

## MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

It was great to have Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa chairman Leon Symes appointed as co-chair of the Hawke's Bay Governance Group overseeing the Matariki Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

Known as Matariki REDS this group has been developed collaboratively between local authorities, tangata whenua, business leaders and government agencies.

It was formed in July 2016 to acknowledge cross-sector partnerships and provide the leadership required to support economic outcomes for the region of Hawke's Bay.

The governance group recognises that sustainable economic success across our region is made possible when we combine health, social, cultural, environmental and business activities.

Central Hawke's Bay Mayor Alex Walker was the interim chairperson, and Alex and Leon have now been appointed as the co-chairs.

For me, having Leon as a co-chair puts Wairoa in a great position and ensures we won't be forgotten.

It is a requirement of Government for districts to work together at a regional level, and essential there is a regional group to work through economic development opportunities.

The Hawke's Bay group includes post settlement treaty representatives, local authorities, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc, Business Hawke's Bay and the HBDHB to name a few.

**EVERYBODY WHO SITS AROUND THE TABLE IS THERE FOR THE GOOD OF HAWKE'S BAY. I'VE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH WHAT I HAVE SEEN SO FAR.**

### MARINES@MAHIA

The Marines@Mahia 75th anniversary celebrations will be held over Labour Weekend.

The two-day event will commemorate the US 2nd Marine Division

practice landings at Mahia, which occurred in 1943.

While most US forces were based in Auckland and Wellington, the landing at Mahia provided the final preparation for the assault on Tarawa Atoll.

### I COMMEND THE WORK OF ROSS HEDLEY AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE SURE THIS SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR HISTORY IS NOT FORGOTTEN.

The Labour Weekend commemorations will be a significant event reflecting on the US soldiers who were at Mahia at a time when the world was at war.

I am sure having them here also improved our security.

Their presence was big and sadly many of those soldiers who walked our Mahia beaches went on to be killed in action.

### SENIOR CITIZENS MORNING TEA

The Councillors and I would like to invite our older citizens to this year's celebratory morning tea.

The event will be held on November 15th at the War Memorial Hall and is in recognition of International Day of Older Persons.

The event is always a lovely morning and a great way to give a little bit back to people who have given so much to the community.

My wife Jan, who is the patron of Age Concern, and I welcome our local senior citizens, kaumatua and kuia to join us for this event.

### LANDFILL

Wairoa landfill charges will increase next month but will still be a lot cheaper than neighbouring regions.

Changes will see green waste, minimum weight per 25kg, go up \$1 to \$2.50 and general waste, minimum weight per 25 kg, will increase by 40 cents to \$5.

These charges are significantly cheaper than our neighbours where the same green waste in Napier would cost \$10 and Hastings and Gisborne \$8 and general waste in Napier and Hastings \$12 and \$17 in Gisborne.

We are doing our best to keep our district as clean and green as possible, but it is difficult when costs that are out of our control are spiralling, and we hope these measures will go towards making our refuse services more sustainable.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

### MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 11 October: 12.30pm

### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 16 October: 1.30pm

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 23 October: 1.30pm

### FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 30 October: 1.30pm



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# LANDFILL PRICE CHANGES

EFFECTIVE 1 NOVEMBER

### GREEN WASTE

**As of November 2018**  
Per tonne: \$100.00  
Min. Weight 25kg: \$2.50

#### Current Charges

Min. Weight 25kg: \$1.50  
(Increase of \$1)

### GENERAL WASTE

**As of November 2018**  
Per tonne: \$200.00  
Min. Weight 25kg: \$5.00

#### Current Charges

Min. Weight 25kg: \$4.60  
(Increase of 40 cents)

### HARD FILL

(RUBBLE, CONCRETE)  
**As of November 2018**  
Per tonne: \$60.00



**MARINES @ MAHIA**

**Opoutama Beach Labour Weekend October 2018**

Gates open 9am Saturday & Sunday

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. 2nd Marine Division 1943-2018

**ALL WELCOME ACTION FOR KIDS**

