pm Registrations close for the Christmas parade

Wednesday 6 November

2:30pm Wairarapa Local Alcohol Policy deliberations - Hurunui o Rangi meeting room, Carterton District Council

Monday 11 - Tuesday 12 November

9am Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan Hearing 4: Maori Purpose Zone

Wednesday 13 November

9:30am Council meeting

1pm Audit and Risk Committee meeting

Friday 15 November

5pm Youth Hub opening

Monday 25 November - Sunday 1 December

Pack the Bus

Saturday 30 November

12:30pm Christmas parade followed by Christmas in the Park

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