

# Waitomo Way

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## Community and Partnerships Fund benefits district

Waitomo District Council has realigned the way it will administer funding grants to the community.

On 1 July, the Community and Partnerships Fund Policy came into effect, incorporating all community funding options provided by Waitomo District Council, and those administered by WDC on behalf of external organisations.

General Manager Community Services Helen Beever says the focus of the policy is to assist the community's 'not for profit' organisations to provide programmes, services or activities that creates a strong social base within the community.

"It will still provide for the same outcomes, which is to contribute to the social and cultural well-being of the community," she says.

The Policy allows Council to clearly document the way in which it delivers funding assistance to the community and identifies all the areas of funding support that Council provides to the community.

The Policy comprises three funding avenues, which opened for applications on 1 July.

The Single-Year Community Assistance Grant focuses on providing assistance for not-for profit community organisations that support community led projects. These projects are aligned with Council Plans and Strategies and contribute and support the social, cultural, economic and environmental well-being of the Waitomo District.

The Community Events Fund supports community organisations that wish to partner with Council for the delivery of district events, such as the Waitomo District Christmas Parade and the Great New Zealand Muster.

Consideration will also be given to community-led events or cultural celebrations open to the wider community participation.

The Multi-Year Community Partnership Grant covers a three-year period with grants paid annually.

It supports community organisations that offer services or facilities that make a significant contribution and improve well-being in the Waitomo District.

"Grants will be awarded through a contestable process, excluding Community Hall grants," says Helen.

"This will enable Elected Members to compare the relative merits of the funding applications they receive and to allocate grants from the funding pools as fairly as possible."

Waitomo District Council also administers special grants on behalf of external organisations including the Creative Communities Scheme, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund and the DC Tynan Fund.

Visit Council's website to find out more about the new funding policy and whether you may be eligible to apply for a community grant.

[www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/)

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# Residents step up their computer skills at Library

Waitomo District Library's series of free computer classes are proving a hit with residents.

Called "Stepping Up", the computer skills programme is a collaboration between Waitomo District Council and Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa – an organisation which aims to enhance digital education throughout New Zealand.

Waitomo District Council Librarian Julie O'Toole says with businesses, organisations and people in general choosing to engage online more and more, computer skills are important to help people navigate the technological and digital world.

"Stepping Up offers a range of free training modules to help New Zealanders use computers and the internet. Each session covers a single topic and are designed for new computer users, however they are also useful for people who are seeking to improve employment opportunities or enhance their computer skills in general," she says.

The courses offered so far have covered computer basics, google

and email, employment preparation and finding a job online - all of which were well received.

"We are really pleased with how the courses have been going, and have added more to our schedule.

"There are 42 modules in total on offer. The order these topics will be offered will be decided by the attendees," says Julie.

Some of the future topics include internet banking, Real me and MyMSD, and smartphones.

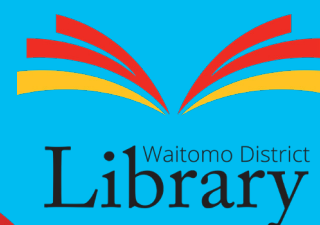
Each module runs for up to two hours and is delivered in small groups.

Attendees may bring their own device or make use of a provided computer (free of charge).

"Our classes are small to allow for a more personalised approach, so if you could benefit from them, book a space as soon as possible."

To register for a class, contact the library on 07 878 0800 or visit [www.steppingup.nz](http://www.steppingup.nz)

## What's on at the Library these school holidays



### The Pot of Gold Reading Quest

Read four books over a six week period, complete some fun activities and go in the draw to win some awesome prizes!

Begins 10 July 2021.

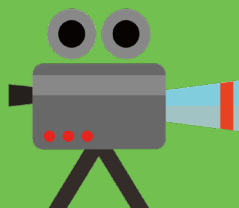
Pick up your activity pack from the library anytime from 10 July. Ages 5-12yrs.



### 13 July – Mural Makers

Anytime between 10am-5pm – All ages

Draw/paint/colour/create a piece of a larger mural. Once complete, we will put these together on a wall to make one large picture.



### 15 July – Stop Motion Movies

10am-12pm – Ages 8+

### 20 July – Gaming Unplugged

Board games – 10am-12 pm – Ages 5+



### 22 July – Rubberband Gadgets

2.30pm-4pm – Ages 8+

