

## Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Industry Training Graduation

What is the Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ)? The Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ) is a nationwide network of New Zealand's Mayors, working



together towards the vision of people being engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other positive activity in their communities.

MTFJ started in 2000 with just seven Mayors, and now has a membership of all the country's sixty-seven Mayors. So what are we doing in Wairoa? In the last edition of the Wairoa In Focus, you would have seen that we profiled two of our young people in the TUIA Rangatahi Leadership Programme which is one programme within MTFJ. Wairoa also supports the Industry Training Graduations.

These graduations are all about recognising achievements and creating opportunities to celebrate the success of industry trainees and modern apprentices.

MTFJ runs Industry Training Graduations to recognise the achievements of recent graduates and provide an opportunity for the trainees and apprentices to celebrate with their families, friends and employers.

Graduation ceremonies are attended by graduates who have recently completed a

National Certificate qualification with an Industry Training Organisation (ITO), the Mayor and the ITOs themselves.

The graduations are a time for celebration as well as thanks to local employers for their ongoing commitment to training.

Earlier this month, Mayor Craig Little hosted the ITO graduates and took the opportunity to thank local employers QRS, Glengarry, Affco and local farmers for their ongoing support and he also acknowledged the ITOs in attendance, Connexis, SKILLS, Primary and CareerForce. Congratulations to all the recent graduates and their families.

### Wairoa's newest Kiwis

Mayor Craig Little officiated in welcoming our newest kiwis in the recent Citizenship Ceremony for members of our Wairoa



Our most recent citizens have said that they have enjoyed living in Wairoa and being members of our community. They thought the ceremony itself was wonderful, it was personal, intimate and very warm and friendly, so typical of Wairoa.

Wairoa's newest kiwi citizens are the Sheik family, Sundar and Anu (our local dentist) and Mr Aun Im.

Wairoa District Council would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Happy New Year



Council offices will be closed from 12pm Friday 19 December until Monday 5 January. Our after hours service will be in operation during the shutdown period. Just call (06) 838 7309



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## From the Mayor.....



We are coming to the end of the year and I just wanted to take this opportunity to encourage you all to enjoy the summer months and to be safe

during the holiday season. It has been very busy at Council with the end of year rush and getting ready for the festive season.

By now you will all know about the by-election and that nominations are now open for candidates who wish to be nominated to fill the vacancy that currently exists on Council. People have been asking me, what qualifications and skills do I need to be on Council. I think at the very least, you must have a deep commitment to our community, be ready to serve our people and be ready to work for what is in the best interest of Wairoa. Nominations close on the 22nd of December, just before Christmas, with voting papers coming out at the end of January.

I've also been getting a lot of questions about the Local Government Commission's position paper on Hawke's Bay reorganisation. The Commission has revised its proposal and has requested additional financial information from Councils. Once it receives this information, it will release its position on ring-fencing debt, which became an issue over the last couple of months; this will hopefully be released in February 2015.

The Commission has also introduced an additional step to

the process. A survey will be done in the first quarter of 2015 to test the support for the Commission's revised position, and it is absolutely critical that the people of Wairoa participate in this process. Once this step is complete, the Commission will decide whether to issue a final proposal or to leave things as they are. The process has become drawn out and continues to be frustrating, the position paper paints a very bleak future for Wairoa which I completely reject and I again ask the people of Wairoa to get involved, have conversations about the impact of amalgamation, let's make sure that the Local Government Commission hears loud and clear the views of the people of Wairoa.

I'm so pleased to see that Kiwirail has offered a lease of the Napier to Gisborne rail corridor to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. I was pleased to have hosted the Mayors of our region to bring to bear the full force of a unified voice in calling for this lease. I know that re-opening the rail corridor will bring benefit to our community. Not only for the potential uses of the corridor, but imagine what that might mean in terms of releasing the pressure on our roads by heavy trucks. Not only does that mean driving from Napier to Wairoa and through to Gisborne will be that little bit less stressful, but keeping our roads from the everyday wear and tear from heavy vehicles, the savings to Wairoa for road maintenance would be an added bonus. All of this when taken together can only mean good news for Wairoa.

We continue to work hard in the best interest of Wairoa. Enjoy the summer months, be safe over the holiday season, and take care of each other.

## From the CEO.....



Can I take this opportunity to firstly thank all the staff at the Wairoa

District Council for their dedication and hard work over the last few months. It has been busy for us at Council and our staff have been working hard to ensure that our community receives quality service.

I'd also like to welcome our summer interns who will be spending the next few months with us. As well as adding capacity to Council I have no doubt they will be out and about experiencing the beauty that is our district. We have six interns who have just started with us; they are Wairoa local, Briar Thomas (University of Canterbury: Engineering), Nephi Pukepuke (University of Waikato: Law), Johannes Klöhn (Ludwigsburg University, Germany: Public Administration), Lucas Barbosa de Oliveira, Lucas de Castro Oliveira and Ian Alves (from Brazil on exchange to University of Waikato: Computer Science). Feedback from our interns about their experiences of Wairoa have been really positive. Our German intern has spoken fondly of hunting deer, docking 300 lambs and being out on the river. Thank you to everyone for showing our interns the hospitality of Wairoa.

## By-election update

Nominations are still open for the vacancy that exists on Council and will close on 22 December. Due to council offices being closed from 20 December, nomination forms can be dropped off at the Wairoa Public Library during Council's close down period. Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 GST inclusive (payable by cash or cheque).

### *Electoral Roll*

The electoral roll to be used for this by-election closes on Monday 22 December 2014 and can be inspected during normal business hours from Monday 24 November 2014 at the Council offices.

### *Other key dates:*

- 8 January - Public notice of Day of By-Election
- 27 January - Delivery of voting documents
- 17 February - By-Election Day
- 24 February - Declaration/public notice of results

## Fire Bans



The Wairoa District Council wants you to be safe over the summer period, and with the typical balmy summers we usually get, it's that time of year to be aware of the status of fire bans. When a restricted fire season is in place,

permits are required to light an open air fire. Examples include incinerating rubbish, hangi or barbeque fires, or vegetation burn-offs. Permits are free, with three days' notice required and can be obtained from the Council offices. When a Total Fire Ban is in place, under no circumstances can an open air fire be lit. Signs will be updated when the fire ban status changes. Also check local media.

## Freedom Camping

Wairoa welcomes freedom campers to our district. We hope campers park up, take a break and enjoy Wairoa. There are designated freedom camping sites within the Wairoa township and Mahia Peninsula. Freedom campers are reminded to make sure they are aware of the location of these sites and the conditions of their

use.



Camping on Council-owned land outside of these freedom camping locations is not permitted and you will be directed to the nearest registered camping ground or freedom camping site. Information about freedom camping is available for download from the Wairoa District Council website.

## Liquor Bans



Are you aware of the areas around our district where alcohol bans are in place? The Wairoa District Council wants you to celebrate with friends and family over the holiday season, but be aware that full liquor bans will be in place. To encourage a safe and welcoming

environment in our public places there are alcohol bans in certain areas of Wairoa and the entire Mahia Peninsula.

These include:

WAIROA (24 hours per day 365 days of the year) bounded by:

- Marine Parade from Murrae Street to King Street.
- Queen Street from Murrae Street to King Street.
- Riverbank from Murrae Street to King Street.
- And all associated alleys and car parks.

MAHIA (24 hours a day from December 20th to January 20th every year):

The whole of the Mahia Peninsula and surrounding area

## Dog leashing and registration

Wairoa District Council reminds you to keep dogs on a lead at all times in public places. The council also ask that all dogs are registered by 3 months of age, and new puppies must be micro chipped within 2 months of registration. Get the forms from the Wairoa District Council offices on Queen street.



## Meet our interns.....

### Briar Thomas

"I'm proud to say that I am originally from Wairoa and I'm currently studying engineering at the University of Canterbury. Next year I hope to continue in the area of civil engineering and more specifically later in my degree, Geotechnical Engineering. This is my third week as an intern at the Wairoa District Council. I am enjoying the involvement in both the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Mapping and Engineering departments. The GIS Mapping service offered by the Wairoa District Council is a form of data interpretation which demonstrates trends, patterns and relationships. Using and understanding GIS Mapping is a skill that I know will be beneficial both during my degree and after. Being able to participate in an internship such as this

one is a unique experience and one I am lucky to have in my hometown."



### Johannes (Joe) Klohn



Guten Tag and Kia Ora, my name is Johannes, but everyone just calls me Joe. I'm from Germany, more precisely from a small town near Stuttgart in the South West of Germany and I started as a summer intern in mid-November. The internship is part of my bachelor

degree in public management at the University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg. I am really excited to get the opportunity to be part of the future of Wairoa and I'm looking forward to gaining interesting insights into the processes of foreign administration at a local government organisation "on the other side of the world" and to improve my skills during my three months at the Wairoa District Council.

Besides working at the Council, I'm also keen to interact with the famous kiwi lifestyle and the possibility of spending the time during the European winter in the beautiful summery landscape of New Zealand and especially in the Hawke's Bay. I think these additional opportunities will also make my internship an outstanding experience for me. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

### Nephi Pukepuke

I'm originally from 'Up North' and grew up in the country, so Wairoa is the perfect size town for a guy like me.

I am in my third year studying law at the University of Waikato. It's cool to get such a unique opportunity to do my internship in a place like Wairoa. My purpose this summer is to gain valuable experience analysing and applying the law in fair and equitable ways. Specifically this will be in regards to the Whenua Rahui policy, and promoting the development of land related to the policy, as well as some other projects or ideas I may be asked to look in on.

My other purpose is just to have some fun, have new experiences, meet cool people. I love the outdoors, I love the sea, and I'm an avid surfer and diver. I love sports and I am willing to give anything a crack. I love learning

new things. I love exploring new places. I love board games, books or video games and good music if it's raining. And I love summer.

