

Students join spruce up team



• The Marine Parade gardening crew are joined by Economic Development Officer Roz Thomas and Mayor Craig Little.

A project to transform the Marine Parade gardens has turned into an excellent fundraising opportunity for Wairoa youth. Members of the Wairoa College Rugby Academy have been putting their green thumbs to the test to raise money for an overseas tour next year, joined by other students raising money for a Spirit of Adventure trip to go towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Economic Development Officer Roz Thomas said involving the students served two purposes – one to get the job done, and

the second to assist them in meeting their fundraising goals.

“The community ends up with beautiful gardens, with the spin-off of supporting the development of our youth,” she said.

Existing gardens on the approaches at either end of the bridge have been re-landscaped and filled with mass plantings of a variety of trees and shrubs as part of the greater Marine Parade development plan.

Coast Park Landscapes and QRS Ltd have also played an important role in the project, which is being overseen by Floradell Landscaping.

Community Centre surges ahead

A dramatic upsurge in young swimmers and a commitment to introducing new, innovative programmes has resulted in a record number of visits to the Wairoa Community Centre. A total of 85,220 visits were made to the centre during the 2013/14 year – a 9.5 percent increase on last year and 7 percent higher than the previous record year of 2008/09.

Use of the pool has increased by almost 10 percent thanks to the popularity of the Learn to Swim programmes, which almost four times as many children signed up to.

Sport Hawke’s Bay Wairoa Manager Sara Rangi said the growth was a great incentive to keep working towards improving the centre.

“Our aim is to reach out to as many people in our district as possible,” she said.

WDC are currently working on earthquake strengthening in the pool hall, before setting to work on the new learner’s pool.



• Summer and Aria Yuile enjoy Learn to Swim

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 12 August
- 9 September
- 14 October
- 11 November
- 9 December

COUNCIL FORUM

- 26 August
- 23 September
- 28 October
- 25 November

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

- 29 August
- 26 September
- 31 October
- 28 November

Meetings and Forums are held at the Queen Street office council chambers, and are open to the public unless otherwise specified.



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Wairoa scores summer school



An academic influx is on the cards as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding between Wairoa District Council and the University of Waikato's law faculty aimed at bringing the best young legal minds to town.

Wairoa will play host to two advanced law students this summer, during which time they will carry out research work and assist staff in a number of areas of council operation. Chief Executive Officer Fergus Power said the University of Waikato was happy for the opportunity to offer selected students the chance to gain course credits through practical experience. The Summer School course will be the equivalent of one sixth of an academic year.

"The fact the faculty has the largest PhD law programme in the country is impressive and indicates the vitality of the university's legal programme."

The law students will be directly supervised by Mr Power due to his commercial and environmental legal experience

in Australia and New Zealand. As the programme extends, students in other disciplines will report to senior managers and specialist staff within Council.

"This is a win-win situation for both the students and the Wairoa community. The students gain valuable practical experience and enjoy the fabulous environment and people, while the community benefits from the solutions arising out of these bright minds."

Such arrangements also provide the opportunity for students originally from Wairoa to return home during breaks while still gaining important course credits.

"It is an added incentive, and along with reducing study costs for University students from Wairoa, means our academic talent doesn't have to seek opportunities elsewhere," Mr Power said.

Further talks are underway with other tertiary providers to negotiate similar arrangements in other areas of study.

↓ YOUR SPOT



• Anastacia Henry gives her mum, Rita, a quick lesson in Mandarin.



• Kashya Ruwhui, Abby Morunga and Te Arani Edwards in Chinese costume.

Frasertown School Year 3 students enjoyed a Chinese-themed afternoon with whanau recently. The children have been learning Mandarin from a teacher based in Shanghai, via Skype. Technology plays an important role at the school, breaking down the barriers of isolation to open up an exciting world of learning and discovery.



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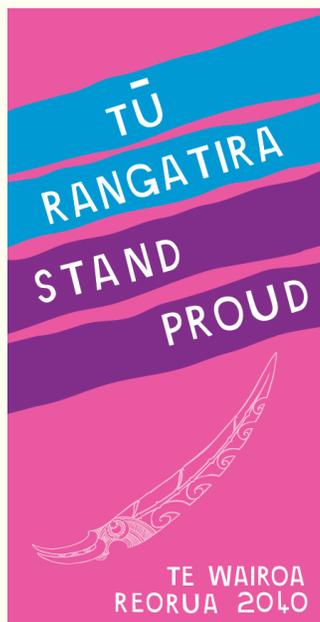
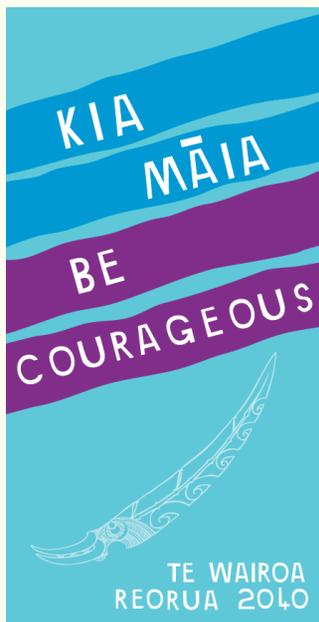
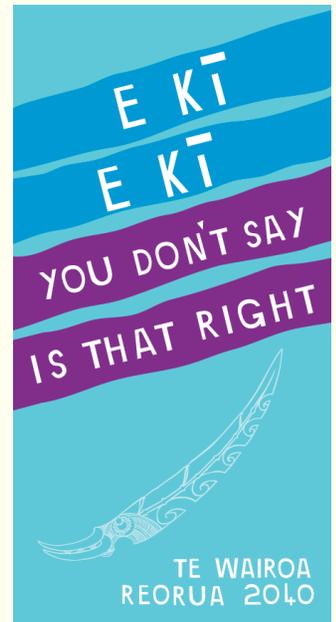
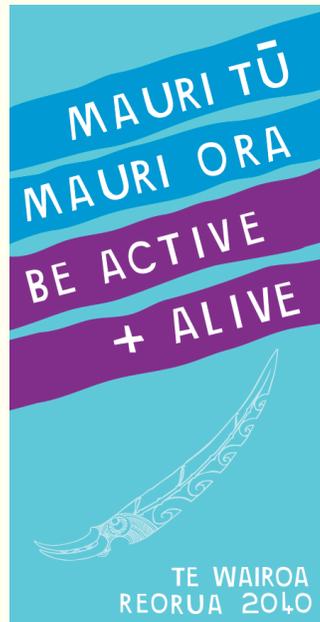
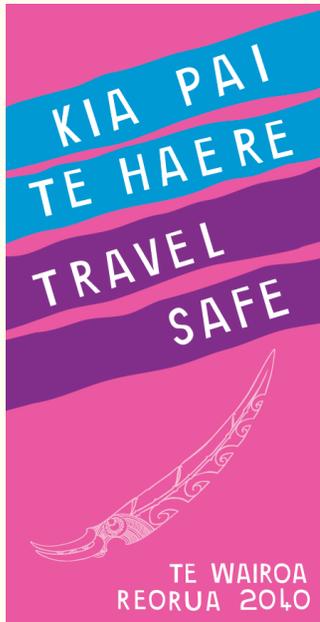
Wairoa District Council supports the goal of becoming an official bi-lingual district by 2040.

Te Wairoa Reorua 2040

Māori Language Week got off to a flying start when new flags depicting popular phrases in Māori and English were raised on the bridge recently. Commissioned by Te Wairoa Reorua 2040 (Bilingual Wairoa 2040), the seven flags have joined the collection initiated last year, bringing the total to 23. Māori Liaison Officer Duane Culshaw said the new flags were a continuation

of the theme of short, simple phrases for everyday use. “Our aim is for people to take the time to look at the flag and learn the words. The challenge after that is to use them, share them and hopefully spark a desire to learn more,” he said. Key stakeholders of Te Wairoa Reorua 2040 are Te Kura Motuhaka o Te Ātaarangi, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu o Te Wairoa, Ngā

Kohanga Reo o Te Wairoa, Wairoa Taiwhenua and Wairoa District Council. The flags on the bridge are hung from a new set of lights that also serve as flag tracks. The bright blue LED lights are an Upstream Wairoa initiative, designed to enhance the bridge and provide a safer, more effective method of displaying promotional flags.





WAIROA QUICK REPORT

Library online

Finding the perfect read from the Wairoa Public Library just got much easier.

An easy-to-use online catalogue is now available, allowing anyone to search the library database via WorldCat Discovery Services from any internet-connected device.

Library Manager Sandra Hughes said the new service makes it that much simpler for people to find what they're looking for. "We're excited by the support of the international organisation OCLC, which has provided this access

free-of-charge. It adds real value to what we offer here," she said.

The catalogue can be viewed using a framework of fifteen different languages, including Te Reo Maori.

If the Wairoa Centennial Library does not hold a copy of the book being searched, the catalogue lists the nearest libraries in New Zealand or worldwide where it can be found.

Access to the service is free, with no library card required.

Visit www.wairoalibrary.co.nz.

Fond farewell to staff

Wairoa District Council would like to acknowledge the service of a number of staff who are moving on and wish them the best of luck for their future endeavours.

Duane Culshaw, Māori Liaison Officer, has been with WDC for two years. Duane is taking up a managerial position with Ngāti Pahauwera. Tamsyn Morunga, Communications Strategist, is moving on after six years with WDC. She is launching her own business,

TM Communications. Allison Maru, Youth Project Facilitator, has also been with council for six years. Allison will continue to work with youth, but with a focus on her own expanding family. Cindy Yin, District Planner, is making the move back to Auckland after a year in Wairoa. She has been offered a position with Auckland City Council.



• Duane Culshaw
Māori Liaison Officer



• Tamsyn Morunga
Communications Strategist



• Allison Maru
Youth Project Facilitator



• Cindy Yin
District Planner

Get in quick for Trustpower Awards

Entries for the 2014 Trustpower Wairoa Community Awards are still open. These awards are all about celebrating, recognising and rewarding local voluntary groups and community organisations and there's over \$5,000 up for grabs. Entry forms for the Trustpower Wairoa Community Awards are available from the council office on Queen Street, from www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards or you can call Suzi Luff at Trustpower on 0800 87 11 11 ext. 4381 and she will happily take your entry for a voluntary group over the phone. Entries close at 5pm on Friday 8th August 2014.

Dog registration due

All dog owners should have received their registration notice in the mail by now. Fees paid before August 31 are subject to a \$10 discount. All dogs over the age of three months must be registered.

Radio Te Wairoa

Listen out for the great local flavour supplied by Radio Te Wairoa 88FM, which has a growing presence in town thanks to technical support from Wairoa District Council. Improved signal strength means more people can tune in to what is becoming an increasingly popular way to tap into what's going on in our community.

Raupunga amenities recognised

Congratulations to those involved in the Raupunga Amenity Area development. This project picked up a Highly Commended at the Local Government New Zealand Excellence Awards recently. Resulting from a partnership between WDC, the Raupunga community and various organisations, the development transformed the area into an attractive welcome point for the district.

