

## Our Place: Community Plans



If you or your family cycle or walk in our district, play at our parks, shop in or drive through our towns - then we want to hear from you. More information about our community plans will be out later this month. The feedback we get from residents will be your chance to help shape the town and the community you live in. Council is beginning the process with community plans for Milton, Waihola and Balclutha. These plans will help determine the projects and priorities for each community and will help put our Living and Working and Economic Development strategies into action.

Council will propose actions that promote living and working in these towns and so we're looking at all the ways to make the most of Council's facilities and services. We want these actions to be a catalyst for positive flow-on effects throughout our communities and district. We will be asking you

about the following proposals:

- Improving Milton's main street.
- Improving entrances to Waihola, Milton and Balclutha.
- Making better use of Balclutha Centennial Pool and its surrounds.
- Improving walking and cycling linkages.
- Making the most of parks and public spaces and focusing investment into destination parks.
- Whether or not to re-develop the Balclutha Memorial Hall surrounds and riverbank to create a tourist attraction and community heritage hub at the Hall.
- District Plan residential and industrial re-zoning Balclutha and Milton.

Your feedback will be vital to help direct where Council should be focusing our efforts. So, please keep an eye out for more information and get ready to have your say.

## From the Mayor

**Bryan Cadogan**  
Mayor,  
Clutha District



Firstly, to everyone in the Clutha District I would like to personally thank you for the faith shown in giving me the privilege of another term as Mayor. This position means the world to me and I'm so excited to have a chance to consolidate on recent momentum and gains. I'd like to congratulate the new councillors and thank all the councillors from the last term for a cohesive effort. So, what are my hopes for our district and my bottom line promises to ratepayers? I want to lead a council that increasingly connects with ratepayer aspirations. We're in the process of formulating community plans to draw on the unique strengths and needs of each community. But, they'll only succeed if everyone has their say, and is listened to. Promise One: to lead a successful community plan process. The underlying reason for wanting to be Mayor is to bring a change of attitude that aligns rate increases with our district's ability to pay. I am sickened by the overwhelming number of ratepayers (especially pensioners and working families) who make daily compromises just to meet the few inflationary forces left in their budgets - rate increases being a major factor. I've been here long enough to know the changes required would not impact on the positive momentum of the district. So, Promise Two: I will keep fighting, but I know, to date I am failing, and I need your help. Council's identified 16 significant projects that are fundamental to our future. Promise Three: to ensure governance structures, political rigor and transparency is maintained in order to bring these projects to completion. I remain passionate and enthusiastic about the district we all love.

# Staff Changes

Council has farewelled two long serving staff members in recent months. Operations Manager **Murray Hyndman** whose career and association with local government spans decades. We're certainly going to miss his immense expertise in roading, water and other engineering matters. We wish him all the very best for his retirement. We have also said goodbye to our Corporate Services Group Manager **Alan Dickson** who tendered his resignation after 16 years here at Clutha District Council. We wish him all the very best with his new opportunities. Capital Delivery Manager **Steve Gordon** finished in August after accepting an opportunity with an Australian based company. He has been replaced by **Michael Duff** who joins us from Newcastle City Council in NSW, he is a NZ citizen and we've been assured he's an All Blacks supporter!

Our new Operations Manager is **Paul Jamison** who joins us from the company Downer. **Laura Gourley** our Waste Minimisation Officer is now on maternity leave. We'd also like to take this chance to welcome back **Geoff Beaumont** as a Building Control Officer. Geoff worked with us for more than 20 years, before leaving three years ago for a job in Invercargill. The Building Control team's also been bolstered by the appointment of **Adam Durston** as a Trainee Building Control Officer. You might also spot **Marty Evans** out and about as he lends a hand with Animal Control.

# New Citizens Welcome



At a citizenship ceremony in August we welcomed Rebecca Costelloe, Patrick Laban, Julia Hunter, Kenneth Ineson, Johanna Westerhoud and Andrew Begg (pictured top with Mayor Cadogan). Then at another ceremony in September, we welcomed Shelley Povey, Syed Ali, Qurat-Ul-Ain Ahmed, Zehra Syeda, Rachel Hilton, Angela Fairley, Sarah Halse, Thomas Duberly and Sofai Lokeni (pictured above with Mayor Cadogan). All new citizens received a welcome gift of a Kowhai tree as is the custom in the Clutha District. Congratulations and welcome to everyone.

# Fire Permits

If you are considering lighting a fire in a rural area, please call the Otago Rural Fire Authority on 0800 673 473 and they will advise you whether or not you need a permit. Balclutha and Milton fall under the Otago Regional Council bylaw. In a residential area you need to be more than 50 metres from your neighbour's boundary and more than 100 metres in a non-residential area - please check the Otago Regional Council website for more information, including a list of items you are prohibited from burning. In addition, a fire should not be lit within 20 metres of any part of powerlines, a building, trees, hedges, fences or other combustible material.

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FOOD**  
hate waste  
NEW ZEALAND

Keep an eye out for stalls and competitions at your local A&P Show during November and December

Clutha Action on Alcohol is running a survey about drinking in the Clutha District. It targets anyone high school age or above. Fill it out using the following link or simply scan the QR code below.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cluthadistrict>

**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](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)

**Applications close Fri 25 November**

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# Congratulations to...

Clutha District Council congratulates all the winners and nominees of this year's TrustPower Community Awards. As the supreme winner Kaitangata Skate Park Development Group will now represent the district at National Community Awards. Other category winners were: Owaka 150th Committee, Lawrence Lions, Owaka Going Forward, Tuapeka Aquatic Centre Committee, Clutha Valley Parent Teacher Association. Youth Spirit winner was Eden Wilson and runner up was Olivia Finney. Individual awards also went to Anne-Marie Holland, Mervyn Jones, Lenore Kopua and Dallas Storer.



## In Memoriam

A moment's silence was held at the 22 September Council meeting, in memory of Margaret Collins who passed away on 21 September 2016. Mrs Collins was a member of the Clutha District Council from 1989 to 2007 and Deputy Mayor from 1998 to 2007. Prior to 1989, she was a member and Deputy Mayor of the Balclutha Borough Council. Her service to local government totalled 33 years.

## Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Designed to help subsidise travel for junior teams participating in local sport competitions. Applications for the fund are open to rural sport clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years, who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions

The next round of funding closes on **18 November 2016** and is for travel expenses that will be incurred from 1 January to 31 December 2017. More information is on Council's 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 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 plumbing fitting. We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

**Civil Defence:** Clutha District civil defence staff put their skills to use during a national exercise in August with councils and emergency services throughout

the country simulating what they would do in the event of a large-scale tsunami. It was a great chance to practice our civil defence skills in preparation for a real event. In other civil defence news, Emergency Management Otago has launched a new website to help residents prepare for and respond



to emergencies. [www.otagodem.govt.nz](http://www.otagodem.govt.nz) is a 'go to tool' for helping individuals, schools, businesses and communities prepare. The website also provides straightforward suggestions, critical alerts and information when an emergency happens. District-specific information (including for Clutha) along with community response plans, contact details for local staff, information about radio stations, welfare centres and buying 'grab and go' kits can all be found on the new website. We recommend bookmarking the site, as it will be a critical resource in an emergency and should be the first port of call for people in the Clutha District wanting civil defence information, both in an emergency and during every day life.

## Library Hours

The new hours being trialled for Balclutha Library and Milton Service Centre & Library are proving popular. Milton is now open until 6.00pm on Mondays. Balclutha opens an hour earlier in the morning and closes at least 30 minutes later during the week.

### Milton Service Centre & Library

Now open: 8.30am to 6.00pm on Mondays, 8.30am – 5.00pm Tuesday to Friday.

### Balclutha Library

Now open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm Tuesday 9.00am – 6.00pm Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon.

**Hamish Anderson**  
Councillor: 2001-2016



**Jeff McKenzie**  
Councillor: 2007-2016



**Ron Davis**  
Councillor: 2010-2016



Last month we farewelled three retiring councillors who had all served two or more terms for Clutha District Council. We wanted to thank them for their service to the Clutha District and wish them all the very best for the future.



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