

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

1 September 2016

Kia Tū, Kia Māia – Vote and be counted Wairoa! #Vote2016

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The Wairoa district and its community has a proud history of being engaged in local government.

We understand the importance of our civic duty to enrol and vote in the triennial elections and this was proven in 2013 when Wairoa had the second highest voter turnout in the country at 62 percent.



James Baty -Electoral Officer,
Wairoa District Council

We want this to continue, and this is why we have coined the phrase KIA TŪ, KIA MĀIA to run alongside the election process this year. This phrase sums up what it means to be engaged, to be involved in local government and local democracy. To exercise our democratic right to vote in Council elections.

The phrase essentially means to ‘stand and have courage’, and can be applied across the three phases of this year’s elections. To STAND, ENROL and VOTE in this year’s Council elections. Basically encouraging our community to “Stand and be counted” and to ensure that you have the

ability to participate at all levels of this year’s triennials.

Local Government New Zealand has a campaign this year to increase voter turnout across the country. We are very fortunate here in Wairoa in that we are a very engaged community and I know that we can increase our voter turnout.

We all care about the future of our community and by participating in this year’s elections we get to have a say on who we want our civic leaders to be. They will be people who have the passion and commitment to seeing our community thrive and will determine a strategic framework for the sustainable use of ratepayer funds now and into the future. They will also set the appropriate levels of service for the services you receive from your council, including infrastructure (roads, water, sewerage etc), to facilities and reserves like cemeteries, parks, reserves and the library to other things like regulatory functions (building control, bylaw enforcement and civil defence).

It is so important we are all involved. Make sure you enrol and vote in the upcoming elections, because we are all in this together.

KIA TŪ, KIA MĀIA WAIROA!

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

27 September: 10am
25 October: 10am

COUNCIL FORUM

13 September: 2pm
11 October: 2pm

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

9 September:
12.30pm, WDC Chambers

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

14 September: 1.30pm



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FORGOT TO ENROL?

If you did not update your details on the electoral roll by **Friday 12 August** you won't get your voting papers sent to you in the mail.

However – you can still enrol and vote. If you enrol after August 12, you will have to **request special voting papers** from your local council electoral officer.



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