

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

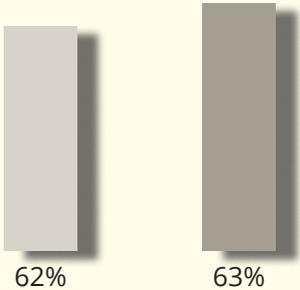
3 November 2016

Mayoral Column

Kia Ora Wairoa and firstly can I just send a huge thank you to everyone who stood, participated and voted in the recent elections. I was very humbled to see our community once again engage in this very important civic process and that our community was also the most engaged community in the entire region was hugely satisfying for me.

We had a great inaugural Council meeting last week which began with a pōwhiri for the new Council. Thank you to all those members of the community who came to support us as we took our oaths of office. We were able to also sign off our Annual Report which was great and I want to acknowledge the staff in the finance department for all the work they did to ensure that we got our Annual Report in on time.

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Mayor - Craig Little

With a voter return of 63% , this tells me that the Wairoa district are engaged with its local Council and the vision we have for the district's future.

I want to congratulate my fellow Councillors and pay a special acknowledgement to our newest Councillor, Charlie Lambert. We all have a lot of work to do and I'm looking forward to working with Councillor Lambert. I have no doubt he will make a valuable contribution and will bring another perspective to the Council table.

There are some really exciting times ahead of us. This next three years will be really busy and our first step as a Council will be to do hold a strategic planning day on the 10th of November to develop our priorities for the next three years (with due consideration of our LTP). Next we intend to host a round of community meetings throughout the district, to hear from people about what the future of Wairoa looks like. We want to hear from you and to talk about what the district needs. This will give us a good sense as we head into this next three year cycle and beyond. Laying a strong foundation and vision for Wairoa's future.

I received an email from Lyn Provost, the Controller and Auditor-General of New Zealand. In it she says "I understand Wairoa District Council has completed its annual report and received a clean audit opinion, all before 31 October. That is good news and well done on keeping the promise you made at our meeting in Napier. Keep up the good work." It certainly reassures me that we have the right processes and procedures in place at Council and once again and that we are receiving this sort of feedback from government officials gives not only speaks to the hard work put in by our staff. All credit again to our CFO, Andrew Morton and his team in the finance department for all their work.

Some of the big projects on the horizon will include the Rating Review, The re-consenting for wastewater discharge and the potential for increased tourism given the Rocket Lab developments.

All these and other projects will need careful thought and consideration and it's important that we consider these projects in a way that is not only beneficial to the long term sustainability of the Wairoa district but also balanced against the need to be affordable.

The community has shown faith in the leadership and direction that this Council has chosen to take and I as your Mayor along with the Councillors will continue to work hard for the Wairoa district and its people.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 November: 10am
6 December: 10am

COUNCIL FORUM

8 November: 2pm



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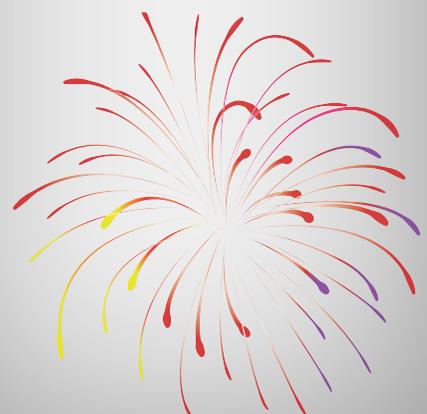
Hui-a-Takiwā for Māori Standing Committee representatives

TAKIWĀ	MARAE	VENUE	DATE/TIME
Waikaremoana	Waimako, Kuha, Putere	Waimako Marae	Friday, 4 November
Mahia mai Tawhiti	Te Rakato, Kaiuku, Ruawharo, Mahanga, Tuahuru, Hinewhata	Te Rakato Marae	Saturday, 5 November 10.00 am
Rakaipaaka	Kahungunu, Te Kotahitanga, Tamakahu, Tanenuiarangi, Te Poho o Te Rehu, Manutai	Kahungunu Marae	Friday, 4 November 6.30 pm
Hōpūpū	Rangiahua, Arimawha, Putahi, Pakowhai, Te Mira (Whetu Marama), Aranui	Putahi Marae	Saturday, 12 November 10.00 am
Honengenenge	Tawhiti-a-Maru, Takitimu, Ruataniwha, Hinemihi, Huramua	Takitimu Marae	Saturday, 12 November 3.00 pm

**HAVE FUN
& BE SAFE
ON GUY
FAWKES NIGHT**

And don't forget - keep your pets inside this 5th of November.

A message from rural fire and by-law enforcement



Children's Storybook Parade

Wairoa Christmas Festival 2016
Saturday 3rd December, 4pm

