

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

26 April 2018

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Mayor Craig Little

Firstly, I would like to congratulate everyone who was involved with the Ngāti Kahungunu Regional Kapa Haka competition in Wairoa last weekend.

It's mind-blowing to see our small town buzzing with excitement and activity, particularly Lambton Square where I have never seen so many people bustling about.

It was great to see hundreds of locals, visitors, children, whānau and our senior citizens mingling at one event and creating a positive atmosphere, which had little to no major hiccups.

I would like to extend my greetings, compliments and congrats to our two local teams Te Rerenga Kōtuku and Mātangirau, for being one of four roopu chosen to represent Ngāti Kahungunu at the national Te Matatini Kapa Haka Competition in Wellington next year.

From what I saw, these two teams set very high standards and were thoroughly enjoyable to watch.

The success of both Wairoa roopu is a credit to their hard work, their

tutors, whānau, commitment and we hope that they do Wairoa proud. You have our full support.

We are now moving into our Long Term Plan consultation, and we are nearing the date it will be released for you to read over and ensure you have the right information for your consideration.

Hāpaitia is Council's vision for this LTP engagement and includes key themes like sustainability, having pride in our place, keeping you at the forefront of our operations as a local government body and getting on with the core services of Council.

This is a practical plan that might involve making some difficult decision, but they will be necessary for us to all achieve our goals.

I would like to commend this Council and staff for having the courage to tackle these issues head-on, and with the best of intentions.

Council's draft plan will be released for consultation online and at various locations around the district.

We will keep you in the loop as to when the Long-Term Plan Document will be released and when our public consultation meetings will be held.

The printed consultation document will be dropped into sites across the district including Council's Queen Street Office, Wairoa Centennial Library, Wairoa i-SITE, Osler's Bakery and other locations around the district. Please contact Council's office if you have any further queries.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 1 May: 1.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 8 May: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 10 May: 12.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 15 May: 1.30pm



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HAWKE'S BAY NEW ZEALAND



Edward Karauria from Mātangirau



Tania Pene, Toni Karauria, Joylene Rohe-Karauria and Esta Wainohu from Mātangirau



Wairoa Pā Haka's Tania Ratapu



Team members of Te Rerenga Kotuku



Te Rerenga Kotuku performs their action song.



Mātangirau kapa haka group photo

WAIROA CITIZENS AWARDS

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors invite nominations to be considered for the 2018 Wairoa Citizens Awards.

The Awards are presented to people who have been nominated by individuals or groups for their great voluntary community services within the community.

Applications open on Friday, 6 April 2018 and close on Friday, 27th April at 4.00 p.m.

Nomination forms are available from
- The Wairoa Public Library
- The Council Offices or
- The Wairoa Information Centre

Forms can be posted out by contacting the Mayor's Office on 838-7309.

The date for presentation of the Awards will be notified in due course.

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