

MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

Wairoa's fly-dumping epidemic has to stop!

I was disappointed when I saw that Council copped a lot of flak on social media last week over rubbish that was dumped along Kōpu Road.

This is household rubbish that the people of OUR community are dumping at their own free will.

Council WILL do its best to respond to reports of fly-dumping, but cannot make any assumptions about who is responsible for dumping their rubbish in public

places.

Council is not a pick-up service for anyone who continues to disobey the rules and dump their rubbish as they please.

I am certainly picking up rubbish along my farm boundary on State Highway 38, so, can I ask, instead of taking a picture and criticising the Council, can you please assist us and up the



Illegally dumped rubbish along Kōpu Road

rubbish.

Simply contacting Council and giving staff a second-hand account of who they think is responsible is not enough to prosecute someone.

Council staff are proactively responding to fly-dumping reports, and will sift through rubbish to find out who the perpetrators are. This behaviour has an impact on your rates. It costs Council more than \$20,000 a year to clean up illegally dumped rubbish, and it's an offence that can carry fines of up to \$1500.

Council is calling on the support of this community to address this matter because it is getting beyond a joke.

If you do see people fly-dumping, please make a note of the vehicle type, colour and registration and a description of the person fly-dumping. Report the incident to us even if you were not able to take these details.

Using your smart phones to take photos of this type of behaviour will help us when we seek to prosecute people breaking the law by fly-dumping.

Remember, it costs just \$3.70 to deposit 20 kg of rubbish at the landfill - one of the most affordable in the country.

As you would've seen in today's Wairoa Star, Council's LTP is out for consultation.

As I said, we are committed to our 10 significant projects; which we need to focus on in order to achieve our objectives and vision.

Hāpaitia, the theme of this LTP, is about uplifting our community, and we are focused on investing in our core business as an organisation. This means maintaining services and infrastructure.

The consultation period is open for a month, with submissions closing on Tuesday 26 June at 4.30pm.

To download and read the LTP consultation document, and submit your feedback, visit Wairoa District Council's website on www.wairoadc.govt.nz/ltp2018.

Submission forms and consultation documents are also available at Council's Queen St office, the Wairoa i-SITE, the Wairoa library, Wairoa College, Wairoa Taiwhenua, Osler's Bakery, New World, BJ's Dairy in Frasertown and the Mahia Beach Store.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 12 June: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14 June: 12.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19 June: 1.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 26 June: 1.30pm



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THURSDAY 14TH JUNE - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM

Hauora Building (old school), Raupunga

MONDAY, 18TH JUNE - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM

Community Hall, Tuai

TUESDAY, 19TH JUNE - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM

Erepeti Marae, Ruakituri

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM

Mokotahi Hall, Mahia

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM

War Memorial Hall, Wairoa



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