



## FLOOD PROTECTION

The flood protection funding package of \$70 million announced by the Government is a significant step forward for Wairoa. This massive injection of ring-fenced money will give us a level of protection that we have never had before.

Doing nothing, like after Cyclone Bola in 1988, is not an option – our people and our town need protection.

Wairoa District Council, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, and Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa have partnered to advocate that Wairoa must have flood protection and that the status quo needed to change.

Under the Government's Land Categorisation, Wairoa had been sitting in 2A, which meant more assessment was needed.

This funding means flood protection can be implemented, which will help us manage future severe weather events and means our properties will not fall under Land Category 3 - property buyout. We know our whānau do not want to leave their whenua.

An agreed form of flood control will ensure ongoing certainty for homeowners and businesses.

Our protection needs to meet our local needs, and we would like to hear thoughts from our community about future flood protection.

We are urging people to share their river knowledge and the types of flood protection options they would like to see for Wairoa. From whitebaiters, farmers, river users and watchers, you will all have valuable information about the awa to share.

Over the next week we will be gathering whānau voice with community engagement drop-in sessions on Saturday, August 12, from 10am - 4pm at Hinemihi Marae and on Wednesday, August 16, from 3.30-6.30pm at the Presbyterian Hall.

Please call in, and share your thoughts, remembering this is just the beginning of community engagement. To make a written submission, call into the Wairoa District Council and collect a form or make an online submission.

## FOLLOW THE Rs FOR A WASTE FREE WAIROA

### RETHINK

what is the end of life, what waste will be left, how long will it last, do you need it?

### REFUSE

what you don't need, what will cost you and the planet due to unnecessary waste?

### REDUCE

avoid buying/accepting what you don't need.

### REUSE

whatever you can. The longer we can keep things out of landfill the better.

### REPAIR

like they once did - fixing is fun.

### REPURPOSE/REGIFT

what else could I use this for? who else could use this?

### ROT

is it compostable? Will it break down safely?

### RECYCLING

kerbside crate collection, via rural collection days and at the Fraser Street Recycling Centre - clean tin, aluminium, glass, paper, cardboard and plastics (types 1, 2 and 5).

For more information visit [www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz)

## ROADING

Wairoa's vast roading network has been severely damaged in the 2022 weather events and Cyclone Gabrielle. Sadly, we still have roads closed and bridges damaged, creating access issues. Last year's weather events caused damage of around \$27 million, of which Wairoa receives a Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) of 95%, leaving us to pick up the other 5%, just over \$1.3 million. Since then, Cyclone Gabrielle had an extreme impact. Initially, we received Government funding of \$16 million for temporary reinstatement work to get our roads open, this was 100% funded, so there is no impact on the ratepayer.

We have now received an additional \$31 million, again 100% funded and tagged to reinstatement and getting access back. Receiving this funding is a real credit to Council's engineering team, it is a significant investment and involves competing against all of New Zealand, including other flood-impacted areas.

We appreciate this funding, but we only have to look at the slips and bridge and roading issues at Waikare, Black's Beach, Papuni, Mangapoike and Nuhaka River Road to know there is a lot of work ahead of us.

It is estimated that reinstatement will cost around \$80 million to open all our roads and bridges. However, it is about more than just reopening roads and rebuilding bridges. We need to move roads, raise bridges and change our approach to be more resilient moving into the future. The cost for that is forecasted at around \$200 million.



Papuni Road slip

## YOUTH COUNCIL

A recruitment process for the Wairoa Youth Council is underway. A key role of the youth council is to assist the Wairoa District Council with its planning processes and projects, focusing on providing services and facilities that potentially impact young people. It is also a vehicle for identifying local youth needs and resources and developing youth leadership skills through experience in the representation processes, local government, and civic activities.

The recruitment process closes on Monday, August 14, at 5pm. Potential candidates can apply or be put forward as a result of consultation with local community groups, iwi, hapu, Council and other community stakeholders.

Membership application forms are available from the Wairoa District Council Office front desk, i-Site, Gaiety Theatre and library or email [governance@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:governance@wairoadc.govt.nz) for an application form.



Mayor Craig Little

## MEET THE MAYOR KANOHI KI TE KANOHI

If you would like to have a meeting with the Mayor, please call the council offices on 06 838 7309 to make an appointment.

## FOR YOUR DIARY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

### FINANCE, ASSURANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 15, 1.30pm

### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 22, 1.30pm

### STRATEGY, WELLBEING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 29, 1.30pm

## DAFFODIL DAY

We are a fortnight away from Daffodil Day 2023 – the flagship fundraising event for the Cancer Society of New Zealand.

I know many people in our community get behind this event. It is also an excellent opportunity for businesses, organisations and groups to show their support.

Each year the number of people getting cancer in New Zealand grows. Your donation helps provide safe transport to and from cancer treatment, helps provide accommodation for those travelling for treatment, contributes to research that improves cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment, and helps ensure nurses and counsellors are always here for people affected by cancer.

Please give today so no one faces cancer alone.

Donate now at [daffodilday.org.nz](http://daffodilday.org.nz).