

Changes proposed to local alcohol rules

A reduction in opening hours for off-licences, and restrictions on sale of alcohol at events targeted at young people are among changes proposed in a review of Wairarapa's Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), now open for consultation.

The LAP is a combined policy of Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa district councils and guides licensing decisions so that they:

- promote the safe and responsible sale, supply and consumption of alcohol
- reflect the views of our communities
- provide certainty and clarity for applicants and the public.

The Chair of the Wairarapa Policy Working Group, Carterton District Councillor Robyn Cherry-Campbell said a local alcohol policy was intended to provide effective guidance for the decisions of the District Licensing Committee and the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

"The policy aims to promote safe and responsible sale, supply and consumption of alcohol, and reflect the views of our community when it comes to the location, number, hours and conditions that apply to licensed premises," she said.

"We have been through an information gathering process, including consulting with Police, licensing inspectors, and Medical Officers of Health, and

this has led to the proposed changes that we are now consulting on."

Key proposed changes to the LAP include:

- No new off-licences will be granted for premises within 100m of a sensitive site, unless an exemption applies. A sensitive site includes places such as a childcare or educational facility, playground or recreational facility, healthcare facility, marae, a place of worship.
- Changing the maximum trading hours for off-licence premises from 7am to 10pm to 9am to 10pm. (This would exclude supermarkets and grocery stores.)
- Rather than restricting the licensee to one entertainment evening a month, it is proposed to allow up to 12 events under a special licence in any 12-month period.
- Special licences will not be granted for events focused on children and young people aged under 18 years old.
- Requiring the District Licensing Committee, when considering licence applications, to take into account the appropriateness of associating the consumption of alcohol with driving events.



Find our more and have your say!

For full details and to check out all the different ways you can have your say, see the Local Alcohol Policy consultation page on the Council website: www.mstn.govt.nz or pick up a hard-copy of the consultation document at the Masterton District Library or the Council Customer Service Centre (161 Queen Street).



Submissions close 4pm Sunday 20 October

Youth hub taking shape

Work is underway on the youth hub next to Masterton's skate park.

The work site to the north of the skatepark was fenced off from Wednesday 21 August, and work is expected to last a couple of months, weather permitting. The community barbecue will not be accessible during the work. The project involves repurposing an existing portable building from the library site and the installation of two accessible toilets.

The work is being completed by local contractors who are contributing discounted labour and materials. They are – Rigg Zschokke, Waterwise, Festival Hire, WaiSpark, Silverwood Architects, Trust House, Wairarapa Treescaping, Harrison's Carpet and Flooring, Loader Construction Engineering, and Green By Nature.

For more information visit mstn.govt.nz and search Youth Hub.



Halloween is coming to Queen Elizabeth Park on 31 October – and Masterton District Council is again producing its HalloWhere? map of hauntingly decorated houses.

The HalloWhere? map enables people to register their property as 'trick or treator friendly'. If you have great decorations or would like to welcome little ghosts and ghouls to your door, register to be listed on the map.

Register through the link on the Masterton District Council website by **4pm, Wednesday 23 October** to put your place on the map - search 'Halloween'.

Look out for some scarily exciting family fun and food. More details to come. Keep an eye on our website for details: www.mstn.govt.nz

Registrations open for Christmas parade

Registrations are now open for participants in Masterton District Council's Christmas Parade, which will take place along Queen Street on Saturday 30 November.

Registrations close at 4pm on Thursday, 31 October, using the online form or hard copy forms available at the Council's Queen Street office and Masterton District Library.

Trust House is again sponsoring prizes for the best float or activity in each of four categories – commercial, community group, sports group, education.

There will be a \$500 prize for each category winner, and \$250 for each runner-up.

And if you need to paint your float, you can apply to Resene for help at: sponsorship@resene.co.nz



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

Monday 7 October
4:30pm Applications close for the Masterton District Youth Council Youth Grants (for details visit: www.mstn.govt.nz)

Sunday 20 October
4pm Submissions close for the Local Alcohol Policy consultation

Wednesday 23 October
9am Wairarapa Local Alcohol Policy hearings - Hurunui o Rangi meeting room, Carterton District Council
4pm 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

Hood plans aim to capitalise on infrastructure work



Exciting plans to increase hangar space at Hood Aerodrome have been announced by Masterton District Council to maximise the benefit of infrastructure improvements underway at the aerodrome.

A new space adjacent to the runway has been earmarked for approximately 33 hangar sites of varying sizes ranging from 15m x 10m power-only sites to 21m x 12m fully serviced hangars with access to a sealed taxiway. The area will be accessible from Manaia Road.

There is further potential for more commercial development, as well as an area protected for possible future terminal expansion.

The plans include potential changes on Moncrieff Drive, where space has been identified for future commercial or visitor attractions.

The Council's General Manager Infrastructure and Assets, Maseina Koneferenisi, said the plans were a logical step forward from work underway at Hood.

"We want to ensure we are making the most of the improvements to infrastructure at Hood to reduce the financial burden on our ratepayers," she said.

"This aerodrome is a great asset for the community and plays a key role in regional resilience in the event of a Civil Emergency. These plans will ensure we can bring new operators and users to Hood, as well as developing the potential for aviation-oriented attractions for the non-flying public. We are in the enviable position of having a really unique asset here in the Wairarapa and are determined to make the most of it."

Masterton District Council Chief Executive Kym Fell said the Hood Aerodrome expansion plans are a significant milestone for the region.

"These developments represent a strategic investment in our future, ensuring Hood Aerodrome remains a vital hub for both aviation and regional growth.

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