

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

15 February 2018

MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

Firstly, I would like to thank each and every one of you who took the time out of your evening to attend our community consultation meetings for the Revenue and Financing Policy proposal. It was great to have your feedback; this is what we wanted.

It's clear to councillors and I that the proposed changes to our current system doesn't work for everyone. That is all good. Remember: it was a PROPOSAL only.

But, in saying that, our decision has to be one that takes into consideration what the whole community wants.

It's clear to us that we need to change our current rating system because it is

rating system.

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge our local member Stuart Nash and Communications MP Clare Curran, who have worked together alongside Council to advocate for Wairoa to be reprioritised for ultra-fast broadband.

We are excited to have our rollout dates brought forward. The rollout is set to go ahead in the coming days. Our voices were heard, which we are very grateful for.

This now means that we can take the first step towards bringing world-class connectivity to the Wairoa district.

Fibre provides the broadband equivalent of an autobahn right to the door of homes and businesses, and it will future-proof Wairoa for the anticipated continued growth in data consumption for generations to come.

It is widely accepted that high-speed internet access is essential to making necessary advancements in a new age of technology and economic development. This advancement for Wairoa is necessary.

Given that almost half of the Wairoa district's households do not have access to the internet, the Wairoa District Council was committed to advocating for its people to have access to basic fibre infrastructure, including, the ability to access the internet affordably.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the Wairoa community for turning out and showing their support for Wairoa Waitangi Day 2018.

In future, Council will be interested in supporting the event where it can. Ultimately, it would be great to see organisations from the around the district and the region pull together to support Waitangi Day in Wairoa.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 27 February: 1.30pm

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6 March: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 March: 12.30pm

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 20 March: 1.30pm



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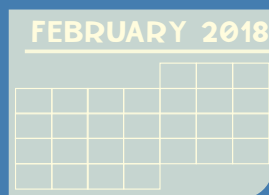
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ULTRA-FAST BROADBAND FOR WAIROA



WHY?

Faster internet connection.



WHEN?

Work is estimated to start **late February 2018**. The estimated finish time is **end of November 2018**.



WHO IS DOING THE WORK?

Collaboration between Chorus, Broadspectrum, UCG and Crown Infrastructure Partners.