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BULLETIN

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Nominations open soon for elections

NOMINATIONS for the Manawatu District Council's 2010 elections are to open next week.

Deputy Electoral Officer, Janine Hawthorn, said people interested in giving local politics a go and having a say in the district's future can be nominated for District Mayor or council from Friday, July 23. The nomination period runs until noon on Friday, August 20.

The number of MDC councillors (10) is spread across three wards; Feilding (5), Kairanga (3) and Kiwitea-Pohangina (2).

Mrs Hawthorn said the three-yearly election is under the First Past the Post system and by postal vote.

Electors will receive their voting documents from Friday, September 17, with completed forms to be returned by noon on Election Day, Saturday, October 9.

"People interested in local government are encouraged to consider standing," said Mrs Hawthorn.

"If you are passionate about your community and want to make a difference, now is the time to consider becoming a candidate."

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She said it was an opportunity to have an input into decisions that affected them, their family and their community.

Candidates must be over the age of 18, a New Zealand citizen and registered on the electoral roll.

Mrs Hawthorn said council was also holding a briefing for prospective candidates at the council's administration building at 7pm on Thursday, July 29.

"This is an opportunity to learn more about the nomination and election processes and the roles of councils and elected members. It's also a chance to have any questions answered by the Electoral Officer."

Nomination forms are available from the Manawatu District Council office, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding, or from the council's website, www.mdc.govt.nz. For further information, please contact Mrs Hawthorn on (06) 323-0000.

ENJOYING the moment! Manawatu District Council Assets Support Officer, Beryl Mingins (centre), is joined by Professional Services Manager, Andrew Higgs, and Chief Executive, Lorraine Vincent, during a presentation to mark Beryl's 25-year service to local government.

Beryl entered the sector in 1985 when she joined the Kairanga County Council in Palmerston North and remained on staff following amalgamations involving the MDC in the late 1980s.

After experiencing a number of customer service roles, Beryl joined the assets department in 2003, handling public inquiries on utilities, roading and maintenance matters.

Assets Group Manager, Richard Kirby, said Beryl's wonderful breadth of knowledge of where things were in the office and out in the district was extremely beneficial. "Beryl has a good name in the community as people know that when they make contact with her, things get done."

Amnesty successfully washed up

A TAP amnesty for Feilding residents seeking to have washers in dripping cold water taps repaired free of charge has been successfully completed.

Plumber Trevor Hendra visited up to 50 properties on three consecutive Wednesdays during a joint partnership exercise with the Manawatu District Council.

"Some washers needed to be replaced rather urgently," said Mr Hendra.

"Many elderly residents, who had lost their partner, were really rapt as they had no one to do it for them."

Mr Hendra, who also helped some owners install new taps, hoped to repeat the exercise next year, preferably during the February-March period when the weather was warmer.

Water Manager, Wayne Spencer, said council would look at making the exercise an annual event due to this year's success and strong community support.

TWO colourful storytellers, Tanya Batt and Levity Beet, delighted scores of children who attended the Feilding Public Library's week-long school holiday programme. Batt certainly appeared the part as the "Snow Queen", while Beet amazed everyone with his variety of musical instruments, including this one made from soft drink bottles and compressed air.

Roadshow Invitation

Keeping our community informed about local issues is part of our job. We are holding community meetings in your area and encourage you to attend.

Our community is faced with making some important decisions about its future. It is important to us that the people whose lives are affected by these decisions are involved in the decision-making. There is still much to consider and we want to share with you what we know so far.

Topics covered include:

- Boundary Adjustment
- Amalgamation
- Future Regional Roading Plans

Come along and find out how this may affect you

- **Monday, 19 July** - Methodist Church Hall, Bunnythorpe
- **Tuesday, 20 July** - Kairanga Hall, Kairanga
- **Wednesday, 21 July** - White Horse Inn, Longburn

All meetings 5.30pm - 7.30pm

For further details contact Janine Hawthorn

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Council and Committee Meetings

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, notice is given that the following meetings are scheduled for August:

Tuesday, August 3
8.00am Community Wellbeing Subcommittee

Tuesday, August 10
7.30pm Marae Consultative Standing Committee

Wednesday, August 18
12.00pm MDC and PNCC Joint Strategic Planning Committee – in the Palmerston North City Council Administration Building

Tuesday, August 24
8.30am Council. Public forum prior to meeting available – contact Customer Services and Democracy Manager for arrangements
8.45am Strategic Planning and Policy Committee

Unless specified, the above meetings will be held in the District Council Building, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding, and are open to the public.

Lorraine Vincent
Chief Executive