

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

16 March 2017

FROM THE MAYOR



Wairoa was fortunate enough to host the Regional Transport Committee meetings of both Hawke's Bay and Gisborne last week.

Representatives from Councils, the New Zealand Transport Agency, the Police and Napier Port met and discussed key transport issues.

The aim of the Hawke's Bay and Gisborne regional transport committees is to prepare Regional Land Transport Strategies and their Regional Land Transport Programmes for approval by their Councils, and to consider any other issues related to transport which have a regional impact.

I was pleased that both committees came together and met here in Wairoa. I was also pleased that Mayor Alex Walker of Central Hawke's Bay and Mayor Meng Foon of Gisborne attended the meeting as it gave us a chance to discuss other issues as Mayors.

We have advocated that more regional meetings like this should occur in Wairoa and it's good that both the Hawke's Bay and Gisborne Regional Transport Committees came together here in Wairoa to discuss as an entire region transport issues that affect all our communities.



Mayor Alex Walker (Central Hawke's Bay), Alan Dick (Chair - HB Regional Transport Committee), Mayor Craig Little (Wairoa), Mayor Meng Foon (Gisborne), Bill Burdett (Chair - Gisborne Regional Transport Committee)

Council also met on Tuesday to consider the draft Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading policy. Thank you to everyone who submitted on this matter.

This is part of the democratic process and it's great when people take the time to assist council in designing good policy that

meets the needs of our community by making submissions.

As a result of the Extraordinary Meeting to consider the draft Easter Trading policy, Council has resolved to adopt a policy that allows trading across the entire district. This will mean that shops and businesses within the Wairoa district will have the choice to open on Easter Sunday.

Again I want to acknowledge all our volunteers. Volunteers make our community tick. The last two weekends I have been involved in two voluntary organisations helping out. The Okare Crutching that supports the A&P show and Search and Rescue, as well as the Wairoa Dog trials. These two days once again highlighted to me how people in our community are involved in many organisations and are happy to roll up their sleeves and get into it. These people are the backbone of our community

Māori Standing Committee



Back row: Adrian Manual (Whānau Whānui), David Tipoki (Māori Relationships Manager), Paul Kelly (Mātangirau & Deputy Chair), Councillor Charlie Lambert, Peter Whaanga (Māhia Mai Tawhiti), Henare Mita (Rakaipaaka)

Seated: Theresa Thornton (Pāhauwera), Sharon Cooper (Waikaremoana), Kiwa Hammond (Hōpupu & Chair), Whaiora Maindonald (Hōnengenenge), Here Nissen (Ruakituri).

Other members: Mayor Craig Little (Ex Officio) & Councillor Jeremy Harker

Council has a number of Standing Committee and I want to thank all those who contribute to Council Standing Committees. The Māori Standing Committee is a very active committee and as a committee gives Council key advice in terms of our relationship with tangata whenua within the district and is an effective mechanism for consultation with tangata whenua.

Given that the district has a Māori population of 59.4% (according to the last Census); this committee plays a vital role in informing key decisions and offering relevant and timely advice.

The Māori Standing Committee has played a leadership role in key issues that have affected the district, including the forestry slash issue that affected Māhia and the Waihi Dam disaster.

I am so pleased that we have an active and committed Māori Standing Committee and I want to acknowledge each of the members and the contribution they make to our district.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

28 March: 1.30pm

COUNCIL FORUM

18 April: 1.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

4 April: 1.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

11 April: 1.30pm

All meetings will be held in the Wairoa District Council Chambers and are open to the public unless otherwise specified.



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Friday 24 March
Round 1 - Starts 4pm
Adults \$10 : Under 12 \$5
Preschoolers Free

Saturday 25 March
Round 2 & 3 - Starts 11am
Adults \$20 : Under 12 \$5
Preschoolers Free
Family of 2 Adults and 2 Children \$40

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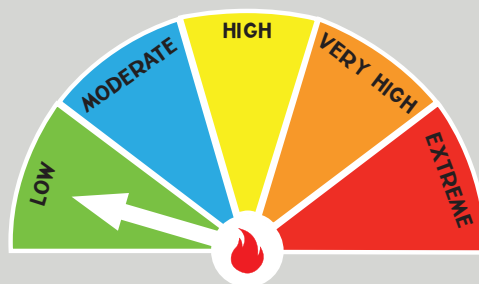
FIRE SEASON

OPEN FIRE SEASON (No Fire Permit Required)

Open Fire Season for the whole district except all beaches.

PROHIBITED FIRE SEASON (Total Fire Ban)

Total Fire Ban on all beaches in the district.



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