## WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

19 October 2017

## MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

Many of you will be making the most of the long weekend by either travelling out of the district or 45 minutes up the road to places like Māhia or Lake Waikaremoana.

Either way, it's important that you drive with extreme care and caution, as there will be an increased volume of commuters on our roads.

Thankfully, there were no road deaths in the Wairoa district and the Hawke's Bay region for the Labour Weekend period last year, according to Ministry of Transport figures released yesterday.

However, there were road incidents in the Wairoa district for the same period last year when one person was seriously injured and five people sustained minor injuries. Let's look to reduce those injury numbers to zero this year by making sure we drive to the conditions and respect other motorists.

Council's new Dog Control Policy came into effect this week. Please visit our website www.wairoadc.govt.nz for more information.

One of the biggest changes to Council's Dog Control Policy is that the reserve area from Spooner's Point to Pilot Hill is now an ON-LEAD AREA. In essence, your dog must be on a lead in the area between the Wairoa Bridge and Pilot Hill.

If you're a bit unsure where you can and can't let your dog off their lead around Wairoa, we might be able to make it easier for you.

There are a couple of places around the town where you can let your dog off its lead. These locations include the grass reserve on Fraser Street, opposite the Wairoa Landfill (near the old Wairoa cemetery), the launch area at Pilot Hill (so your dogs can go for a swim) and the road next to the beach at Whakamahia.



Old landfill site at Fraser Street



Whakamahia Road reserve from the end of the limestone walkway to the estuary excluding the DOC land that is fenced off.

Again, our staff and the community caravan will be out and about, around the district explaining what the 10-year plan is and gathering your ideas about how we can make the Wairoa district an even better place to live, work and play.

Council will be in the following areas next week from Tuesday to Friday.

Wednesday, 24 October 2017 Wairoa (outside Oslers Bakery)

**Thursday, 25 October 2017**Raupunga (near the public toilets)

Friday, 26 October 2017

Wairoa (outside East End Café, eastern part of Marine Parade).

If you have kids who would like to draw their ideas about what Wairoa might look like in 10 years' time, please bring them along to the caravan locations as well. They will go into the draw to win movie tickets.

You could also win a New World voucher or Gaiety Theatre passes for submitting your ideas.

You can also tell us your ideas on our website.

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Council staff will be recording your ideas at the caravan.



## FOR YOUR DIARY

**COUNCIL MEETING** 

Tuesday, 24 October: 1.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 31 October: 1.30pm



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**TUKUA MAI**Share your ideas

Why do you like to live, work & play in Wairoa and what can we do better?

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