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## From the Mayor

It never fails to amaze me how the new era of Council is so focused on engaging with our communities, yet there is still such a large number of residents that remain unaware of our major projects, issues, and the aspirations we have for our district until it affects them directly. Presently, Council is moving along faster than ever, not only increasing our capacity to fulfill statutory requirements like sewerage and water consents, but also the work around

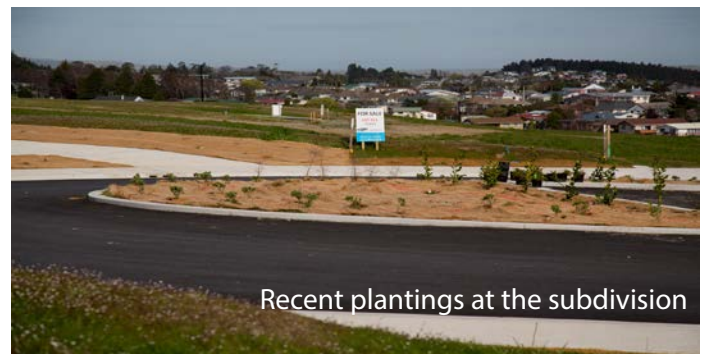
transforming the Clutha District's future trajectory to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities in our area. So, while you may feel bombarded by the Community Plans, our 10-year or Long Term Plan, changes to our District Plan, and all the consultations these entail, I assure you they are all interconnected. As Mayor, I am proud of councillors awareness of the fact that we only exist to articulate the will of our communities, and how better to do that



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## Plantation Heights

Sections at the Plantation Heights subdivision are now on the market. Potential purchasers can buy the sections directly through Council and titles are available. There are a variety of sections available, including lifestyle blocks. Roads, footpaths, and reserve land are all part of the development. All sites have services to their boundaries, including ultra-fast broadband. The subdivision, developed by Council to meet the growing need for accommodation options, came in on-time and under-budget. It is in line with our Long Term Plan goal to take a leadership role in driving the district's economy and being proactive about promoting growth.



Recent plantings at the subdivision

Stay up to date with all our consultations on page 3

## In brief...

### Burning

If you are lighting a fire in a rural area when restrictions are in place, you need to contact Fire Emergency NZ on 0800 658 628 to apply for a permit. Due to the Otago Regional Council's clean air programme, if you are in either Balclutha or Milton and in a residential area, you need to be more than 50m from your boundary and if you are in an industrial area you need to be 100m from the boundary. For more information about this and material you can burn contact the Otago Regional Council. Clutha District Council no longer issues fire permits so for questions about lighting fires in other towns please contact the Fire Emergency NZ.

### Owaka Service Centre

Our Owaka information centre is now operating as a service centre and has the ability to take payments for Council services, this includes services such as rates and dog registrations.

### Payments

Council has a new computer system, so when paying directly into our bank account please ensure you include the following: for rates, we need separate payments for each property with the Valuation Number shown as the reference. For sundry invoicing, we need both the contact number and the invoice number to be recorded. Thanks!



## Milton Pool Summer Hours

Monday to Friday	6.00am to 9.00am, 12.00pm to 8.00pm The pool will be available for general use and lane swimming throughout, except between 4.30pm and 6.00pm when there will only be lane swimming. Space may be limited.
Saturday	1.00pm to 4.30pm
Sunday	10.30am to 12.00pm and 1.00pm to 4.30pm
Public Holidays	1.00pm to 4.30pm

take a break from all that Spring cleaning and read on, remember to check us out at: [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)!

## from the Mayor continued...

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than to constantly touch base and listen to as many residents as possible. We are also prepared to take the feedback on board and change our approach where necessary. As promised, we'll come to the Milton community with any projects that have a rating impact giving you costings and estimates so you can make an informed decision, this will be part of the upcoming 10-year/ Long Term Plan. I cannot stress the critical importance of what we are trying to achieve here, if you love Milton, believe it has a vibrant future and are prepared to roll up your sleeves and take a stand then we want to hear from you. I believe Milton has the most potential of all our towns to redefine itself and set a positive course. But, I believe the "circuit breaker" that's required to bring about real change is considerably more than a slick of paint and a tidy up. My gut feeling is there are two groups of thought that emerged from the consultation, one was that very little change was needed, the other was it's time for action. As a council we are meeting our primary obligation to facilitate the conversation, what will actually happen is up to Milton. The future of the town and the wider district is in your hands. Time will tell, onwards and upwards.

**Bryan Cadogan, Mayor.**

## 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.

## Alcohol Licences

Special licence application deadlines are as follows:

- December event - apply by 3 November 2017
- January 2018 event - apply by 17 November 2017
- February 2018 event - apply by 8 December 2017

## 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)

# “It’s consultation time, come on..”

We want to hear what you think about the following matters that we’re consulting about in the coming weeks. Please check out our website page [www.cluthadc.govt.nz/consultation](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz/consultation) to find out more and provide feedback. Hard copy submission forms will also be available at Council offices and service centres.



## Representation Review

11 November 2017 - 19 January 2018

We are required to review our representation arrangements before the 2019 local body election. We want to know what you think before we decide on the number of councillors, whether they should be elected by ward and whether or not we need community boards. This is an initial feedback round. Formal consultation will take place later in 2018.



## Waste Management & Minimisation Plan

11 November - 11 December 2017

This sets the direction for our waste management and minimisation efforts for the next six years. So, we want to know what you think of our plan for reducing and managing waste. We believe Council and the community need to work together to minimise waste and change behaviour. This is a formal submission process.



## District Plan

11 November - 11 December 2017

Following the pre-notification consultation, this is the formal submission process where you get the chance to have your say on changes to our District Plan. This focuses on residential and industrial zoning areas in Balclutha, Milton and Stirling.



## Solid Waste Bylaw

11 November - 11 December 2017

The Solid Waste Bylaw regulates the use of Council’s waste management services and facilities, basically the rules around rubbish. For example, how kerbside collection works and what happens at Mt Cooe landfill. This is a formal submission process.

## Long Term Plan 2018-28

Don’t forget to keep an eye out for consultation opportunities about our 10-year-plan that will be happening during 2018.



i-SITE staff from left, Lisa Watt, Carolyn Unahi, team leader Angela Anderson and Joanne McLeary, absent: Victoria Perrior.

## Congrats!!!

A huge congrats to our i-SITE team, which has won the 2017 i-SITE training achievement award. This is a national award that recognises the i-SITE for having the highest proportion of trained staff when measured against membership standards and criteria. There are 86 i-SITES nationwide and Clutha was one of two who received this award. Well-done!

## spotlight on / CHRISTMAS

The Clutha Country Christmas Santa Parade and Market are back for another year! This fun event is being held on Saturday, 2 December, 10am to 2pm in the Balclutha CBD. You can get your parade application forms from Council offices, the Balclutha i-SITE, online at [www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz) or by contacting Jean Proctor on 0800 801 350 or [jean.proctor@cluthadc.govt.nz](mailto:jean.proctor@cluthadc.govt.nz). All parade applications must be returned by 5pm, Friday, 17 November, so get in quickly. It would be great to see a record number of parade entries to build on last year's success! Christmas Market registration forms are available at the same places.

Also back this year will be the Can Cruise and Toot for Tucker. In addition, at its September meeting, Council approved about \$4,000 to go towards creative workshops in the lead-up to the parade. These are aimed at giving Year 1-8 children the opportunity to learn circus skills and make their own props to use when taking part in the parade. So, mark the date in your diaries now, there'll be entertainment, stalls and activities to cater for everyone. You can also stay up to date on Facebook, just check out the page called "Clutha Country Christmas Santa Parade, Can Cruise and Market."

