

MAYORAL COLUMN



I hope everyone had a great Easter. We had two significant weather events come through just before Easter with Cyclone Debbie and Cyclone Cook and it was great to see our community working together to get the messages out about road closures, conserving water, and just being prepared.

Staff from QRS have worked hard clearing roads and assessing damage and it was great that we were once again able to demonstrate the resilience of the Wairoa community.

It was a really busy time in Wairoa over the Easter weekend and we had some great events with the Little Easy North bike ride and also the Dave Dobbyn concert. Thank you to everyone involved in organising these events and bringing them to Wairoa. It's great when we can showcase our district through events like these.



The starting line at the Little Easy north

I want to acknowledge Sue Wilson for working to bring Dave Dobbyn to Wairoa and I also want to acknowledge the Horizon's Trust for their ongoing management of the Gaiety, for without this really important community asset, things like the Dave Dobbyn concert might not be possible.

ANZAC Day is next week and it is a time for us to remember those members of our community, friends and family who have served our country in wartime both past and present and to remember those who have fallen in the service



Dave Dobbyn live in concert at the Gaiety Theatre

of our country. The district's Dawn Service will once again be held at Kaiuku Marae in Mahia, with other services throughout the district in Frasertown, Taihoa Marae, and the Civic Service at the War Memorial Hall in town. Our Wairoa services are always well attended and I want to encourage as many people as possible to go along to one of the services and to give thanks and to remember.

The Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa Bill submission process to the Parliamentary Select Committee will close next Wednesday. It is important that our community make a submission and I want to encourage as many of you as possible to get involved in the process. This Bill is historic for the Wairoa District, and I believe this Bill is about bringing our community much closer together.

Finally, there is only two more weeks left for the community to submit on the proposals outlined in the Annual Plan consultation document. The consultation document was released on the 6th of April and submissions close on the 5th of May. Based on the feedback we receive from the community, Council will be able to look how it maintains core levels of service and looking at affordable ways to invest in Wairoa's future. The consultation document is available from the Wairoa District Council office, the library and the information centre. It is also available on Council's website keyword search #annualplan2018. Let us know what you think so that we can all design a future for Wairoa together.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 9 May: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 11 May: 12.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 16 May: 1.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 23 May: 1.30pm

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 30 May: 1.30pm



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ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT



Submissions close at 12 noon



Draft Annual Plan Consultation Hearings



Annual Plan adopted

Hard copies of this consultation document can be picked up from the Wairoa District Council Queen Street offices, library and the i-SITE. The consultation document can also be accessed online.

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Lest we forget

Tuesday,
April 25

Join the Wairoa District Council in honouring our brave servicemen and women at various ANZAC Day services across the district.

