

Waitomo Way

LMC Open Day draws in crowds and great ideas

The Waitomo District community turned out in force to rediscover one of the district's most important venues at the recent Les Munro Centre (LMC) Open Day.

Visitors enjoyed the opportunity to explore the large event centre, take part in more than a dozen different activities, learn more about what the LMC has to offer, and imagine what it could look like with redesigned spaces.

The event was designed to reconnect residents, showcasing the LMC's versatile spaces, and seek ideas on how Council can breathe new life into the venue.

A youth centre, cinema, maker spaces and a monthly market were just some of the ideas that were shared at the community event.

Waitomo District Mayor John Robertson says the strong turnout demonstrated the community's appreciation for the venue and the important role it plays within the district.

He says the open day provided a chance for both new and familiar faces to take a closer look at the venue, explore what the library has to offer, and discover the wide range of possibilities for the future.

"It was pleasing to see so many people attend the open day as it highlighted the important



role the LMC continues to play in bringing people together.

"We want that to continue for many years.

We don't want the LMC to sit empty for large chunks of the year, so it's important we explore how it could better serve our district as well as looking at ways we can reduce its ongoing cost to ratepayers."

For many years, the LMC has served as the heart of countless major events, community gatherings, celebrations, functions and special occasions.

The success of the open day highlights the community's ongoing connection to the venue and has generated renewed interest in the many ways the LMC can retain its use as an



event centre but breathing new life into it as a community space that is used every day rather than on occasion.

"The positive feedback we received throughout the day shows there is strong interest in making the most of this valuable community asset," says John.

Feedback welcome

There is still time for people to share their thoughts and ideas on the future of the LMC. Feedback will help Council understand what the community needs and will inform the development of a proposed concept design.

Visit our website to have your say, or drop into Waitomo District Library to share your feedback in person.



**LET'S REIMAGINE THE
LES MUNRO CENTRE**
YOUR IDEAS WILL HELP SHAPE WHAT COMES NEXT.

We're exploring how the LMC could better serve our community.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS
SOCIAL*POINT

Social Point is our online engagement space. There's no sign-up required. Scan the QR code to explore the project, try the interactive tools and share your ideas.

Visit our website to learn more and complete the short feedback form



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Council Newsletter - September 2026

First Past the Post for WDC 2028 Local Elections

If Waitomo District Council is required to hold an election in 2028, notice is given under section 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that Waitomo District Council resolved to retain the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system for the 2028 triennial election.

Waitomo District Council electors have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used at the next two triennial general elections

(2028 and 2031).

The choice is between the First Past the Post (FPP) and the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral systems.

Unless a poll determines otherwise, WDC will continue to use the FPP electoral system.

Visit Council's website for more information, and to read the criteria for making a valid demand for a poll.

Council Meeting Schedule 2026

The 2026 Council meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. All meetings will start at 9am in the Council Chambers, Queen Street, Te Kūiti unless publicly notified otherwise advertised. Visit our website to read the agenda and view the recording.

Tuesday 29 September
Monthly Council Meeting

Tuesday 13 October
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

Tuesday 27 October
Monthly Council Meeting

Tuesday 24 November
Monthly Council Meeting

SPRING HOLIDAYS

AT THE
WAITOMO DISTRICT LIBRARY

PICK UP ONE OF OUR FREE SPRING HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PACKS!

WILL THE WOLF BLOW YOUR HOUSE DOWN?

30 SEPT

Join us anytime between 10am - 3pm for our exciting STEM Challenge! Build a house strong enough to stop the wolf from blowing it down. And win a small prize!

LIBRARY SPY ACADEMY

7 OCT

Join us from 2pm - 3.30pm for exciting spy activities! Test your memory, crack secret codes and see if you have what it takes to become a master spy!

Drop in anytime during the school holidays and help create our 2026 Collaborative Book - What's Behind The Door?



Up to \$830 available in Rates Rebate Scheme

If you have a low income and pay the rates on your home, you could receive up to \$830 through Central Government's Rates Rebate Scheme.

The process and eligibility requirements are managed by the Department of Internal Affairs and we assess and approve rates rebate applications on their behalf.

The amount you may receive is based on:

- Your income
- Your annual rates
- Number of dependants you have

You must be living at the property at 1 July and be the legal ratepayer. Download an application form from our website or contact our Customer Services team for further assistance.

TOP OF TOWN

Rally your crew for a one-day showdown packed with team challenges, messy obstacles, and massive laughs!

SAVE THE DATE 14 NOVEMBER

 **MORE INFO: [WAITOMO.GOV.TZ/TOTT](https://waitomo.govt.nz/tott)**



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