



## Community Grants



## 3 Things you Need to Know about Civil Defence



## Looking for a Venue?

## What's Coming Up

A small selection of what's on in Central . . .

### THE ROXBURGH PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



Sunday 24 April 2016, 10am-6pm  
Roxburgh Trotting Club  
Gate entry \$2 per person.  
This Roxburgh & Districts Lions Club event is a fundraiser for the emergency services covering the Teviot Valley and surrounds. Stalls, music, games and competitions galore!



### ARTHUR'S CINEMA

Arthur's Cinema is now open in Cromwell. Support this community-based initiative that offers a cosy and relaxed ambience to enjoy good films and good company. Find out more about its origins and what's screening at [www.arthurscinema.co.nz](http://www.arthurscinema.co.nz)



### CLUB ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

21-24 April 2016, Alexandra  
Catch some of NZ's best age group road cyclists as they whiz around our local roads. More information at [dynamoevents.co.nz/event/club-road-national-championships-2016/](http://dynamoevents.co.nz/event/club-road-national-championships-2016/)



### TOP ART EXHIBITION

Monday 2-6 May, 9am-4.30pm, Alexandra Community House  
This touring exhibition showcases the NCEA Level 3 art portfolios that achieved Excellence in Visual Art for 2015 and features design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

### ARTS ON TOUR: INTO THE EAST



Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm, Bannockburn Hall  
Student/child \$5, Adults \$25, SuperGold \$20.  
Invercargill-based musicians Liv McBride and Graeme Woller's repertoire traverses between country and folk, alternative and soul. Tickets from Central Otago i-SITEs.



### HEALTH AND DISABILITY EXPO

Friday 27 May 2016 10am-2pm  
Dunstan High School Gymnasium, Alexandra – Free entry.  
Service agencies from the health, wellbeing and disability sector all under one roof for a day. Access information on the services are available to you, whatever your age or stage.



### WORLD ENVIRONMENT WEEK

7-10 June 2016, Various locations.  
Activities will include native tree plantings, lunchbox conversations, a "soup disco", movie screenings and the local launch of the national Love Food Hate Waste campaign. Keep an eye on Council's website, Facebook page and CODC Noticeboard for more details.



### RUSTIC RUN AND WALK

Saturday 11 June 2016, Bannockburn  
A team half-marathon run relay style. An individual or full marathon running 5.275km laps through the Bannockburn Sluicings. To enter head to [www.highlandevents.co.nz](http://www.highlandevents.co.nz)



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Front cover:  
The Alexandra-Clyde 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walkway, commonly known as the 'River Track'.  
Photo by Lisa Hill Photography.

### SEEKING FUNDS FOR PROJECTS?

#### COMMUNITY BOARD GRANTS

Our four Community Boards – Cromwell, Maniototo, Teviot Valley and Vincent – distribute small grants to groups for local promotional activities. These grants are primarily for events, facilities or activities that enhance the experiences of locals and visitors alike.

Cromwell and Vincent funding rounds will be held around September/October for projects in the 2017/18 financial year.

Maniototo Community Board will be calling for applications in June for the 2016/17 year.

Teviot Valley Community Board considers funding applications at any stage of the year.

#### CREATIVE NZ GRANTS

The Creative Communities Scheme works to strengthen our local arts community by funding a diverse range of arts and cultural initiatives. Funding rounds are held twice a year, with the next closing date for applications falling in August.

#### SPORT NZ GRANTS

The Sport New Zealand Travel Fund is designed to help subsidise rural travel for junior sports teams to allow them to participate in more local sporting competitions. Applications close in October each year.

Find out more about funding criteria and how to apply on our Council website where we also have useful links to other funding organisations.

[www.codc.govt.nz/funding](http://www.codc.govt.nz/funding)

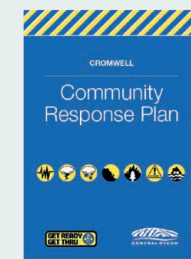
1 The key hazards in Central Otago are **Earthquakes, Floods, Storms, Snow Events, Wildfires, Landslides and Road Transport Crashes**



2 The location of your nearest **Civil Defence Centre** – find this out on the CODC website at [www.codc.govt.nz/services/emergency-management/civil-defence-centres](http://www.codc.govt.nz/services/emergency-management/civil-defence-centres)



3 Familiarise yourself with the information within your local community response plan. Cromwell's plan has just been finalised and Ranfurly, you're up next.



Are you on the lookout for a venue for a meeting, a performance, an exhibition or a wedding? Do you need a space to hold a weekly yoga class in your community, a place for a family reunion, your grandma's 90<sup>th</sup> or your child's birthday party?

Whatever the occasion, we have venues available for hire that you should check out.

From our smaller settlements to larger towns, Central Otago is blessed with a range of venues from quaint community halls with a sense of nostalgia to larger theatres and stadiums.

Did you know award-winning gourmet pies are made out of the Becks Hall? Sue and Allan from 'Eat Humble Pie' use the commercial kitchen facilities of this community hall to whip up a range of scrumptious pies to sell at markets and festivals around the district, made to order and for their pie outlet in Queenstown. Four of our venues have commercial kitchen facilities – Alexandra Community Centre, Roxburgh Memorial Hall, Becks Hall and Lowburn Hall.

The Council Chambers within our main Alexandra offices were updated this past summer. The room now features improved IT capability and modern multi-functional furniture, which allows flexibility in room layout.

Check out the venues section of CODC's website to find out more about our venues, where they're located, how much they cost to hire and who to talk to about booking them. Or give Council a call and ask to talk to one of Property and Facilities Officers about venues in your area.

[www.codc.govt.nz/venues](http://www.codc.govt.nz/venues)

For more of what's on look out for events listings in our weekly CODC Noticeboard on page 5 of *The News*, or visit:

[www.centralotagonz.com/event-calendar](http://www.centralotagonz.com/event-calendar)



## the FLIPSIDE

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## From the Mayor's Desk

Local Government Elections will be held in October of this year. Once again you will have the opportunity to elect your Mayor, Council and Community Board members.

It is hard finding people who are prepared to go through the public scrutiny of an election process. It is also extremely hard to find people who have the time and energy to put into a job that is not well financially rewarded and often in the media spotlight.

I encourage every one of you to think about whether you would be prepared to give a little of yourself and stand for election. There is nothing more rewarding than giving back something to your local community and putting your name forward for election is one way of achieving this.

*“There is nothing more rewarding than giving back to your local community...”*

For those of you without the time or desire to hold public office can you please play an active role in the election process.

In a community as small as ours there is no place for the age old excuse of not knowing enough about the candidates for not voting. You will have plenty of time to do a bit of research once candidates are known in August. Get out and talk to your neighbours and friends, try going to some meet the candidate meetings, read the blurbs that go out with the voting packages. Do something, but don't make excuses, your community deserves better than that.

TONY LEPPER Central Otago Mayor

## On the Agenda

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Cromwell Community Board**  
Tuesday 3 May, from 2.00pm  
Cromwell Service Centre, 42 The Mall Cromwell

**Council and Committees meeting**  
Wednesday 18 May, from 10.30am  
Council Chambers, 1 Dunorling Street Alexandra

### ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS HEARINGS

**Cromwell Community Board**  
Monday 23 May, from 9.30am  
Cromwell Service Centre, 42 The Mall Cromwell

**Maniototo Community Board**  
Tuesday 24 May, from 9.30am  
Ranfurly Service Centre, 15 Pery Street Ranfurly

**Vincent Community Board**  
Wednesday 25 May, from 9.30am  
Council Chambers, 1 Dunorling Street Alexandra

**Teviot Valley Community Board**  
Thursday 26 May, from 9.30am  
Roxburgh Service Centre, 120 Scotland Street Roxburgh

**Council Submissions Hearing**  
Wednesday 1 June, from 9am  
Council Chambers, 1 Dunorling Street Alexandra  
For more upcoming meeting dates and to read agendas online head to [www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings](http://www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings)

### CONSULTATIONS

**Annual Plan 2016/17**  
Council is consulting on the significant changes from Year 2 of the Long Term Plan and any new initiatives proposed.  
Consultation closes: Thursday 28 April 2016

For more information on this consultation pick up a copy of the consultation material at any Council service centre or head to our website.

[www.codc.govt.nz/consultation](http://www.codc.govt.nz/consultation)



HAVE YOUR SAY  
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## What Do You Think?

At Council we want to deliver great service to you every day. To do this we need to know what you think about the services we provide and how we might improve them.

The best way for us to know what you think is to ask your views about our services at the time you use them.

So, from later this year, if you use a Council service (like a pool, library or a service centre) you will have the opportunity to tell us what you think about them by filling out a short questionnaire as you leave.

Also, if you apply for a resource consent or dog licence, for example, we are likely to email you a link to a couple of online questions.

Because we will be getting the information about our services right throughout the year, we won't be asking you so many questions about our services in the annual residents' opinion survey.

When we go out with the annual residents opinion survey in May this year it will be a much shorter questionnaire than in the past. The questions in this year's survey will ask for your views about where Council should put its efforts, and what information you want to receive about Council decisions and activities and how often.

Also, we'd like you to take the new, shorter, residents' opinion survey online. We'd like you to do this because it will cost a lot less to do it this way and we want to reduce costs where we can. We also want to hear the views of those of you who spend a lot of time at your computers and smart phones during the day, because we know you aren't filling out the old paper survey and we are missing out on what you think.

Of course, if you don't have internet access we still want to know your views. Paper copies of the survey will be available at your local library or service centre. If you can't get to either of these places easily, you can call us or write to us and we will send you a paper copy to complete. But please, if you do have internet access, it would be great if you could do the survey online. It means we can keep costs down.

Announcements about how to take the new online residents' opinion survey in May will be in your local paper and on our website and Facebook. Keep an eye out. We will be in contact soon.

*If you filled out the Central Otago District Council Residents' Satisfaction and Opinion Survey in the last two years this is a special request to you...*

There is a science to changing the way we ask survey questions. To make sure that the answers we get in the new survey can be compared to the answers you gave us in past years we need a small group of you to take the old-format survey one last time.

As in previous years, if you fill out the old-format survey you will go into the draw for a shopping voucher worth \$250. However, this year the number of participants we need for the old-format survey will be limited.

If you filled out the residents' opinion survey in the last two years please contact Maria De Cort by **30 April 2016** to participate.

You can contact Maria at the email below with your name and address or phone her with your details on 03 440 0600.

[maria.decort@codc.govt.nz](mailto:maria.decort@codc.govt.nz)



## FlipSide Snippets

### MANIOTOTO LIBRARY

Have you checked out – excuse the library pun – the Maniototo Public Library since its February makeover? While you're there, why not check to see your membership details are up to date. As well as a new look the team has introduced two exciting new services – a housebound service and WiFi. Please ask your librarian for more details on both services.

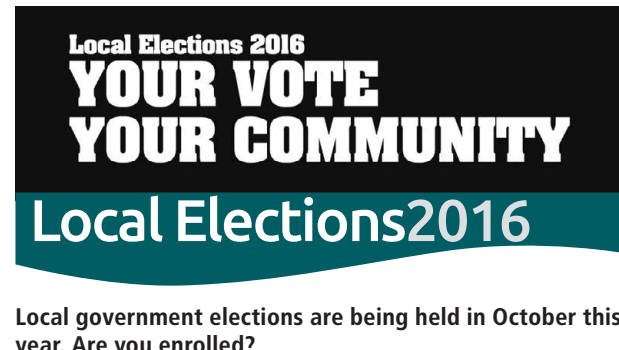
### KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS 2016/17

The calendars for 2016/17 recycling and rubbish kerbside collections are now available online. Head to [www.codc.govt.nz/kerbside-collections](http://www.codc.govt.nz/kerbside-collections) to download the calendar for your area. We will not be delivering calendars to properties this year. If you would like a printed copy please pop in to our Council offices or any service centre and ask at reception for a copy.

### VIEWS SOUGHT ON NASEBY PLAN

The Maniototo community is being asked for feedback on the draft 2016 Naseby Community Plan. The draft plan sets out what is important to the community and provides direction for projects that it would like to achieve in the next two to five years. Community development group Naseby Vision is driving the development of this third edition Naseby Community Plan. Copies are available at various locations including the Naseby General Store and the Ranfurly i-SITE. It is also available on the Central Otago NZ website [www.centralotagonz.com](http://www.centralotagonz.com).

Public feedback will be received until Monday 16 May.



Local government elections are being held in October this year. Are you enrolled?

### RESIDENTIAL ROLL

All parliamentary electors are automatically enrolled on the local body electoral roll. If you need to change any details on the residential electoral roll, you can either:

- Complete the appropriate form at any Post Shop
- Phone 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 367 656)
- Send your name and address to Freetext 3676
- Update your details online at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz)

### RATEPAYER ROLL

If you own property in our district but live out of the area then you are entitled to be on the non-resident ratepayer roll. This will give you a chance to have your vote on election day.

If you were enrolled on the non-resident ratepayer roll in the last election then you will have been sent a ratepayer confirmation form recently to complete and return to the Council.

New enrolments can be made by contacting your local Council office or service centre for a form or downloading one from our website.

For further information please contact Electoral Officer Kara Leckie on 440 0611 or [kara.leckie@codc.govt.nz](mailto:kara.leckie@codc.govt.nz)

[www.codc.govt.nz/elections](http://www.codc.govt.nz/elections)



## A Few Words with...

**Bernard Murphy**  
Chief Financial Officer

Bernard joined the CODC team in October 2015. He is a chartered accountant who has built a career in local government over the past 20 years.

### Q What do you enjoy most about working in local government?

A big part is the sense of community. It allows for having a good job outside the main centres. Bringing up children in Taupo and Whangarei was great, but now having ditched the kids (famous last words) being able to live in Central Otago – you just can't beat that.

### Q Having lived and worked in the North Island, what do you enjoy about being based "down south" now?

Prior to my interview both Sandy and I had never been to Alexandra. The thing we like is that it is so different – blue skies, no rain, the landscape. We have our first winter here to look forward to. I get the impression that jandals and shorts won't cut it down here! The other great thing is that it is so relaxed. Weekends feel like being on holiday, not bad at all.

### Q If you could trade jobs with anyone for a day who would it be?

Hmmm... parading around as Donald Trump for the day perhaps? No that would be more of a guilty pleasure. So that only leaves swapping jobs with Scott Dixon. I'm not sure what sort of accountant he would make but a chance to race a car around at 350+ m/hr would be insane. There would be more living done in one day racing than a lifetime of accounting, exciting as it is. I know it's a boy thing but you asked.