

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

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MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

Wairoa... it's time to celebrate OUR place! We want to hear from the community about what you think will make Wairoa an even greater place to live, work and play.

This is all part of our Long-Term Plan pre-engagement process, which will take place over the next month or two.

We are keen to hear what you want and what you think

to help us put together our next 10-year planning document (our LTP).

As part of this process, we are also holding several public meetings for you to take part in. This is your chance to let us know why Wairoa is a great place, kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face), and what you want our district to look like for your whānau.

We will be advertising the dates and times for these meetings on our website, Facebook page and the Wairoa Star in the next week or two. We plan to take Council's community caravan to these locations; I encourage you to come and speak with us.



I would like to remind those of you who are on lower incomes that you could be entitled to a rates rebate at the end of the financial year.

The rates rebate scheme provides a subsidy to low-

income home owners (ratepayers) on the cost of their rates. The maximum rates rebate for 2017-2018 financial year is \$620. You can call staff on 06 838 7309 to see if you are eligible.



Some of the Wairoa district's best features and attractions will again be on full display in an upcoming edition of Showcase Magazine - Hawke's Bay.



Showcase Magazines are quality A4 glossy full-colour magazines that are published annually and distributed to accommodation providers. Some of those images are above. The content focuses on the vibrant business and service sectors, restaurants, cafes, retail and adventure tourism in categorised areas and locations, creating customer expenditure and retention. What's great about this is that you can view the magazine online at www.showcasemagazines.co.nz. The next edition is likely to drop in the next few weeks.

RATES REBATE

CHECK WITH COUNCIL TO SEE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

Te Wiki o te reo Māori Māori Language Week

I would now like to extend a new challenge to the people of Te Wairoa: koreroia to tātou reo rangatira. Māori Language Week starts on Monday. The theme, Kia ora te reo Māori, was chosen to celebrate NZ's indigenous greeting. Also, the words "Kia Ora" are an exact description of the new partnerships for te reo Māori revitalisation between the Crown and Māori, under the new Māori Language Act 2016.

As many of you may know, Council has adopted its Te Reo Māori Policy and is sticking to the principles of this living and working document. For example, Council runs bi-weekly te reo Māori classes for those Council staff members who wish to learn our indigenous language.

For more information visit <http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/events-and-promotions/maori-language-week/>

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 12 September: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14 September: 12.30pm



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MICROCHIPPING AMNESTY

THANK YOU, WAIROA!

Council would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who took advantage of Council's free microchipping amnesty, which finished on the 31st of August. We had a great turnout.

Council would like to remind those owners who did not get the opportunity to chip their dogs that you will now have to pay \$35 to do so. You are still required to have your dog chipped. Any owner who fails to microchip their dog could face fines of up to \$500. Under the Dog Control Act 1996, they can also be impounded if they aren't microchipped.

MORE INFO

Contact Council
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