

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

1 June 2017

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What an exciting time it was last week, when Rocket Lab completed a successful rocket test launch. I firstly want to congratulate Rocket Lab CEO Peter Beck and his team for their success at Māhia last Thursday afternoon.

I hope the test launch will enable them and other services involved to fine-tune their operations where needed before the commercial launch phase.

This is an exciting time for the Wairoa District because we are seeing some great tourism opportunities through Rocket Lab's activities.

I want to thank the Government for supporting Wairoa District Council, by providing funding to help with infrastructure for a viewing area during the test phase.

We had a great turnout of locals and visitors who were eager to see the test launch from the space launch viewing area in Nūhaka.



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We haven't seen this much action in quite some time.

Through its operations at Māhia, Rocket Lab is empowering our community and potential for economic growth.

I secondly wanted to extend a warm welcome to our newest Kiwis – Andrew and Julie Morton, plus Nartlada Boontubtarb, on behalf of Council and the Wairoa community.

We had an excellent turnout at our latest Citizenship Ceremony at Council.

I encourage those who are looking to fill their time this weekend, or if you have whānau travelling from afar, to join in for the 12th annual Wairoa Māori Film Festival, which will be held at Kahungunu Marae in Nūhaka and the Gaiety Theatre in Wairoa. The event is from Friday June 2 to Monday June 5.

There are a number of screenings taking place both at Kahungunu Marae and the Gaiety Theatre, so please, check them out if you have time.

Our microchipping amnesties are coming up, with the first lot scheduled for next Saturday, June 10. If you haven't had your dog microchipped, please take advantage of these free amnesties. Otherwise, you face fines of up to \$500.

Lastly, I would like to remind the public that as we head into winter we expect conditions to be a lot colder and muddier.

After some overnight rain earlier this month, some locals headed out onto Council's reserves along Kōpu Road and created a mess with their cars on the grassy area. Please keep off these areas in such conditions because they create numerous problems.



Andrew Morton accepts his NZ citizenship certificate from Mayor Craig Little.

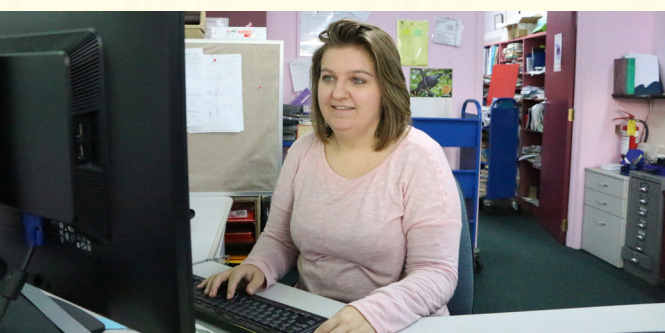


Mayor Craig Little welcomes Wairoa's newest Kiwis Nartlada Boontubtarb (left), and Andrew and Julie Morton (middle, right).



Julie Morton (centre) is joined at Council's citizenship ceremony by her friends.

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL INTERN PROFILE



Wairoa will always be home for local woman, and EIT student, Veronica Bramley.

So, when it was time for the third-year Bachelor of Business student to choose an organisation for her 17-week, industry-based learning programme, looking for an opportunity at home was a no-brainer. Veronica applied for her internship at the Wairoa Library, which

was offering a placement through Council.

She spent the past 17 weeks doing all sorts of marketing work, from creating mobile apps to sourcing images. But her main project was creating interactive apps on the touch-table at the library, which has proven to be a hit with local children.

Veronica's placement became more exciting when she created and edited a video about the touch-table.

"It has been awesome. You get to be creative in the work that you do, and the staff have been amazing," Veronica said.

Veronica was born and raised in Wairoa, and attended Wairoa College. She is doing a double-major in management and marketing.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 20 June: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Pūtere Marae
Thursday, 8 June: 12.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 27 June: 1.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 4 July: 1.30pm



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Wairoa residents are urged to note that any work on your property, if it affects the access to a roadway reserve in any way, can not begin until a Works Access Permit is issued by Council.

All conditions issued by Council must be complied with. For more information, visit the Wairoa District Council website or call Council's office for a friendly discussion.

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