

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

From the Mayor



Council approved its 2016/2017 Annual Plan last week.

The reduction in the expected rate increase is due to a range of factors including a reduction in the forecasted inflation rate, improved investments and an increase in efficiencies within council's operations. Effectively, Council

Changes to the Local Government Act meant that Councils were not required to consult if there were no significant or material changes to what was signalled in the LTP. Since there were no significant or material changes to what has already been consulted in the LTP, along with many other Councils throughout New Zealand, this Council chose not to consult on this 2016/2017 Annual Plan as this was already done last year.

I also want to acknowledge Mike Spedding and the team at the Wairoa Museum. I recently visited the Museum and was blown away by the work they have done with their renovations. The dedication and work that has been put into the Museum just blew me away and I think it looks absolutely awesome. All credit to everyone involved and I think their work deserves top marks. I have no doubt that visitors to the Museum will be treated to an excellent experience.

I have also been working with HBRC Chairman Fenton Wilson on some really exciting initiatives to seek funding for projects like forestry and economic development and we will continue to work together to look at how WDC and HBRC can further support our community. I was also really pleased to see recently that Lotteries have agreed to contribute \$100K to the Destination Playground project. Council have set aside funding in the Long Term plan to support the project and it's great when we can partner with other groups for projects like this. If you would like to show your support for the Destination Playground project please contact Roz Thomas at the Wairoa Young Achievers Trust on roz@visionprojects.co.nz.

The pre-election phase will start tomorrow with nominations opening on July the 15th for anyone who might be interested in standing for Council. Please consider standing for council. It's a rewarding way to serve our community and we have the opportunity to shape a sustainable Wairoa. Also, make sure you are enrolled to vote.

With this year's triennials I also want to send a challenge out there to our community. Wairoa had the second highest voter turnout in New Zealand in 2013 with 62%. I'm sure we can improve this and it would be great if Wairoa had the very highest voter turnout in the country.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

19 July: 10am
23 August: 10am

COUNCIL FORUM

12 July: 2pm
9 August: 2pm

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

8 July:
12.30pm, WDC Chambers

12 August:
12.30pm, Kahungunu Marae Nuhaka

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

13 July: 1.30pm

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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Average rate increase 2016/2017



HBRC Napier Hastings CHB Gisborne Wairoa

I know it's been busy for our staff and this proves to me that they are working hard to ensure that they keep costs affordable for our community. The efficiency gains achieved are great and we can be justly proud of the work our staff are doing on behalf of our community. So yes, we signed off our Annual Plan last week and we head into this new financial year with a lot more work to do.



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR DOG?

-  All dogs must be registered by August 31 every year.
-  If you pay before then you will receive a \$10 discount. After the 31st of August you will need to pay the full amount.
-  All dogs must be registered by three months of age.

More information can be found on the WDC website - keyword search 'animal control' or contact council on (06) 838 7309.

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