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a newsletter from the Clutha District Council

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## It is the start of a new triennium...

...and thank you to all those that took part in the elections, and for the overall vote of confidence in our direction and progress to date. I want to personally thank everyone for allowing me the privilege of being Mayor, this is a life challenge that means so much to me, and to now have the chance to continue to play my part in a defining time for Clutha is humbling.

Thanks to the outgoing Council, the last three years has seen a continuation of the spirit and decency that is a cornerstone of our Council. We still spark up at each other when its needed, but then respect and goodwill prevails, and as we challenge the future trajectory of the District we love. I have been immensely proud of the collective determination that has been shown as we attempt to do our best for all the district.

After a sustained period of structural changes in council, and a focus on embracing the public in an attempt to gain consensus and formulate a plan for the districts future, without a doubt the next three years are about implementation, we are going to see projects advance that collectively have been chosen to break our Districts inertia after a generation of enduring population decline and all the systemic challenges that radiate from this.

Milton especially will get the transformation it desperately needs, and this triennium will see a cycle trail, a community facility and destination toilets to complement the upgrade of the main street, along with a focus on core services including

a water pipeline that connects Milton and Waihola allowing the latter to expand. Across the District community plans will continue to be rolled out and implemented and it is important that every ratepayer understands our wider tactic and the needs it will address.

The greatest impediment to our Districts economy is twofold, we, like the rest of the lower South Island are struggling to attract a workforce to fill the huge number of jobs presently on offer throughout Clutha, and if we did manage to attract staff where are we going to house them. There is a complexity to this challenge that requires a cohesive response, and council has already identified that developers are spoilt for choice and predominantly lured to the likes of Queenstown so we must develop our own strategy.

Put simply for almost 50 years Clutha has slowly drained its populace, predominantly our young have left, to the detriment of school and doctors rolls, and the vibrancy and vitality of our communities, the problems until recent times were starting to gain pace with aging housing, and dilapidation contributing to



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# Election Results (preliminary)

(final results were not confirmed at the time of going to print)

## PRELIMINARY RESULTS

### COUNCIL

Councillor - Bruce Ward

- Gaynor Doreen Finch
- Bruce Peter Vollweiler
- Selwyn John Wilkinson

Councillor - Catlins Ward

- Dane Joel Catherwood

Councillor - Lawrence-Tuapeka Ward

- Melinda (Mel) Jane Audrey Foster

### CLUTHA LICENSING TRUST

Ward 1 Balclutha

- Neville Craig Gardner
- Jared McPhee
- Stephen (Steve) James Morris

Ward 5 Owaka

- Trevor Mcintosh

Voter turnout for the 2019 Local Body elections was down on the 2016 elections. Overall the turnout was 38.77%, down from the 2016 figure of 41.1%. The highest percentages were in Catlins (56%) and Lawrence-Tuapeka (55.6%). The lowest turnout was in Kaitangata-Matau with 19.4%.

## ELECTED UNOPPOSED

### COUNCIL

Mayor - Bryan Alexander Cadogan

Councillors - Balclutha Ward

- Wayne John Felts
- Alison Joan Ludemann
- Kenneth (Ken) Paul Payne
- Carol Ann Sutherland

Councillor - Clinton Ward

Jo- anne Janetta Thomson

Councillor - Clutha Valley Ward

Stewart Matthew Cowie

Councillor - Kaitangata-Matau Ward

Bruce Roger Graham

Councillors - West Otago Ward

- John Stephen Herbert
- Michele Lee Kennedy

### LAWRENCE-TUAPEKA COMMUNITY BOARD

As not all 6 vacancies have been filled a by-election is automatically required to fill the remaining position. A by-election cannot be held any earlier than 17 February 2020.

- Lynette (Lindy) Joan Chinnery
- Geoffrey (Geoff) Thomas Davidson
- Melinda (Mel) Jane Audrey Foster
- Matthew Scott Little
- Gary McCorkindale

### WEST OTAGO COMMUNITY BOARD

- Cecil James Crawford
- Barbara Anne Hanna
- Antony William Robertson
- Bruce Samuel Robertson
- Linda Rozel Roulston
- Suzanne Mary Wink

## New triennium continued...

the systemic decline, this is not the future any of us are prepared to accept. Consequently we have embarked on a plan that will eventually encompass the entire district, we believe collectively once instigated the plan will attract staff, growth and vitality and maximise the present favourable conditions, but we would be naïve to think this will materialise without some sacrifice.

The next three years is about fighting for a brighter future, a sustainable progressive future that refuses to accept the compromise and costs of decline. These are exciting times, the next three years are huge for us all and I look forward to working with you as we navigate each step along the way.

That said for the vitality of democracy and for the good of the District I encourage everyone to consider the part they could play in three years' time to ensuring Clutha residents have genuine choice and a chance to refresh (me included). I am thrilled to have been given the privilege of leading the team in such an exciting period for our District, but democracy is about recalibrating and challenging, saying this runs the risk of one day breaking my heart, but it's what is right for the district.

## Paying online...

**When you are paying your rates online please check that you have the reference details correct. For a rates reference, put down your valuation number. Also if you are paying a Council Sundry Invoice, change the reference to Customer ID and/or invoice number. And when making a Water Billing payment online the reference is your valuation number. For more information just ring Council on 0800 801 350.**

## Report a problem



**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)**



# “ National Pool Lifeguard Competition

A team of four lifeguards from Balclutha Centennial Pool were the first all-female team to compete at the National Pool Lifeguard Competition, and they put in a great performance against stronger more experienced teams.

To enable them to compete at the event we had to operate reduced opening hours at the pool, and we are grateful to all our customers who were supportive and who wished the team all the best.

The National Pool Lifeguard Competition is run by Recreation Aotearoa and teams are tested in swimming fitness, rescue skills, first aid knowledge, teamwork, pool operations knowledge and leadership.



## Balclutha Pool Hours

### Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday	6.00am to 8.00pm
Saturday	1.00pm to 4.30pm
Sunday	10.30am to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30pm
Public Holidays	10.30am to 4.30pm

## 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





# Farewell/hello

We farewell Adam Durston from his role as Building Control Officer as he relocated to the sunny Hawkes Bay.

Hayley Barclay has resigned from her position of HR Administration Assistant to spend more time with her young family. However we are very pleased that she will remain on staff in a casual, relief capacity.

Steve Holden, Building Control Officer has left Council after six years with us to take up a job in the private sector.

We have welcomed Ben Gold back to Council as Senior Project Engineer. Ben has previously worked for Council on a fixed term basis.

We have two new recruits who have joined us from Auckland, Thyagu Goplan has taken up the role of Senior Asset Engineer - Three Waters, and James du Toit is our new Business Systems Analyst.

Carolyn Leslie is providing parental leave cover in our Customer Service Team at the Rosebank office.

Dalene Breytenbach has recently joined the Library/Service Centre team on a casual/relief basis. She'll be filling in when and where cover is needed at the Clutha Library and various other Council offices.

Jo Jack is starting with Council in November in a two-part role as our new Executive Assistant to Steve Hill as well as providing Human Resources support.

Sue Wilkins has taken over the Communications Coordinator role after previously working for Council in a couple of other teams.

Scott Martin has looked after the Catlins as Freedom Camping Ranger for the last two seasons, and will be out on the roads again this year.

## Only rain down the drain

Stormwater drains and pipes are made to collect rainwater efficiently, and transfer that water to local streams and rivers.

There is a separate system of sewer pipes for dirty water (the water that comes from toilets, kitchen sinks, your laundry etc.)

Importantly this dirty water goes to a treatment plant, not straight into a stream or river.

These separate systems mean it is vital that dirty water is kept out of storm drains so our rivers stay clean.

To avoid polluting our waterways, we need to be aware of activities that can cause contamination.

These include washing vehicles and boats in yards and driveways, washing out paintbrushes, letting cattle wander through drains, washing spilled chemicals down the drain, and tipping away engine oil, paint thinners or the like.

Not sure what's safe? Then remember this - only rain down the drain!

If you're unsure or have any questions, just give us a ring on 0800 801 350, we're happy to help.

# DRIVE MY LIFE

The Community Driver Mentor Programme (Drive My Life, South Otago) is a new initiative between the Clutha District Council Road Safety Programme and Balclutha Police.

Rachel Harrison (Road Safety Coordinator) and Rochelle Gordon (Balclutha Police Community Constable) are hoping to get the programme underway at the beginning of the year. With fantastic support from Drive my Life Invercargill and Gore things are moving ahead.

The programme will be based on offering those without a drivers licence the chance to take part in a free 12 week programme which includes (if needed) learners, restricted and full licence costs and 12 weeks of lessons from a mentor.

There are a number of youth (and others) who may be driving without a licence, or just have no means of moving on to the next level in the graduated system. This way we can get as many as possible driving with a full licence and under guidance of the mentors, driving safely and confidently on our roads.

Community support has been fantastic with many organisations indicating that they may be willing to come on board. We have some support from The Trusts Community Foundation and Otago Motoring Trust with some funding for petrol costs and advertising etc but we are still hoping to get a car we can use for this.

Want to become a Mentor? This is based on helping a student learn to drive for 1 hr a week per student, full training and support will be given. If you have a full licence and clean driving record and are interested in becoming a mentor contact Rachel on 03 419 0200.