



We need your support Wairoa

Our community should be well aware of the SALUTE Wairoa project. This project is about discovering and sharing your family's stories with the Wairoa community. SALUTE Wairoa is retrieving personal stories from the perspective of Wairoa's World War One veterans.

It's about those who gave their lives, those who returned, and those who worked on the home front. Re-discovering real stories about real people with a connection to the Wairoa district. At this stage there are over 500 World War One veterans and their stories that we've found, including 160 Maori Pioneers. These stories have never been collected, so SALUTE Wairoa is searching for taonga, letters, memorabilia, medals and memories from families of WW1 veterans, so our youth can appreciate the sacrifice made by our veterans and their families.

These taonga will be stored via a 'Touch Table'. Just like a giant iPad, this interactive multi-media platform will allow the stories of our families to be rediscovered and re-told. The interactive Touch Table is light, very durable and portable, so easily available to all our

schools, our marae, library and museum events. It can be used for a variety of purposes and its particular strength is that we can use it to better engage with our younger generations.

The project is headed by the Wairoa RSA with the Wairoa Museum as kaitiaki (guardian, steward) of the Touch Table and WW1 software.

The project needs to raise almost \$200,000 by January 2015, and fundraising efforts to date have been good. "Thank you to everyone who have given so generously, we only need another \$26,000. This project will become a district wide memorial and it allows us to purchase the technology for the benefit of the entire district, said members of the project team."

We need your support Wairoa; we need to be able to rediscover and re-tell the stories of our WW1 heroes and their families. Contact Dennis Munroe, Project Manager on 838-8914 if you would like to donate or visit our website www.salutewairoa.co.nz. There is also a crown funding page for donations www.givealittle.co.nz/org/salutewairoa.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

11 November
9 December

COUNCIL FORUM

25 November
December - No meeting

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

28 November
December - No meeting

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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Opening Hearts and Minds

Did you know that we have had a number of our young people participating in the TUIA leadership programme over the last couple of years?

The TUIA leadership programme was started by the Mayor's Taskforce and Te Puni Kokiri in 2010. Since its inception the programme has undergone a series of changes and has become a programme that brings passionate young Maori together in a way that promotes growth and development within themselves and the work that they do.



The name TUIA comes from 'tuia te here tangata', which means 'threading together the strands of humanity'.

TUIA celebrates a Maori world-view and embraces intergenerational and civic participation, leadership and partnership. It provides a forum for young Maori to meet and to workshop and through this create high trust, enduring relationships that will lead them to make long term transformative decisions. TUIA is life changing - for participants, and for the communities to which they belong.

Kawakawa Stirling, currently in her first year of the programme says that

TUIA has not only opened her eyes, but it has also opened her heart and her mind.

Participants travel around the country to a number wananga, to workshop, to discuss and to learn not only about themselves but also about different aspects of community development and civic leadership.

At the first wananga in Te Araroa, we got "to share our stories, a chance for everyone to have their time to talk about their life. I shared what made me and got me to where I am today. After sharing who I was, I felt safe, aroha, and trust. One by one, we shared our stories with each other, and one by one, we connected together. I was able to see everyone weaving together bonds that can last a lifetime. Having these high-trust relationships and maintaining them are going to help me in my path to become a young Maori leader."

"Knowing that these relationships are going to be there for me as I continue to learn and grow as a young leader for my community inspires me to do the best and be the best for my town, my community, my iwi, my home."

Being a part of a kaupapa like this, in my eyes, shapes you physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally to want to do better, be better and feel better for our community. I now want to be a part of the best kind of change for Wairoa, I want to be able to serve my community full of pride, passion and love," says Kawakawa.

Ngari Keefe, a Youth Coordinator at the Wairoa District Council, is on the second year of the TUIA leadership programme, which has a focus on community engagement

where participants travel around the country to learn about, understand and volunteer at significant national Maori events i.e. Koroneihana in the Waikato, the Ratana celebrations at Ratana Pa near Whanganui, Waitangi celebrations in the Bay of Islands, and the Matatini festival.

"I was excited to be selected as Wairoa's delegate for TUIA 2013. I went into this kaupapa not knowing what it was and who was going to be there. Thinking back over my first year and all the wananga I attended I rapidly experienced so much in life that I am now thankful for. I am so thankful for those that have guided me on this journey of self-discovery."

The importance of tuakana/teina is also evident in the programme with Ngari being very active in supporting and guiding Kawakawa in her journey as a first year participant. "I know that Kawakawa will have the same experience as I did and I'm here to also support her as she undertakes this journey." "The kaupapa is really mind blowing and really empowering for rangatahi my age. I had such wonderful encounters with such wonderful and inspiring people. I now see the traditional transformation within my own life as a rangatahi of our



community and I wish that other rangatahi can experience what I've gone through".

Participants are also expected to be

supported by the Mayor of the community for which they belong in their first year, as the programme had its genesis through the Mayor's Taskforce. Wairoa Mayor, Craig Little, is keen to see the development of our young leaders of tomorrow and is eager to support Kawakawa on her journey.

"We have to walk alongside our young people, our leaders of tomorrow, listening to their story, supporting them to realise their full potential and creating opportunities for them to actively participate in our community.

We have a number of programmes like this across our community, supporting and encouraging our young people to be the best that they can be, and we're all doing our bit to uplift our young people. I went to an event recently to wish five of our young people well as they left to participate on the Limited Services Volunteers programme at the Trentham Military Camp. I know of lots of these programmes across our community and am heartened by the outcomes. Both Ngari and Kawakawa are extraordinary young people, I'm looking forward to working with Kawakawa and seeing her develop, realising her full potential and am excited about what that might mean for her whanau, her community and for Wairoa.

Update on Building Control

There have been disruptions to our Building Control service and we would like to thank our community for their patience and understanding while staff at the District Council implement solutions that work for us and to maintain a continuity of service.

The District Council is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Building Control Officer, Sam Hayward who started work on November 3.

The Gisborne District Council's Building Control Team will still provide processing and inspection assistance from the Wairoa township north to the boundary. Please ring the Gisborne Building Control team on 06 863 1605 to book inspections. Our administrative staff have been doing a fantastic job scanning, sending and organising consents to be sent to Gisborne for processing and inspection.

The southern portion of our district will be serviced by a part time on-site inspector through to Christmas, and there will also be on-site administrative support a couple of days a week.

Despite the disruptions we have had over the last few weeks, we have still been getting great feedback from

our community for the quality of service and support that they have been receiving in the interim. We apologise for the disruptions to the Building Control service and, we would like to extend our gratitude to our community for their patience and understanding.

Willkommen in Wairoa / Nau Mai ,Haere Mai ki Wairoa / Welcome to Wairoa

Wairoa's first international intern arrives in November and we know that our community will welcome our new intern with open arms. Wairoa locals are known for their hospitality and generosity and we have no doubt you will all take the opportunity to show off our great town and show our visitors what it means to be from Wairoa.

Johannes Klöhn, from Germany will be joining the Wairoa District Council internship programme to support and assist with the Governance function of Council and is interested in comparing civic practices here and abroad. Johannes is also a volunteer fireman and these skills will also be useful to our district.

Johannes will be the first of a group of international interns joining us over the coming months to support the work of Council and to also experience life in Wairoa. The added skills capacity for our district will not only allow us to enhance services to our community but being able to offer the Wairoa experience to international guests is an added bonus.

Becoming a mecca for bright young minds is the overall aim of the internship programme. Our first priority will be to mentor and support the potential of Wairoa's own University students through a cohesive internship programme. We will have interns from Wairoa too, but we also need to draw on the skills and capabilities of bright young minds not only locally, but nationally and internationally as well. It's about casting our net as wide as possible, to attract the potential skills needed by our community.

Johannes will be paid an allowance by the German government to undertake his internship in New Zealand. Plans are to accommodate interns at the Francis Kimball building at the Wairoa Hospital with resources to support workspace at Council.

The international interns are just one piece in the puzzle, and there are added benefits too. We know that our people are generous and hospitable. Some of our local residents may even want to open their homes up

to our international interns, to billet some of our guests while they are here. Interns have a placement of two to three months.

Showing our international guests the authentic Wairoa experience will create walking ambassadors for our community. They will be able to tell others of their experiences of Wairoa and the relationships they have created. These stories are enduring and place a spotlight on Wairoa as a positive destination to live, work and play.

Please contact Roger Matthews at the Wairoa District Council for more information if you are keen to support the internship programme.

Communicating to our community

After living in Auckland for 20 years, Kitea 'Lucky' Tipuna has returned home to take up the Communications Strategist position at the Wairoa District Council.

The son of Mary and the late Nukumai Tipuna, Kitea left Wairoa to study a degree in communications at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT). After completing his degree and a small stint as a Maori language teacher, Kitea then began a successful career at AUT that would last almost 15 years.



He held a variety of roles across the University, including Maori liaison officer, equity policy advisor, and manager of university performance, strategy and planning. While working full-time, Kitea also completed a master's degree in communications.

Kitea says, "I have firm roots in the Wairoa community, my mum is from North Clyde (Ngati Moewhare) and my dad is from Frasertown (Ngati Makoro). I come

from a really large whanau and now that I'm home, I'm able to contribute more directly to the development of my whanau and my community."

"I have a deep affection for our community and I want those generations after me, my nieces and nephews, and

my mokopuna to have a deep love for our community too. I want them to be able to inherit a community that they draw a deep sense of pride from," Kitea says.

Wairoa District Council Chief Executive Fergus Power said "difficulties in attracting quality applicants for roles with the Wairoa District Council are now a thing of the past. The vision being painted of the future for Wairoa district is proving highly attractive for many ex-Wairoans who have moved out across the country, and the world".

"Revitalisation of the Wairoa district is 'full steam ahead' - and we welcome Kitea as our new Communications Strategist", said Mr Power.

Kitea's responsibilities include internal and external communications, working with the media, monitoring and updating our social media presence, managing content for the Wairoa District Council's website and developing overall communications strategies for the Wairoa District Council.

"I've only been here a couple of weeks and it's been really busy, my colleagues at the Wairoa District Council have been really kind and welcoming. Even walking down the main street and people stopping to say hello and just chatting, things like this just don't happen in Auckland and it's really cool to be home.

Kitea was handed back to his whanau at a ceremony on his first day at the Council by a delegation from AUT. This was AUT's way of thanking Kitea's whanau



and the people of Wairoa for their generosity in allowing Kitea to be with them for over 18 years. Kitea replaces Tamsyn Morunga, who gave over six years of dedicated and able service to our community and we acknowledge her contribution as well.