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## FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

28 March: 1.30pm

### COUNCIL FORUM

7 March: 1.30pm

### MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

9 March: 12.30pm

Council Chambers

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



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## FROM THE MAYOR



It has been a busy few weeks and I'd like to make a few acknowledgements. Firstly, I hope you all enjoyed the races on the weekend. This is a highlight in the Wairoa calendar and by all accounts it was another successful event for Wairoa. Thanks certainly to everyone who was part of the organising committee. It's great to see the Wairoa community turn out for a fantastic event

and to also see Wairoa ex-pats coming home to support race day.

**2016 Review of Dog Control Regime - Our dog control staff have a really tough job out there. They come up against some really horrible situations, but I just want to say that they have my 100% support in what they do.**

The Wairoa District Council has a zero tolerance approach for any breaches of the Dog Control Act and our bylaws and it is so important that dog owners really understand what it means to be a responsible dog owner.

Proposed changes to the law mean that high-risk dogs (classed as menacing or dangerous) and their owners will be subject to stricter controls. Proposed law changes will require owners of high-risk dogs to:

- Have high-risk dog neutered.
- Keep high-risk dogs in a fenced in area at home that allows visitors dog-free access to at least one house entrance.
- Display signs at the front of their property alerting people of high-risk dogs.
- Ensure dangerous or menacing dogs wear collars identifying them as high-risk. These dogs must also wear muzzles and be on a leash in public places.
- Obtain a high-risk dog owner licence.
- Seek consent from the local authority to transfer the dog to a new owner.
- Inform any new owner that the dog is classified.

These are only a few of the legislative changes that are being implemented and proposed and I want to make sure that our community is aware of these changes.

Finally, there are a number of events that will be hosted in Wairoa over the coming weeks. Of particular note is the National Rodeo Finals later this month. Please do go along and support this event. Without all the many volunteers, workers and supporters, these types of events would not be possible in Wairoa and I acknowledge all the many volunteers who make Wairoa the great community that it is.



**TOTAL FIRE BAN**  
for the whole Wairoa District

**This means no outdoor fires may be lit.**

Gas barbeques may be used without a permit, but caution is advised.

For more information contact Wairoa District Council Rural Fire Officer Paul van Dorrestein on (06) 838 7309.

**If you see smoke, call 111 immediately.**

# LOWE CORPORATION RESCUE HELICOPTER WAIROA WALKATHON



**4TH MARCH 2017, 4PM**  
**WAIROA COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
Take part as a business team or whānau

If you would like to be a-part of the Wairoa Walkathon contact Esta Wainohu at the Wairoa Community Centre 06 838 3086.

