Wairoa In Focus

Your Community, Your Future

Duo return to Building Control team

Familiar faces have returned to take WDC staff have 20 days to process

Council building department. Danny McCaul has taken over the Building Control Officer role left vacant following the recent retirement of Garth Duley. Danny is no stranger to WDC, having spent some time here relieving back in 2009, when he was employed for the Hastings District Council.

Brioney Court has also returned to the building department, in the role of Building Control Administration Officer.

Led by Corinne Hamlin, the Building a 100 Control team is responsible for processing building consents from the initial application stage, right through to signing off on the final inspection.

Most people will only apply for a building consent once or twice in their lifetime - and it can be a confusing process to embark on. It is important to understand what Council would like to stress that forms need to be filled in and what having a Building consent protects information needs to be submitted with the forms in order for the process to run smoothly, Corinne says.

"Staff are more than happy to work healthy, sustainable and able to be through the process with you, just call in and have a chat so that we can get you underway," Corinne said.

Stand up, be heard, take

responsibility and be YOUth -

to mark Youth Week 2011.

To support this theme, YROA

of mixing alcohol and driving.

Wairoa College students had

the chance to participate in a

lunchtime session on Tuesday

that included a Sober Driver

Game competition and vision

impairment scenarios, while

Year 12 students went into more

that's the message going out to

Wairoa's young people this week

YNOT and Roadsafe Hawke's Bay

to fill youth in about the impacts

if all the requested information is not provided or needs clarifying, the application is put on hold. Since 2005 WDC has maintained

percent 20 day processing record.

Applications for consent can be downloaded from the WDC website (www.wairoadc.govt.nz) or picked Street.

you, the home/building owner. They aren't just a necessary evil. They are also an assurance that compliant of a building. commercial buildings will be safe, used by everyone.

Building consents are a formal approval granted by council, under the Building Act, that allows a person legislation.

to carry out building work. The up positions in the Wairoa District an application for consent. However, Building Act covers the construction,

alteration, demolition or removal of new or existing buildings. It sets standards and procedures for people involved in building work to ensure buildings are safe, healthy and built right the first time.

only when it is satisfied the proposed

But please note that all building work, regardless of whether a building consent is required, must comply with the New Zealand Building Code and other relevant

The Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 is now out for public consultation.

If you are interested in what's planned for the district this year and want to have a say, then now is the time to make a submission.

The Draft Annual Plan can be viewed online (www.wairoadc. govt.nz) or view a copy at Council offices on Queen Street or at the Wairoa Public Library.

Submissions must made on the official form and be in by 12 noon on Friday, June 17.

Rural recovery rolls out

Council grants a Flood recovery work is ongoing at building consent the Wairoa District Council, with Enhanced Taskforce Green teams now out in the field helping to restore order to affected farms.

Three crews of six are working their way around the district, carrying out work directed by farmers at Mahia, the area between Waiatai Valley to Nuhaka and south of Wairoa ltownship.

Recovery Manager Des Jane said around 60 farmers responded to a survey to report damage. "About 25 farms are severely affected, so we are focusing on them at present. We'll have the crews out working for about 12 weeks, then reassess the situation," he said. The crews are made up of local workers, most of whom have experience in general farm work. Meanwhile, WDC engineering staff have been focused on overseeing the repair of the many roads that were affected by the flood. IBU Manager Michelle Meyer said that along with drop-outs and slip clearing, contractors were also working on replacing lost metal and repairing damage caused by water runoff across roads.

For the diary:

Council meetings: June 14 July 12 August 9 September 13 October 11 November 8 December 13 Forum: June 28 July 26 August 23 September 27 October 25 November 22 **Maori Standing Committee:** May 27* July 1 July 29* August 26 September 30* October 28 November 25* *Meeting will be held on a marae Meetings are held in the Council Chambers in the Queen Street offices and are open to the public, unless otherwise specified.

Sober driving takes spotlight for Youth Week depth with workshops to explore messages around the SOBA.D branding.

Getting the word out about sober driving continues today, with the whole community invited to attend an interactive experience at the are running the SOBA.D Campaign Wairoa Community Centre from 10am to 2pm.

A highlight is having a go with the fatal vision goggles that simulate how judgement and control is affected after drinking alcohol. The simple task of putting a key in a car ignition becomes almost impossible, person (15 fatal injuries between let alone hitting the road (which participates will NOT be trying while people each year (50 serious injuries

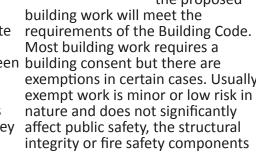
wearing the goggles).

Police and Kahungunu Executive are also getting behind the SOBA.D campaign this week.

Statistics for Wairoa over the past decade paint an alarming picture when it comes to drink driving. In the district, 44 percent of all recorded crashes are alcohol related with 34.5 percent of all crashes being attributed to 15-24 year old drivers. 77percent were male drivers. On average alcohol related crashes in the Wairoa District kill least one 2000 – 2011) and seriously injure five

between 2000-2011). Alcohol related injuries in the Wairoa District alone year's A & P Show have an average annual had the chance to social cost of \$7.7 million This encompasses loss of life, quality of life, medical costs, loss of output, legal costs and property damage. Crash data tells us that serious crashes involving young people are more likely to involve loss of control, high speeds, alcohol/drugs, distraction and usually occur at night. Age, inexperience and risk taking are among the primary underlying causes of these crashes.

Familiar faces ... Building Control Officer Danny McCaul and Building Control Administration Officer Brioney Court rejoin the team at Council.



up from the council offices on Queen building consent but there are exemptions in certain cases. Usually exempt work is minor or low risk in



try the fatal vision goggles that simulate the affect alcohol can have on judgement and co-ordination. Visitors to the Youth Week 2011 SOBA.D experience at the Wairoa Community Centre today will have a chance to try the aogales, as well as learn plenty more about the sober driving message.

Have a go ...

People at this

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