



Wairoa In Focus

Your Community, Your Future

Cemetery spruce up

New plantings, detailed archiving and major headstone repairs are among the tasks being carried out by Council as part of its role as guardian of the Wairoa Cemetery. Work is ongoing to improve this special place, and staff are now asking the public to assist in ensuring that the cemetery remains a treasured place for future generations. Here are a few facts to be aware of:

- Animals must not be interred with humans.
- If a headstone/plaque is going to be removed for repairs or replacement, please let Council know. Otherwise, it may be taken as an act of vandalism and police will be notified.



- Dogs are not allowed within the cemetery grounds.
- Please place decorations on the concrete berm, rather than the lawn.

Council respects the right of families to honour their loved ones and is more than willing to discuss any requirements. Please contact Nicky Bradley on (06) 838 7309 or nicky@wairoadc.govt.nz.

- If families want to inter ashes in an existing grave, they need to contact Council prior to interring the ashes. It is a requirement under the Burial and Cremations Act and Council's cemetery bylaw that no graves are interfered with without Council approval to ensure that accurate records are maintained for future generations.
- If a plaque is to be attached to an existing grave, Council must be contacted to ensure that the plaque meets requirements.



New faces have joined the Wairoa District Council staff recently, bringing a range of skills and experience to add to the team and the community.

Cindy Yin joins the team as the new District Planner. The Auckland University graduate worked for a government agency in Hastings, before a work colleague with local ties drew her attention to the job in Wairoa. "I could see myself living here, so applied for the job. It's been great getting to know people and I'm looking forward to being a part of the community," she said.

Richard Clifton has wasted no time in getting out and about in the district as the new Building Control Officer. Originally from England, Richard comes to Wairoa from Paeroa, where he carried out a similar role for the Hauraki District Council. Proximity to the great outdoors was a major drawcard for the keen hunter, who is "thoroughly enjoying" his experience here. "The work is a lot more intense than my previous role due to the smaller team – it certainly keeps us busy," he said.

Stefini Lambert has taken on the role of Cashier, bringing a variety of skills gained from a career in administration. Stefini moved to the area in 2004 to be near the family of her husband, who she met while both were serving in the Royal New Zealand Navy. "We've just moved from the lake into town, so the opportunity to take on this role came at the perfect time," she said.

Are you enrolled to vote?

Now is the time to make sure you get to have a say in the next local government elections. From Monday 1 July 2013 everyone enrolled will be sent their enrolment update pack. All you need to do is check that your details are right. If they are correct you will get your voting papers sent to you in the mail. If anything needs updating, make the changes and send the form back to the Registrar of Electors immediately.

If you don't get a pack by Thursday 4 July 2013 you are not correctly enrolled to vote, and you need to enrol.

Enrolling is easy:

- Go online at www.elections.org.nz
- Freetext your name and address to 3676
- Call 0800 36 76 56 or
- Go to any PostShop and fill in an enrolment form.

More information about enrolling to vote is available at www.elections.org.nz.

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Water warning ...

Households on both private and public water supplies need to be aware that some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health advice is to flush a mug full of water from the drinking water tap each morning before use.

New look Wairoa In Focus out soon

After 58 editions over almost five years, this is the last 'Wairoa In Focus' that will appear in The Star. WDC will be bringing you more in-depth news of council happenings via a new look 'WIF' that will be delivered straight to your letter box. Look out for the revised newsletter from the end of July.



New Lake Waikareiti day shelter and viewing platform. Photo: Andy Belcher

For the diary:

Council Meetings	Forum
July 9	July 23
August 13	August 27
September 10	September 24
October 8	October 22
November 12	November 26
December 10	

Maori Standing Committee

April 26*
 May 31
 June 28*
 July 26
 August 30*
 September 27
 October 25*
 November 29

*Meeting held on a marae

Meetings and Forums are held at the Queen Street office council chambers and are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

For more information phone (06) 838 7309 or visit www.wairoadc.govt.nz