

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

15 November 2018

MAYORAL COLUMN

NAPIER PORT

I urge as many people as possible to have their say about the funding options around the Napier Port developments.

Submissions have now been extended to close next Thursday, November 22.

This extension is due to the high level of interest and public engagement with hundreds of submissions received already.

In its consultation document the Hawke's Bay Regional Council state the Napier Port is at capacity and



Mayor Craig Little

needs \$320-350 million spent over the next decade to enable it to meet the demand for its services. This includes building a new wharf.

The regional council has put forward four different funding options, and it is important people have their say, so the final decision is the best option for ratepayers and for exporters.



TĀTAU TĀTAU

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa is in the process of presenting its representation and asset arrangement model.

This exercise began last Friday in Wairoa, and will be taken around the country, so all whanau are informed.

The trustees of Tātau Tātau have worked very hard to bring this model about, and if it is accepted by 75 percent of all those who have registered it will be the model used for the future.

There has already been a fantastic level of engagement around this process and I am sure that involvement will continue.

EXAM TIME

As we head towards the end of the school year my thoughts are with those students who are sitting their NCEA exams. I wish you all the best for your study and I hope the examinations go well.

Congratulations to Wairoa College dux Lauralee Bramley and to all the other students who were awarded academic, cultural and sporting awards.

Many students will also be thinking about their future and weighing up their job and career options.

Council owned contracting company QRS is looking to employ people who want a career in civil construction.

There are opportunities through the apprenticeship programme and also for experienced staff.

I encourage anyone who is interested to contact QRS and get more details.

SUMMERTIME FUN

The days are heating up and there is a range of summer events planned for over the next few weeks.

The 2018 Wairoa sports awards will be held on Friday, November 23 at the War Memorial Hall.

The Waihua Fete will take place on Sunday, November 25 offering a chance to shop in beautiful surroundings while raising money for Starship Children's Hospital.

December 8 will see the Wairoa Christmas parade and festival in town and the East Coast waka ama regatta being held at Lake Whakamarino.

We live in a fantastic district with so many opportunities, and it's great to see so many enthusiastic people making things happen.

It's business as usual at the Gaiety. The upcoming blockbuster season should see a movie for everybody.

FOR YOUR DIARY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 27 November: 1.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 4 December: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 13 December: 12.30pm



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Staying with the with the regional council it is also encouraging to see their staff working towards a solution for the ongoing problem of the Mahanga drain.

I know this issue is very frustrating for Mahanga residents and the regional council has assured us they are working towards a solution.

This is not a Wairoa District Council issue, but we have certainly been advocating on behalf of the Mahanga residents to get the problem fixed.

It's great to see the retaining wall being constructed along the riverbank running parallel with Alexandra Park.

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council had always said they would carry out this work which will stop more of the land from slipping into the river.

The 40-metre retaining wall will protect the new playground, the skate bowl, Wairoa Community Centre and parts of the water treatment plant and prevent further localised slips.

This project plan is a joint effort between the Wairoa District Council and regional council, and again shows the benefits of working collaboratively.

We are aware there are many other areas of the district needing riverbank restoration work, and we look forward to the regional council working on more of these projects.

