

Pool funding makes a splash



• Cramped in the ramp ... parents, children and swimming instructors will no longer have to jostle for space in the pool thanks to funding for a new pool.

As the little ones splash about and sing of 'crabs and seashells', parents are breathing a sigh of relief that their tots will have a brand new pool to help them in their journey to becoming confident swimmers. The Lottery Grants Board recently announced a \$400,000 contribution to

build a learn-to-swim pool at the Wairoa Community Centre - the result of a detailed application from the Wairoa District Council. This grant brings the total fund to \$1.5 million, including contributions of \$500,000 each from Hawkes Bay Regional Council and Wairoa District Council, and

\$100,000 from the Williams Trust. The funds will be used for the pool, general upgrade work on the Community Centre and a revamp of the skatepark at Alexandra Park. Now funding is secured, the next stage is to work with relevant parties to develop designs for the pool and skatepark.

Library layout receives makeover

Streamlined service, efficient processing and more room to maneuver were the key reasons behind a front desk facelift at the Wairoa Public Library.

Visitors will have noticed the brand new administration area, which Library Manager Sandra Hughes says is already receiving great feedback from members.

"Both our members and staff are finding the new layout much better. There is more room for processing books, more space for those waiting in line and a much tidier look to the area," she said.

The next step will be to review and reorganise other sections of the library, in keeping with the overall aim of providing a modern, efficient service for members.

Anyone interested in joining the library can do so for free. Visit www.wairoalibrary.co.nz for more information about what the library offers, or call in and chat to a staff member. The library also has a facebook page to keep everyone up to date with events and more.



• Library staff enjoy the benefits of a new reception area

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 10 September 2013
- 22 October 2013
(inaugural meeting)
- 12 November 2013
- 10 December 2013
- 11 February 2014
- 11 March 2014

COUNCIL FORUM

- 26 November 2013
- 25 February 2014
- 25 March 2014

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

- 27 September 2013
 - 24 October 2013*
 - 29 November 2013
- *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.



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Selection time Maori Standing Committee

Hui are happening around the district in the build up to the triennial candidate selection for the Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee.

By following the same process laid down in the last selection process three years ago, hui are held amongst marae within eight areas, or takiwā, of the district.

The hui-a-takiwā will result in tangata whenua selecting their own candidate for representation on the committee, which is the only standing committee of Council.

Māori Liaison Officer Duane Culshaw said all 35 marae of the district had been informed of the process in writing, and should also have been contacted by their current representative.

“The responsibility of choosing representation lies with each takiwā, as mandated in council’s Māori Policy. It is an opportunity to review the current representation and ensure interests and needs are being met,” he said.

Each of the eight takiwā candidates will be confirmed at a hui-a-iwi involving all marae at 10am on Saturday, October 19 at Takitimu Marae. A ninth member from the ‘open floor’ would be selected at this meeting to complete the committee.

For more information, contact Māori Liaison Officer Duane Culshaw on 027326847, 838 7309 or duane@wairoadc.govt.nz.

TAKIWĀ MEETING DATES

Mahia Mai Tawhiti (Tuahuru, Kaiuku, Te Rakato, Mahanga, Ruawharo) - *Meeting was held on August 25*

Waikaremoana (Putere/Pareroa, Te Kuha, Waimako) - 10am on Saturday, September 7 @ Waimako Marae

Te Reinga (Erepeti, Te Reinga) - 10.30am on Sunday, September 8 @Te Reinga Marae

Pāhauwera (Waihua, Waipapa-a-Iwi, Te Huki, Mohaka A9 Kahungunu) - 10am on Sunday, September 15 @Waipapa-a-Iwi Marae (Agenda item with NPDTT AGM)

Wairoa Hōnengenenge (Tawhiti-a-Maru, Takitimu, Ruataniwha, Hinemihi, Hurumua) - 10am on Saturday, September 21 @Takitimu Marae

Rakaipaaka (Manutai, Kahungunu, Kotahitanga, Tamakahu, Te Rehu, Tanenuiarangi) - 5.30pm on Friday, September 27 @Kahungunu Marae (Agenda item with TIORI AGM)

Wairoa Hōpūpū (Rangiahua, Whetūmarama, Pūtahi, Arimawha, Pakowhai) - *TBC, Tara Quenneville 838 8816*

Wairoa Matangirau (Whakaki, Iwitea, Kihitu, Taihoa, Whaakirangi) - *Meeting was held on August 18*



← YOUR SPOT

Sent in by **Frasertown School**, this picture shows the newly-painted mural designed to represent the rich culture of the school community. Creating the mural was a community-wide project involving various organisations, with painting carried out by local artist Craig Gemmell.

If you have a photo or artwork that reflects the Wairoa community, we'd love to print it. Email tamsyn@wairoadc.govt.nz or post to PO Box 54, Wairoa 4160



TE REO Whakataukī/ Proverb

Pihi kau ake te whakaaro pai, hauhake tonu iho

When a good thought springs up, it is harvested

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

Funding boost launches new project

An ocean of discovery lies in wait for future members of the marine research team being put together by YROA YNOT Youth Voice. A \$40,000 kick of Ministry of Youth Development funding was confirmed this month, some of which will be used for the marine project. This will provide an opportunity to be a part of a team collecting valuable research information, learning a keté full of skills along the way. Youth Co-ordinator Ali Maru said anyone with an interest in the sea could get in touch with her to be a part of the project, although water confidence was a must.

“We have instructors ready and waiting to teach snorkeling skills and to manage the research side of the project,” she said. Counting and observing sea life on the reefs surrounding Mahia Peninsula is one of the tasks that will be undertaken by the group, who will also be taught traditional practices of use and sustainability of kaimoana.

“In New Zealand we’re never far from the sea and all it offers. This is a chance for youth to lead an initiative to understand and protect this important resource.” New YROA YNOT Youth Co-ordinator and keen diver Sylvia McRoberts is looking forward to getting involved in the project as summer

approaches, instructing participants in the basics of snorkeling. “This really is a good opportunity to pick up some good skills. It requires commitment, for sure, but the benefits of learning and giving something back to the community will be worth it,” she said. The MYD funding doesn’t stop with the marine research project. YROA YNOT are also looking at agricultural/ horticultural development programmes, making use of land leased from a family trust at Mahia.

“This a chance for youth to lead an initiative”

ALLISON MARU

This project will involve skill development in fencing and basic farming practices, along with waterway and coastline protection, and utilisation of natural resources. “We have been fortunate enough to be offered a large area for use to develop this project. With the recent funding announcement, we can now proceed with laying down some firm plans and gauging how much interest there is in taking up this opportunity,” Ali said. A leadership wananga



• New YROA YNOT Youth Coordinator Sylvia McRoberts

series is also planned, with the aim of developing skills in young people that will enable them to take up supporting roles in the community.

Winter days have been no barrier to YROA YNOT activities. A group recently travelled to Mount Ruapehu for a ski trip, and work is continuing on the mentoring programme operating at Wairoa College.

Ali said it was a good time to remind families that mentoring is available to anyone who would like some one-on-one time with an approved adult.

“This programme is for anyone who would benefit from having a good role model in their life.”

A good way to keep in touch with YROA YNOT is the website, www.yroaynot.co.nz, call in to the office on the corner of Queen and Achilles Streets, or email allison@wairoadc.govt.nz or sylvia@wairoadc.govt.nz.

ELECTIONS

Candidates for 2013 Wairoa District Council elections:

Mayoral Candidates

- Derek Fox
- Craig Little
- Les Probert
- Te Hira Whati

Councillor Candidates

- Mike Bird
- Benita Cairns
- Denys Caves
- Denise Eaglesome-Karekare
- Dave Evans
- Hine Flood
- Jim Heron
- Chris Joblin
- Min Johansen
- Margaret Kaimoana
- Craig Little
- Gordon McIntyre
- Kelly Thurston
- Dean Whaanga

Voting documents will be sent out on September 20. Postal ballot papers must be returned by Saturday, October 12 at 12 noon. Results will be declared on October 17.



WAIROA QUICK REPORT

Opoutama update

Rustic in looks and idyllic in nature, it's hard to believe that Opoutama now plays host to a state-of-the-art of wastewater system. That's because most of the system is now buried in the road verge, under roads and even below culverts - poised to spark into life once private property connections are established.

The past few months have seen a flurry of activity as QRS staff work to install the infrastructure, the majority of which is comprised of gravity-fed pipes leading to the recommissioned wastewater treatment plant within the Blue Bay subdivision site.

Partially subsidised by the Ministry of Health, the project's next step is to work through the process to establish around 45

individual private property connections.

Each property owner will be presented with a suggested connection design and an estimated cost to complete the work. Property owners will be asked to confirm the design and to provide approval for Council to apply for building consent on their behalf. When building consent is obtained, property owners will be asked to sign an Agreement to Connect. Once that is provided, Council will arrange for a contractor to construct the private property connection.

Opoutama property owners should look out for an information pack in the mail explaining the process. Any enquiries should be directed to Site Engineer Jason Schirnack on 838 7309 or 0275077986.

Campbell Street water main

A brand new water main is being installed in Campbell Street and will be topped off with a new footpath. Work on this project is almost complete.

Road dust update

An informal process seeking input from the community about areas of dust nuisance has resulted in around 20 submissions from around the district. Engineering staff will use this information, in conjunction with existing material, to prioritise a work schedule for dealing with dust nuisance.

Licensed premises training

Manager's Certificates were gained by nine people at a recent course conducted by Industry Training Solutions on behalf of Wairoa District Council. This qualification is a must for anyone wanting to be a duty manager in a licensed premises, including Clubs. For information on this certificate, or food safety courses, contact Victor Minter at Council on 838 7309 or victor@wairoadc.govt.nz.

Pressing the Right Buttons

Working out what makes people tick contributes twice as much towards superior workplace performance as technical and analytical skills combined and can enhance any kind of relationship - be it family or work-related. This is the bold message behind 'Pressing the Right Buttons' - a free presentation from award-winning speaker Allison Mooney, scheduled to take place at the Gaiety Theatre at 5.30pm on Thursday, September 5. Nibbles will be provided and a cash bar is available at the evening function. Register interest by contacting Alex Powdrell or Roz Thomas at the Wairoa District Council on 06 838 7309, email alex@visionprojects.co.nz or roslyn@wairoadc.govt.nz, or text 021 856 800.

Dog registration

Don't forget to pay your dog registration fee. More information on what is required can be found at www.wairoadc.govt.nz under 'Services', or give Council a call on 838 7309.

Staff profile ↓

Tania Mildon,
Telephonist/Receptionist
Time on the job:

24 years

What she does: Provides a friendly first point of contact, receives and passes on messages to appropriate officers. Also maintains the Client Service Request system for customers who need assistance for anything from roaming dogs to leaking tobys, and everything else in between.

Favourite Wairoa activities: Taking time out with the moko, and enjoying the walkway and Community Centre.

