

# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

16 February 2017

## SERVICE CHANGES TO WAIROA'S RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Wairoa District Council Engineering Manager, Jamie Cox says that QRS staff will now only be collecting recyclable materials and all other materials will not be taken away.

Recycling bins containing contaminated recycling, household rubbish or other non-recyclable material will not be collected.

A sticker will be placed on the bin to explain why these were not collected.

The recycling service changes came into effect last Wednesday within the Wairoa township.

Recycling collections start at 7.30am every Wednesday for the Wairoa township.

## COUNCIL'S NEW LOOK WEBSITE TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

The Wairoa District Council's new look website will be launched later this month and will offer some new, exciting features.

The look and feel of the new website will also be in line with the rest of the region.

The result of a shared service agreement between the Hawke's Bay Councils, the approach to a common look website means instead of councils hosting their own websites on different servers and using different content management systems, this new shared service will use one server and one content management system for all councils in the region.

CEO of the Wairoa District Council Fergus Power says "in effect, a single server means that there will be multiple administrators across the region, which would be hugely beneficial for the Wairoa district, particularly in a civil defence emergency which could be administered centrally by the HBRC or when restricted fire seasons are declared across the region."

"Another reason that led us to transfer the Wairoa District Council's website to a new content management system was that it will now be mobile responsive."

"This means that the website can be viewed on mobile devices like cell phones and tablets. This is especially

important as more and more people use their mobile devices rather than a desktop computer."

**"Another exciting feature will be the capability for online payments. Our residents will now be able to make online payments for things like dog registrations, rates and other relevant council services."**

"Shared services are about improving service and reducing costs for our ratepayers and this is another example and the work we are doing as a Council with the rest of the region."

"The new look of the website will make it easier for users to navigate and the interface is very user friendly."

"The new content management system is easier and faster to use and will save our staff effort and time. This means that it will also be cheaper to manage, in terms of being a more efficient system for staff, saving them time in the content management as well as its up-keep."

"The new website means we are able to improve our service quality even further by making information more easily accessible for ratepayers, the wider community and for visitors", says Mr Power.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

28 March: 1.30pm

### COUNCIL FORUM

7 March: 1.30pm

### FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

28 February: 1.30pm

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21 February: 1.30pm

All meetings will be held in the Wairoa District Council Chambers and are open to the public unless otherwise specified.



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## EASTER SUNDAY SHOP TRADING POLICY

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