

Have your say on Community Plans, Reserve Management Plans & the District Plan Review

There's less than a month left to give your feedback on many of the consultation processes currently underway. We want to hear from you about Our Place: Balclutha, the community plan that will help determine the projects and priorities for the town, as well as help put Council's Living & Working and Economic Development strategies into action. We want to know how to make the most of our key facilities and how we can work with you to make things happen. Our Place: Milton and Waihola community plans are also still open for feedback. So, if you or your family cycle or walk in our district, play at our parks, use our shops or drive through our towns, then please don't forget to have your say. After all, the feedback we get is your chance to help shape the future of the community you live in. A big thank you to all those who have already made the time to share their thoughts.



We're also consulting on Reserve Management Plans for Waihola, Milton and Balclutha. These cover a 10-year period and help identify the barriers and opportunities for the successful management of our green spaces. While these are linked to the community plans, legislation requires us to undertake a formal consultation

process. We are proposing a change that would see the reserves in each town being managed collectively. Find out how RMPs and community plans are linked and have your say at www.cluthadc.govt.nz.



Council is also in the initial stages of reviewing the current industrial/residential zoning areas in Balclutha, Milton and Stirling. It's part of our District Plan zoning review programme. The aim is to understand what opportunities there are for residential and industrial land within these communities and ensure future growth is sustainable. It's important that we can continue to attract people and businesses without compromising the amenity values of our urban areas. It's also an opportunity to formalise existing zoning to reflect what the land is being used for. We'd like feedback from land owners, as well as the wider community. Lastly, we want your comments on our Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Coastal Environment Reviews, which again we're in the initial stages of. We've identified areas as having the opportunity for an outstanding natural landscape/coastal environment classification, so want to ensure these are well-managed. All the information, as well as submission forms, are on cluthadc.govt.nz.

From the Mayor

Bryan Cadogan
Mayor,
Clutha District



Contemplating 2017 and all the potential it holds for our district, I see the coming months as being the defining time for at least a generation as we identify the projects and priorities in each community to readdress the makeup of our towns.

To put it simply, we're determined to work with you to make our towns function more efficiently and to make them a nicer place for you to live, work and enjoy.

Throughout the process we need to hear your ideas as we try to weave the multitude of suggestions into a workable plan. We have no predetermined outcomes but are mindful of the need to no longer view projects in isolation. Instead, needs should be combined, we should work to our collective strength and get the best bang for your buck.

So, have you ever thought how the placement of toilets could contribute to the viability of local retail? How the I-site, library, museum, and dump station could enhance each other? How other towns provide lifestyle options that are not available in your community? These are the discussions we want to have through our community plan processes. In the coming weeks Balclutha, Milton, and Waihola's community plans will be the first in the spotlight. If you leave it to Council to decide, there's a danger the outcomes won't satisfy your needs. So, I urge you to get involved in what may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Staff News



At the end of 2016 Clutha District Council staff held a 'Red & Black' mufti-day to raise funds for the Kaikoura earthquake recovery effort. Each month we hold a mufti-day to support a good cause, these range from the local food bank to Red Cross Balclutha to the Westpac chopper appeal. It's a great chance to support the efforts of our local communities. Council has also recently installed an AED (or defibrillator) in



our reception at 1 Rosebank Terrace. As an organisation with more than 60 people working at the main office and a constant stream of visitors, we wanted to be prepared in case anyone suffered a heart attack. Each year more than 2,000 New Zealanders suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital. Use of an

AED within 3-5 minutes of a person collapsing can increase their chance of survival by up to 40 per cent. In other staff news, we've welcomed some new employees. John Scott is our new Corporate Services Group Manager, he joins us from Auckland where he ran his own business consultancy. Morgan Fallowfield was appointed as our summer student planning assistant and resumes her studies later this month. Meanwhile at the Balclutha and Milton pools we've bid farewell to Greg Tredwell and Brenda Copeland and hired Tessa McDonald, Emma McArthur and Olivia Pirie to join our current team of lifeguards. Last, but certainly not least, we've said goodbye to Sue Ross who retired after 25 years at the Balclutha Library. She's missed by both staff and library customers.

Is your dog registered?

Just a reminder that all dogs three months or older must be registered with Council. Also, please be aware that if you purchase or adopt a dog, it's a good idea to make sure it is registered because otherwise you will incur the late registration fee. Any questions, just give us ring on 0800 801 350.



Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust

Below is an update from the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust's General Manager Sue Murray. Our Catlins Ward Councillor Hilary McNab is Council's current representative on the Trust. "The Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust has undertaken their annual yellow-eyed penguin monitoring over the past few months. Nest numbers are about the same as last year but are lower than historically, a trend found across the entire penguin breeding range from Banks Peninsula to Slope Point. It was with relief we discovered very few incidents of chicks dying from avian diphtheria, unlike North Otago where at least 40% of chicks died from this disease. The Trust's Conservation Science Advisor is concentrating on understanding issues in the marine environment that are causing events such as these regular disease outbreaks. The Trust always enjoys supporting local businesses, in particular the Owaka Cafe where Steve and Aileen offer great coffee and food. The Owaka Museum hosts a donation box for the Trust and distributes information to the many tourists that come through their doors. As Long Point progresses we look forward to more opportunities to support the local community"- Sue Murray. Below is a penguin at Long Point in the Catlins.



New citizens welcomed...

At the last citizenship ceremony for 2016, we warmly welcomed the following new citizens to the Clutha District, from left: Alyssa, Ulysses, Melissa, Ulysis and Leslie Cu, Ronel Hunter, Alexia Black, Judith Murdoch and John Douglas. Pictured with Mayor Bryan Cadogan (centre).



Summer Water Restrictions

Just a reminder the normal 'Stage One-Summer Mode' water restrictions are in effect for the entire Clutha District. This means watering can only be carried from 8pm at night to 8am in the morning. Watering systems and sprinklers can be used during this time period, but should not be left unattended. However, if it's been a dry summer, please watch out for further Stage Two restrictions. Wet weather during summer can make water restrictions seem redundant, but these Stage One restrictions are to encourage people to get into the habit of water conservation and hopefully mean more severe restrictions can be avoided. It's also important to note that while many water schemes have plentiful resources, restrictions are still needed during times of high demand because the treatment plants and pipe capacities restrict the amount of water than can be delivered to customers. Exemptions may be granted by Council on a case-by-case basis to commercial properties for irrigation.

Public Health Notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends you flush a cupful of water from your drinking water tap each morning to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the fitting. We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

IF AN EARTHQUAKE IS LONG OR STRONG GET GONE

MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST
HIGH GROUND OR AS FAR INLAND AS POSSIBLE.
DON'T WAIT FOR AN OFFICIAL TSUNAMI WARNING.

WWW.CIVILDEFENCE.GOV.T.NZ

Got a project in mind that will:

- encourage participation in the arts? OR
- support diversity in the arts? OR
- encourage young people to engage in arts?

... then you may be eligible for a grant from the Creative Communities NZ Scheme. Application forms and guidelines available at your nearest Council office or online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Applications close Fri 24 February

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ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND TOI AOTEAROA

Bokashi Buckets - composting made EASY

A perfect Christmas gift!

Great discounts - we sell them for less than cost!

Reduce the amount of waste in your bin & improve the health of your garden!

Bokashi is an easy way to compost almost all of your food scraps—including cooked food. Buckets can even be kept under your kitchen sink. Find out more on Council's website.

Available at service centres & libraries and at CDC main office.

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Plantation Heights Update



Attendees at the sod-turning ceremony for Plantation Heights: pictured above from left, SouthRoads Otago Construction Divisional Manager Connell Burdona and Contract Manager Dane Meek, Councillor Carol Sutherland, Mayor Bryan Cadogan, Terramark Project Manager Chris Milburn, Council CEO Steve Hill.

Work officially started at the Plantation Heights subdivision in North Balclutha during October 2016, marked by a sod-turning ceremony. This followed the main construction contract being awarded to SouthRoads for a tender price of \$2.55 million. It includes work such as road construction, laying water, sewer and storm-water pipes, as well as landscaping. There are additional items associated with the project such as further road construction work, pump station construction, power supply and telecommunications, which are not part of the main contract, but have been happening at the site in recent weeks. The total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$5.7 million. Work is continuing during the summer months and the aim is to have the titles available in May. Sale and Purchase agreements are being completed and those still interested in sections can ring us on 0800 801 350 or check out the map and latest information at www.cluthadc.govt.nz.

Free Wifi

In case you haven't tried it out yet our libraries in Balclutha, Lawrence, Milton, Owaka and Tapanui now have fast, free internet and wifi (including printing) available. Clutha libraries teamed up with the National Library of New Zealand and joined their Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa (APNK) to get the service (including new equipment) installed. The National Library subsidy means the operating costs are on par with the system the libraries were previously using, which did not used to be free to the public. There also is now a much wider range of programmes available, including Publisher, Skype, iTunes, VL Media Player, Paint.net and CDBurnerXP. Library staff are delighted with the new service and it's proving popular with locals and visitors alike. For those of you who like statistics, in the first six weeks there were more than 1,600 wifi sessions around the district, of which 902 were from a 'unique' device – and nearly half of those 902 were in Owaka!

Meet your new councillors...

Council is now hard at work on its plans for the coming three years following the local body elections in October 2016. Congratulations to all the returning councillors and the four new Council members who are pictured here. From left: Rachel Jenkinson (Balclutha ward), Carol Sutherland (Balclutha ward), Alison Ludemann (Balclutha ward) and John Herbert (West Otago ward). Remember, you can stay up to date with all our news, agendas and meeting dates on our website www.cluthadc.govt.nz or by following our Facebook page: Clutha District Council. Our first standing committees are being held on 9 February and our first full Council meeting for 2017 is on 23 February. Contact details for all elected members can be found on our website.



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