

MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

Wairoa's resilience was tested once again last week, during the polar-blast storm that muscled its way across the country. We saw some of the heaviest rainfalls we've seen for a while, and there is still some major damage out there on our roads and on many farms. I would like to acknowledge the work many emergency crews, roading personnel and electricity infrastructure

teams carried out. They braved the conditions to try to restore our roading and power networks, in conditions that were terrible. Thank you, from a grateful community. Councillors and I had the opportunity to listen to some very insightful and uplifting analysis from an infrastructure company director based in Timaru - Ross Waugh.

Council Forum is an ideas-based event, held last week, and Mr Waugh shared with us how Wairoa was in fact leading the way - in various areas like infrastructure, economic development and socially - when compared to other local government bodies throughout the country.

He also highlighted that although there were several boarded-up shops in our main street, it wasn't an indication that our town was dying. It simply meant that the behaviours in which locals were buying, through online and technological advancements, were changing.

Coming up in the next edition of "A Guide to Hawke's Bay", published by the Hawke's Bay Today, we have a page dedicated to promoting the Wairoa district, and the tourism opportunities that we have.

Featured is Māhia, the Wairoa River, Portland Island Lighthouse, Lake Waikaremoana, Mōrere Hot Springs, Ruakituri and other great spots around our district. Below is just a small sample of images we have selected.

We would like to remind residents serviced by the Tuai water system that there will be some disruptions to your supply tomorrow, due to maintenance work on the reticulation. This depends on how suitable weather conditions are.

Second-hand Sunday is still going ahead on July 30. It's your chance to giveaway household items to others for free, and you can also collect items you want from others too. So far, only four homes in the Wairoa district that have registered.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 1 August: 1.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 8 August: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 10 August: 12.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 15 August: 1.30pm

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 22 August: 1.30pm



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SECOND-HAND SUNDAY

JULY 30, 2017

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Wairoa District Council is giving the community a chance to give away household items to others for free, through our Second-hand Sunday event. You can also collect items you want from others for free.

LOCATION

At your home. You can put your items together in a neat pile, either at your letterbox or next to your driveway.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

If you would like to give away your household items, fill in the online form to register your address: www.wairoadc.govt.nz

Let Council know by **Thursday, 27 July**, so we can advertise your address.

MORE INFO

www.wairoadc.govt.nz
#2hand Sunday



Papakorito Falls - Te Urewera



Māori carving at the Wairoa Museum



Fishing at Black's Beach



Mōrere Hot Pools

Images promoting the Wairoa District in the Hawke's Bay Today's - 'A Guide to Hawke's Bay'

THERE'S STILL TIME TO MICROCHIP YOUR DOG... FOR FREE

Council had such a good response during our previous microchipping amnesties last month, we are extending our free amnesty deadline to the end of August. So that means, those dog owners who didn't have an opportunity to chip their dogs still have a chance to do so, free of charge free.

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.

Contact Council on 06 838 7309 for more information.



Above: A Council officer prepares for a microchipping amnesty at Council's carpark. Left: A local boy took his pet dog to Council's Māhia amnesty to be microchipped, and he's pleased.