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MASTERTON MONTHLY wrap



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Message from the Mayor

Kia ora,
I hope everyone is managing the onset of winter, fingers crossed for some more semi-sunny days yet!

This week I have shared my views about the Greater Wellington Regional Council's Ruamahunga Whaitua moves to alter Masterton District Council's resource consents which we rely on for our urban lakes. Unfortunately, there hasn't been enough awareness around the impact these changes may have on Henley Lake and the Lake of Remembrance in Queen



Elizabeth Park. The Whaitua is currently consulting with the public on its plans, I urge each and every one of you to engage in this process. We need to strike a balance between

ensuring the health of our rivers while also maintaining the economic, community and cultural benefits of our lakes. Comments can be provided until Wednesday 11 July.

MDC achieves emissions-reduction milestone

Masterton District Council has been the first small council in New Zealand to receive an internationally-recognised emissions-reduction certification. The Council received its

certification under Enviro-Mark's Certified Emissions Measurement And Reduction Scheme at the start of the month. It means MDC is officially recognised as actively working

to measure and manage its carbon footprint. It is only the sixth territorial authority to achieve the certification, following Christchurch, Wellington, Dunedin, Kapiti Coast and Waikato Councils.

Caring for our community

This week Masterton District Council launched a collaborative project to help reduce the use of plastic bags in our district – an initiative to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change affecting our country and our

community. Working with the three major supermarkets in Masterton; Pak'nSave, Countdown and New World, as well as Trust House, we have brought in thousands of reusable shopping bags, and the

community helped make this a successful initiative. The bags were available for free at the three major supermarkets on Friday. Thanks to everyone involved.

Quick updates

Masterton Town Centre – As part of the Long-Term Plan consultation we asked for feedback on the draft plan for our Town Centre. We're now revising and developing a final plan, taking into account submissions. This is expected to be ready for council to adopt in August.

Memorial Park grandstand – Our contractors have been onsite at Memorial Park doing important strengthening work on the grandstand. This is due to be completed in time for the key winter sports games in July. **Cricket grandstand** – We've commenced a project to strengthen and upgrade the cricket grandstand in Queen

Elizabeth Park. We are currently finalising detailed design and will shortly be applying for a building application.

Netball facility – The trust had its inaugural meeting in mid-June, which was a key milestone for this project. The project is on track for resurfacing some courts in the summer and an opening ceremony.

Tinui Fire Depot – We've part-funded the building of a completely new fire depot at Tinui, which is in a new location out of flood zone and is the highest specification for earthquake rating. We'll be shortly announcing details of the official opening ceremony.



KEY DATES JULY

9th Community Development Grant opens

14th Riversdale planting day

31st Dog registration - full payment due.
Penalties apply from 1st August

Long-Term Plan outcome

This week Masterton District Council's elected members adopted our Long-Term Plan. This sets the scene for the next ten years, with a focus on the first three. Getting to this stage has been a rigorous process of debate, consultation and, finally, deliberation. Consultation was held from 29 March to 30 April, with our consultation document delivered to every household in the district.

We met with 21 different stakeholder groups and held five 'out and about' sessions where the public had the opportunity to drop by and chat with us. We received 339 written submissions and 66 submitters spoke at the hearings. We look forward to updating you on the outcome of these conversations and council's deliberations over the next week.