

## MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

There was a real heart to the Wairoa Trustpower Community Awards on Monday night; only one that you will see in a place like Wairoa. It was hard to fight-back tears when hearing some of the selfless initiatives, and the amazing work, our local volunteers and voluntary organisations are doing in our community.

I want to acknowledge each and everyone one of you who were nominated and commended in this year's Wairoa Trustpower Community Awards; you are the people this district needs; and in my mind, you are all winners.

countless volunteers and people. Our volunteers and voluntary organisations here in Wairoa should be very proud of the work they do for our community. We can stand head-and-shoulders with other groups from around the country.



Trust Power representative Melanie Dyer, Youth Community Spirit Winner - Pahemata Robinson (Te Kura Kaupapa Māori) and Mayor Craig Little

I encourage you to keep an eye out for dates and locations where Council's community caravan will be parked over the coming weeks. These are the places you can visit next week to tell us your ideas about what we can do to make Wairoa an even better place to live, work and play. Those dates and places are:

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017:** Marine Parade, at the lighthouse
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017:** Wairoa Community Centre
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017:** Council office, Queen St
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017:** Tuai (The Reserve)
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017:** Tuai (The Reserve)

If you would like to know any further information, please don't hesitate to contact Council on 06 838 7309. Further engagement dates will be posted on Council's website over the next few days.

I also want to thank Trustpower for their ongoing support of volunteering and in particular, allowing us to acknowledge the amazing work that is happening here in Wairoa by



The winners at the Wairoa Trust Power Community Awards, with Mayor Craig Little, Mayoress Jan Little and Local MP Stuart Nash.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 12 October: 12.00pm

### FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17 October: 1.30pm

### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 24 October: 1.30pm

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 31 October: 1.30pm



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## COUNCIL'S DOG CONTROL OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

RESPONDING to reports of barking and wandering dogs around the Wairoa district, attacks on people, and putting roaming stock off the road is all in a day's work for Council's animal control team.

This is but a very small part of the day-to-day operations of Council's animal control officers, who want remind animal owners of their (owners') responsibilities.

A string of serious dog attacks, inquiries to Council animal control officers and other incidents throughout the district over the past few months have prompted this reminder.

Chief Operations Officer Helen Montgomery says being an Animal Control Officer in the Wairoa district is a difficult job on occasions.

However, she says it can also be an extremely rewarding job when reuniting a family dog with their owners or assisting a dog owner in resolving an issue with their beloved pet.

"Simply complying with the Dog Control Act (DCA) 1996 and the Wairoa District Council Bylaws goes a long way in being a responsible dog owner," Ms Montgomery says.

Ms Montgomery wanted to respond to questions around what dog registration paid for.

"The registration covers, an on call service, there is always an animal control officer on call 24/7 to respond to dog attacks on people and other dogs, attacks on stock and wild life, to collect wandering dogs and dogs creating a nuisance, and to investigate barking dog complaints," she says.

"The registration also covers the daily maintenance and cleaning of the dog pound, notifying known dog owners if their dog has been impounded, property inspections in order to keep an up to date record of dogs within the Wairoa district, and maintenance of the districts input into the national dog database to name a few things registration fees are used for."

If you have any queries or questions relating to dog matters simply give the team a call on 06 838-7309.

### OBLIGATIONS OF A DOG OWNER

*The obligations of a dog owner are defined as follows:*

- To ensure that the dog is registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 and that all relevant territorial authorities are promptly notified of any change of change of address or ownership.
- To ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times.
- To ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter.
- To take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog does not damage, or endanger any property belonging to any other person.
- To comply with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996, and all regulations and Bylaws made under this act.

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# MĀHIA ROAD WORKS

## NOTICE to the public

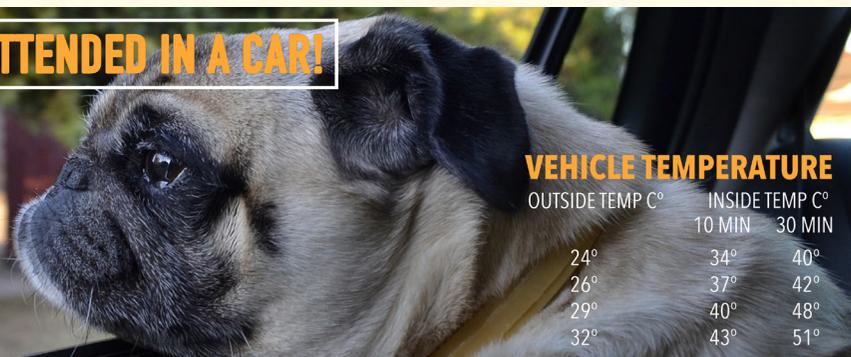
Works will be carried out at the Mokotahi Boat Ramp & Moana Drive, until the Christmas period.

[www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz)  
for more info

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## DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG UNATTENDED IN A CAR!

DOGS DIE EVERY SUMMER  
YOUR CAR'S TEMPERATURE IS DEADLY



### VEHICLE TEMPERATURE

OUTSIDE TEMP C°	INSIDE TEMP C°	
	10 MIN	30 MIN
24°	34°	40°
26°	37°	42°
29°	40°	48°
32°	43°	51°