

# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

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## MAYORAL COLUMN



I attended the Local Government New Zealand Conference two weeks ago and was fortunate enough to have delivered a presentation, to more than 600 delegates from all councils across the country, promoting the Wairoa district. It was our chance to demonstrate the great work happening in Wairoa on the national stage. Of course, I must acknowledge Rocket Lab CEO Peter Beck, who shared

the stage with me.



Mayor Craig Little presenting at the Local Government New Zealand Conference

A big ticket item on our agenda at the moment is what's happening with Wairoa's wastewater. I would first and foremost like to thank everyone who attended the hui-a-iwi, public meeting and stakeholder group meetings on Sunday and Monday. Our consent will expire in May 2019. By the end of this year we need to select the best practicable option to managing our wastewater, now and into the future.

To come up with the right solution, we need the community's input into finding the best option for wastewater management.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in Second-Hand Sunday over the weekend. Council decided it would put out the feelers to encourage people to take part. Although the idea gained quite exciting traction on Council's Facebook page, there were only a small number of participants who registered. Looking into the future, regarding this initiative, we will now analyse how feasible it would be to organise another Second-hand event.



Hawke's Bay Regional Councillor Fenton Wilson, Rocket Lab CEO Peter Beck and Wairoa Mayor Craig Little.

## COUNCIL'S NEW INTERIM CEO



Wairoa District Council has chosen former Central Hawke's Bay District Council (CHBDC) CEO John Freeman to look after Council operations, while the recruitment process gets underway to replace former CEO Fergus Power. At a lunch-time function on Friday, Mr Power delivered his final speech to Council staff, saying his departure was bittersweet.

organisation is working efficiently for when the new CE starts... it's a continuation role of existing policies and procedures and practises," Mr Freeman said. "I was really pleased to receive the phone call to act as interim CEO, and to be able to share my experience with the local team."

Council has commissioned Equip (LGNZ's Centre of Excellence) to assist in the search for a new CEO. The process is currently underway. It's expected to take two to three months before a permanent replacement will be announced.



Interim CEO John Freeman and departing CEO Fergus Power

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 8 August: 1.30pm

### MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 10 August: 12.30pm

### FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 15 August: 1.30pm

### COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 22 August: 1.30pm



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## MICROCHIPPING AMNESTY

### THURSDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

Council had such a good turnout during our previous microchipping amnesties last month, we are extending our microchipping amnesty deadline to the end of August. So that means, those dog owners who didn't have an opportunity to chip their dogs still have a chance to do so for free.

**Any owner who fails to microchip their dog could face fines of up to \$500. Under the Dog Control Act 1996, they can also be impounded if they aren't microchipped.**

## MORE INFO

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