

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

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Mayor Craig Little

I would firstly like to thank each and every one of you who submitted your feedback around our 10-year plan. We wanted to hear from you about what made Wairoa a great place to live, work and play, and what we could do to make things better. We reached out to many of you during our face-to-face engagement phase of our 10-year plan consultation, which involved Council staff getting out and around the district to gather feedback. Many of you highlighted the need for competition in the retail supermarket sector, CBD and township enhancements,

Fly-dumping is now an issue Council encourages the community to actively respond to. It is beyond a joke sometimes. We are frustrated with all the fly-dumping happening at Whakamahia Beach and other areas around the district. It is now time for the community to report any illegal dumping they see happening.



I'm asking our community to be Council's eyes and ears and report any suspicious behaviour through to us or the police. It costs council in excess of \$20,000 a year to clean up illegally dumped rubbish.

Just recently, some careless and disrespectful fly dumping offenders left a fresh pile of rubbish at Pilot Hill. "Some of the illegally dumped rubbish is also recyclable material like plastic and glass bottles. We operate a free recycling drop-off, so there should be no need to see this stuff around the district."

Council would like to thank the two members of the public who called regarding this mess; it has enabled us to take action. Remember, this sort of behaviour carries a fine of up to \$1500.

If you do see people fly tipping, please make a note of the vehicle type, colour and registration and a description of the person fly tipping. Report the incident to us even if you were not able to take these details.

Using your smart phones to take photos of this type of behaviour will help us when we seek to prosecute people breaking the law by fly tipping.

This is a very expensive method of dumping rubbish and we actually operate one of the cheapest landfills in the country, with it costing \$3.70 to deposit 20 kg of rubbish.

FOR YOUR DIARY

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 7 November: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 9 November: 12.30pm

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 14 November: 1.30pm



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better infrastructure services like roads and sewerage systems and a concentrated effort on cleaning up our rivers. All these things will be taken into consideration and a final report will be delivered in the new year.

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout at the Mayor's morning tea for Wairoa's Senior Citizens and Kaumatua last week at the War Memorial Hall. Everyone was in high spirits.



Finally, I would like to encourage you all to take part in this year's Christmas Festival Parade celebrations on December 2. This year's theme is Sci-Fi to the Sky. Tamariki Road Activities and the Chrissy market starts at 9am, Float parade at 1pm and the whanau concert at 2pm. **To register a stall for the market contact Merianne on 022 388 4227 or email: upstreamwairoa@gmail.com. Float registration forms can also be collected from the Centennial Library.**

WAIROA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2017 SCI-FI TO THE SKY

SATURDAY 2ND OF DECEMBER

