

## From the Mayor

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Firstly, I wanted to share some feedback that we recently received. I am always appreciative when our staff receive positive feedback about the quality of their work and I want to congratulate them as always for the great work that they do for our community.

*“I just wanted to send the council a quick note. My job recently has been to collect and assess every local govt speed limit bylaw. All 79 of them. I just wanted to let you know that your Land Transport Bylaw is by far the most comprehensive and clear document I have come across in this time. So much useful detail. Thanks very much for the effort. I hope all councils reach this standard one day. Whoever put that document together has done a fantastic job, especially the inclusion of maps, sign locations and speed limit data. Their efforts*

*are very much appreciated.” Jonathan Ball, Geographic Analyst II, Regional Map Content - Oceania, Nokia. (received 7 July).*

I'm always proud of the work our staff do for us when we receive feedback like this and I would really encourage members of our community to take the time and write in, or phone or just acknowledge the great work our staff do for us. This sort of feedback is really appreciated.

Can I also congratulate members of our Maori Standing Committee. The Maori Standing Committee recently held a meeting at Te Rakato Marae in Mahia to discuss issues affecting locals including forestry slash. I want to thank the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for also attending and being part of the discussions. The next meeting (August 14) will be hosted at Waimako Marae up at Lake Waikaremoana and I think it's great that our community are reaching out and asking to host meetings so that they can engage and discuss issues which are relevant to them.

Entries for the 2015 Trustpower Wairoa Community Awards will be closing soon and I want to encourage you all to nominate some of our great community and volunteer organisations. We have some great community organisations and volunteers and they are the real unsung heroes of our community. I know that many of our hard working volunteers do the work they do because they love our community, and are usually the last ones to put themselves forward, so can I encourage our community to please make sure you put your nominations and entries in. Let's celebrate the work that our volunteers do and let's recognise them. Pick up an entry form from Council or contact Kitea Tipuna and he will give you more information.

Finally - can I welcome the district's newest New Zealand citizens. I recently hosted the swearing-in ceremony for new New Zealand citizens and I just want to say that it takes great courage to leave the land of your birth and it takes great wisdom to choose to make New Zealand and Wairoa your home. Our community is enriched socially, culturally and economically as a result of your decision to call Wairoa home and I have no doubt that you have a real sense of belonging to this community and to Wairoa. So on behalf of the community of Wairoa, I just want to say 'welcome home'.

*(l-r) Mrs Kesara Bean, Mr Kevin English, Ms Phiangduean Buasuwan, His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Mr Paul Cox, Ms Sopheak Ing*



### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

25 August  
22 September

#### COUNCIL FORUM

11 August  
08 September

#### MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

14 August  
11 September

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



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## A Taste of Galway – Fundraiser for Age Concern Wairoa



Award winning chef and restaurateur, co-owner of Cafe Kai in Galway, Ireland and Wairoa local - Jessica Murphy

Wairoa Mayoress, Jan Little extends a warm welcome to the “Taste of Galway” benefit event to fundraise for Age Concern Wairoa. As patron for Age Concern, Mrs Little is keen to see as many people as possible coming to support this important community service.

“A Taste of Galway” promises to be a great event, and we’re really fortunate to have former Wairoa local and award winning chef and restaurateur Jessica Murphy hosting dinner for us that evening.

Jessica is co-owner of Galway Kai Café and Restaurant, in Ireland, hence the theme of our evening. There is going to be great food, prepared by an award winning chef. There is going to be great music and it’s going to be a great event.

I’m pleased to be the patron of Age Concern Wairoa. The work that Age Concern does should be both viewed and experienced positively. The focus is not only on the experience of older individuals, but also on the younger generation’s attitude and expectations regarding ageing and older people, Mrs Little said.

There are limited tickets, so get in quick.



### Details

A Taste of Galway  
Saturday, August 22, 6.00pm  
War Memorial Hall

### Tickets

\$80 - Available from Age Concern Wairoa,  
8 Lahore Street  
or phone 838-3307 or email [acwai@xtra.co.nz](mailto:acwai@xtra.co.nz)

## Tourism Manager



*“Now that I am settled into the day to day operations of the I-Site, I am very much looking forward to working collaboratively with the Economic Development team on initiatives and strategies aimed at providing improved awareness, visibility and interest in our district as a tourism destination and a great place to live.*

*I am excited about developing tourism activity throughout the greater Wairoa district, supporting local tourism operators, opening potential opportunities for local Iwi, and attracting new business and residents to Wairoa.*

*and overseas, and encourage locals into business opportunities such as coastal walks and horse trekking, mountain biking, paddle boarding, kayaking, climbing and abseiling, and cultural experiences also.*

*With increased visitation comes an additional need for accommodation providers and hospitality operations, tour and transport operators, and activities, which have positive spinoff effects for all of us.*

*I am excited to encourage and support local residents and land owners into providing these activities to potential visitors, and really getting Wairoa recognised as a destination that can’t be missed!”*

Jaime-Leigh George  
Tourism Manager

*My vision for tourism in the district is to greater utilise our river, increase our visibility both here in New Zealand*

## Learn to Swim Pool

Construction has started on a new \$1.5 million Learn to Swim Pool at the Wairoa Community Centre, and should be completed by early December in time for summer splashing.

Funding for the new Learn to Swim Pool was initiated by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council with \$500,000. Additional funding came from the Lotteries Grant Board with \$400,000; the J N Williams Memorial Trust with \$100,000; and the Wairoa District Council with the balance.

Wairoa District Council Engineering Manager, Jamie Cox said construction of the new facility started in early July. A new building to house the Learn to Swim Pool will be built where the current western car park is (by the camping ground).

In late September the Community Centre facilities will be closed for about three weeks to enable our construction contractors to break through the western wall of the current building where the main pool is and to join the two buildings together.

During the close down period other maintenance work and earthquake strengthening of the existing building including the reception area will be completed. Funding for the earthquake strengthening work is separate and has been approved through the Annual Plan.

The new facility will take up most of the existing western carpark and we will be rearranging the street carpark layout. This will compensate for the lost carparks as well as creating a threshold for calming traffic and making the environment outside the Community Centre safer. QRS has started the process of installing raised crossings and this work is expected to be completed by the end of July, Mr Cox said.

Mayor Craig Little said a Learn to Swim pool is such an important facility for Wairoa. Given that our community is surrounded by water, with our beautiful river, beaches and lakes, it is so important that our young children are able to learn to swim safely.

Our community has such a deep relationship with the water and water safety is such an important issue for us. As our children grow they will get involved in all sorts of water sports because of our relationship to the water.

Recreationally our young people are very active in water sports from swimming, rowing, water-skiing, waka ama, jet boating, fishing, diving, surfing etc. So the importance of a Learn to Swim Pool for the youngest children in our community cannot be underestimated. This new facility will allow us to teach our children the importance of water safety and give them some really important skills and will be a great facility for Wairoa, Mr Little said.

## Intern Profile



Name: Anna-Magdalena Atzwanger (Annalena)  
 From: Austria  
 Department: Communications and Economic Development  
 Studying: Masters in Marketing and Sales

Annalena is from Linz in Austria. As part of her studies she is completing an internship in marketing. It hasn't been hard for her to adapt and she feels very welcome in Wairoa.

## ACCESS TO PUBLIC ROADS

Any gate across a public road must not be locked and must have a sign on it stating Public Road. Installing a gate across a public road must be authorised by council. This applies to installation of cattlestops too. The installation of gates and cattlestops will be at the expense of the party wanting the gate or cattlestop.

For more information, contact Aram Goes at Council



Wairoa District Council, Fish & Game New Zealand and Walking Access Commission



## Trustpower Wairoa Community Awards

The search is on for Wairoa's hard working community groups, with entries in the last few weeks for the Trustpower Community Awards.

The Trustpower Wairoa Community Awards are into their fifteenth year of celebrating the regions' volunteers and they acknowledge these giving folk in a range of categories from Heritage and Environment to Education and Child Youth Development. Also celebrated is an overall Supreme Winner, and last year this was Wairoa's very own Athletics Club.

"The Community Awards are all about shining a little light on the work that volunteers and community groups do for the Wairoa community. They are literally behind the scenes running events, organising sports teams and infusing positive changes right across the community. I can't emphasise enough what volunteers do for Wairoa."

"Now it's the community's chance to say 'thanks' to these volunteers who work hard for the community. It takes less than five minutes to enter a voluntary group but it

will make a real difference to the volunteers you are recognising," says Miss Somerville.

Anyone can enter a voluntary group for the Awards - groups can even enter themselves.

"Trustpower has more than \$5,000 to give through this year's local Awards," says Miss Somerville.

The Supreme Winner of this year's awards will represent the district at the Trustpower National Community Awards in Dunedin next March.

Entries close on Friday 14 August. Entry forms are available at Council office, online at [www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards](http://www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards) or by calling Trustpower Community Relations on 0800 87 11 11.



# HAWKE'S BAY

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Final proposal

Voting forms will be in the post from 24 August and voting closes on 15 September at 12 pm.

## Whakatauki / Proverb

*Ko te moa kai hau - The moa feeding on air*

*A proverb used to refer to someone who refuses to partake of food - usually because they are hopelessly in love - and therefore being seen as eating "air".*

*Reference to the moa (last living at Whakapunake) and its habit of standing on one leg and having its mouth open all the time; giving the notion that it fed on the air/winds of Whakapunake.*



*Wairoa District Council supports the goal of becoming an official bi-lingual district by 2040.*

