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## From the Mayor

Summer's here and we've been out and about canvassing your views on The Catlins.

If you care about our community and want to help shape a brighter future for generations to come, then please get involved in this consultation process.

You may have already seen us out and about with our caravan and classic car? The feedback will be used to help develop the Our Place Catlins Community Plan. I've enjoyed getting out and about and there's still time to tell us your thoughts.



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## boil water notices



Major flooding in November 2018 has meant many of the district's rural water schemes have faced ongoing boil water notices this summer.

Council realises that it can be quite an inconvenience but the notice is in place to keep you and your family safe.

The Drinking Water Standards require routine monitoring of total coliforms and in particular testing for E.coli.

It is not uncommon for bacteria to become present after a flooding event.

If E.coli or any other bugs are identified,

daily samples are taken around the scheme at Otago Regional Council approved sample locations.

Until Council gets three clear days of zero E.coli etc we are not permitted to lift the boil water notice.

### Frequently Asked Questions

*How long will the boil order remain in effect?*  
Each boil notice situation is different which makes it hard to predict how long the boil order will remain in effect.

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Are you on a rural water scheme? Do you get our text alerts?

## Mayor continued

These areas have already been identified as priorities for the area. They are:

- Landscape and the environment
- Opportunities and challenges for our communities
- Parks, reserves and playgrounds
- Roading
- Responsible camping practice
- Managing the effects of

- climate change
- Our settlements and their facilities: Kaka Point & Romahapa, Owaka, Pounaweia, Newhaven & Jack's Bay, Papatowai, Maclennan, Tahakopa, Chaslands & Tautuku.

Like many of you, I have aspirations for how The Catlins can be, both now and into the future, so I can't stress enough the importance of what we're trying to achieve here.

You can go online to Council's website [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz) to the Consultation Page. Or else just pop along to one of the many locations the caravan will be at and have a chat. The Our Place Catlins Community Plan follows on from Council's Our Place Balclutha, Our Place Milton, Our Place Waihola community plans that have already been developed and the outcomes are being actioned.



## boil water notices FAQ's continued

It will be lifted when the water tests show the water is safe to drink.

*How do I keep up to date with the latest boil water notices?*

The best and quickest way to keep informed is to phone Council's Help Desk on 0800 801 350 and ask to be added to the text messaging alert system for your rural water scheme and you will receive notification to your cell phone directly. If you don't have a cell phone ask a close family member, friend or neighbour to join on your behalf and they can keep you updated.

*How do I find out which water scheme I'm on?*

You can either phone Council's Help Desk on 0800 801 350 and ask or go to Council's website and look up your address on the GIS Property Mapping Page.

*Am I likely to get sick if I drink the water?*

Most people who happen to drink this water will not get sick. However, babies, young children, the elderly and people who have compromised immune systems are more at risk of illness. If you or your family become ill contact your doctor immediately.

*What happens during a boil water notice?*

During boil water notices you should boil all water used for drinking, preparing food, making up baby formula and

juices, cooking, making ice, washing fruits and vegetables, or brushing teeth. And make sure any ice you make has been made with boiled water.

*How do I boil the water to ensure it's safe?*

Boiling will kill all disease-causing organisms. Bring water to a rolling boil for a minimum of one minute. Electric jugs with a cut-off switch can be used as long as they are full. Allow the water to come to the boil and switch off. Once it's cooled store the water in clean containers in your fridge.

*Can I use the water for handwashing?*

Thorough handwashing using tap water and soap followed by thorough drying is sufficient. Other options include using an alcohol-based hand sanitiser containing at least 60% alcohol.

*Can I take a bath or shower?*

Adults, teens and older children may shower or bathe with untreated water as long as no water is swallowed (avoid the face) and try not to stay in the shower too long. Young children should be sponge-bathed instead of bathing in a tub because they often will swallow the bath water. If you have recent surgical wounds or a chronic illness, you may want to use bottled or boiled water for bathing until the advisory is lifted.

*What about teeth brushing and shaving?*

Only use boiled or bottled water for brushing your teeth. You can shave as usual using tap water.

*I have a water filtration unit installed. Does this make the water safe?*

No. Filtered water should also be boiled for one minute before using it.

*Can I use my coffee machine, soda machine or ice maker?*

These will not be safe if they are connected directly to the water supply.

*I wash dishes by hand. How do I disinfect them?*

Dishes washed with tap water and detergent should be rinsed in a bleach solution afterwards (1/2 teaspoon unscented household bleach per 10 litres of water). Allow dishes to completely air dry.

*Can I use the dishwasher?*

If your dishwasher has a hot/sanitizer setting, it can be used to wash dishes. If your dishwasher does not have a hot setting, after finishing cycle, rinse the dishes in sterilised water afterwards (1/2 teaspoon unscented household bleach per 10 litres of water). Allow dishes to completely air dry.

*Should I change the way I am doing my laundry?*

No, continue doing your laundry the way you usually do.

*How do I go about chlorinating my own private water tanks?*

Public Health South have

provided Council with a brochure called "Household Water Supplies Information" about how to chlorinate your water tanks. This brochure is available from Council's website on the brochures page.

*What about my pets?*

Pets can usually drink untreated water but to be safe use boiled water.

*What should I do after the boil water advisory is lifted?*

Run all your cold taps for a few minutes before using the water. Flush any appliances that are connected to the water supply. Hot water cylinders and header tanks may need to be drained and refilled. You may notice a strong chlorine smell in the water as it runs through. The council will increase chlorine levels for some time to disinfect the pipework.

***How do I keep up to date with the latest water notices?***

**Join our text alerts system.**

**Or sign-up for email alerts via our website.**

**Regularly check our website [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)**

**Follow Clutha District Council on Facebook and share our posts.**

**If you're not online, just give us a ring on 0800 801 350.**

**And listen to Hokonui Radio and More FM for updates.**

# updates....

It has been an incredibly busy few months for this council appointed community group who have been working behind the scenes on the Balclutha War Memorial Town Hall project. The group's vision is to provide an inspiring, inviting, multi-functional hub that puts Balclutha on the map.

Hub Trust Chairperson Dale Anderson said it will cater to the needs of the wider Clutha Community now and into the future, while honouring its foundations as a War Memorial Hall.

"We have had a number of engagements with community groups, corporate businesses and general users of the existing facility.

"Which aside from solidifying requirements has added significant excitement to the project around the facilities potential."

"It has been a very productive year and as a group we have achieved a number of milestones." These include:

- Consultation with community groups and local business.
- Establishment of a 'The Hub Trust' which will focus on the funding, and collation of the overall project.
- Received Charitable Status with The NZ Charities commission.



The group is made up of the following local residents; back row Gwyn Stevenson, Rachel Jenkinson, Dale Anderson (Chairperson of the Hub Trust). Middle row Russell Carr, Alison Ludemann, Maureen Renton, Carol Sutherland, Lisa Watt, Sarah Van Asperen. Front row Jean Proctor, Natasha Munro, Michaela Groenewegen and Ken Payne (Chairperson of the steering committee) and absent; Rodd Pearson.

- Creation of a facebook page and website.
- Formation of the 'working group' which will focus on the overall running of the project.
- Obtained quotes for a feasibility study from a number of consultants within New Zealand.

A big milestone that we have recently achieved, is receiving funding from The Lotteries Grants Board / Community Facilities fund for \$50,000. "We are very fortunate to receive this funding towards

a Feasibility Study for the Balclutha War Memorial Community Hub. "Submissions far exceeded available funds this round and I believe it's a great reflection of the work put in by the committee." As a result of this funding the group have engaged OCTA to provide a feasibility study with the results expected in March 2019. The group have been receiving great support from advisors, consultants, funders and local government and

are now working towards delivering what they believe will be a compelling vision for the hall's future. "It is our goal to provide a sustainable multipurpose facility that will adapt with the ongoing needs of the community group, a place people of all ages want to come back to." The group welcomes additional feedback and thoughts on what people want in their new community hub. Email [media@cluthacommunityhub.info](mailto:media@cluthacommunityhub.info)

## Catlins Reserve Management Plan

Along with the Our Place Catlins Community Plan consultation process Council is beginning to prepare the Catlins Reserves Management Plan. You are invited to send us your written comments on the proposal to prepare a combined reserves management plan for the Clutha District Council reserves in the Catlins area. Visit Council's website [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz) to send us your written comments.

## Water Restrictions

Summer water restrictions are in place across the Clutha District. For details about what stage of restrictions we are in, visit [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz) Council asks that we all do our bit to conserve water and report water leaks in council pipes and fittings. Phone 0800 801 350.

# farewell/hello

Sadly we farewell David Campbell who was Council's Group Manager, Planning and Regulatory.

Council acknowledges his significant contribution in the past five years to this organisation through his work, his knowledge and technical skills, particularly in the field of planning.

- We also said goodbye to our IT Application Data Analyst Ed Nolan who has headed home to California.
- Melissa Waters our bubbly Customer Service Officer has headed off on Parental Leave.
- Rachel Harrison has come on board as our Customer Service Officer at the Rosebank Office front desk to cover Melissa's role.
- Steve Hill, Clutha District Council's current Chief Executive has been reappointed to the role for a five year term.  
Steve, who was appointed in 2014 for a term of five years, opted to not take the "right of extension" for a further two years by council approval, in favour of reapplying for the role for a five year term.
- Following an internal recruitment

process, Steve Clarke has been appointed to the new role of Contracts Officer. This new job helps manage contracts related to water activities, solid waste, roading, greenspace, signage and facilities maintenance.

- We welcome Aileen Clarke of Owaka to the role of Project Manager (Community Plan Implementation). This vacancy in Service Delivery's Infrastructure Strategy Team arose when Eion Mills resigned. Aileen has a variety of experience in project management and administration, both as a business owner and previous work experience, as well as strong community involvement.
- Angela Ferguson is our new Finance Support Officer.
- Christina Johnston joins us as our new Risk Management Support Officer.
- Grant Bullin has come on board as our new Senior Project Engineer, a move from his current Project Engineer role in Service Delivery's Capital Delivery team.
- In the swimming pool appointments: Perennial staff at the Milton pool, Lynne Copland and Rachal Fegan have been joined by Alicia Gillies, returning from



Pictured: Aileen Clarke is Council's new Project Manager (Community Plan Implementation).

her lifeguard stint there last year, and new staff members Breane Horler and Zamira de Montgomery. Cassidy Robertson has joined the Balclutha pool team and may also work at times at Milton as a relief to cover shifts as required.

- In our fixed Term appointments, Paige Win has joined us for the next few months as a summer student. Paige is studying a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Management at Otago University.

## spotlight on / creative communities...

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### *Do you have a project in mind?*

Clutha District Creative Communities hold **two** funding rounds for the 2018/19 year. The next round closes on 1 March 2019.

The application guide can be found on the Funding Schemes page of our website.

Council's website: [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)

To qualify, projects must:

- Take place within the Clutha District

- Be completed within 12 months of funding approval
- Not have started or finished before the funding is approved.

Please contact our Corporate Administrator Karen Piercy with any questions on 03 419 0261. It's great to have local groups take full advantage of this funding opportunity.

## Service Requests

**If you need to report any problems with Council services, for example road damage or water leaks, it's easy to get in touch, just ring 0800 801 350 and lodge a service request or visit the Contact Us section on our website:**  
[www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)

## Public Health Notice

**Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water left standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends flushing a cup of water from your drinking tap each morning to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the fitting. This simple precaution is recommended for all households, including public and private supplies.**