

# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

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## MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

As Council moves into a period of transition, I would like to remind our Wairoa people that Council is still sailing on with several positive projects and initiatives on the horizon. As we continue on our journey of transformation, we are now looking at how best we can utilise our resources.

Now that the 2017/18 Annual Plan has been adopted, Council is focussing on drafting its 2017/18 Annual Report, which outlines in much detail the aspirations of our community, and what the priorities are for this financial year.

In last month's Ordinary Council Meeting, numerous agenda items were brought to the table, including the results of our Communitrak Survey. Council is now eager to see a more proactive approach on addressing some of the issues raised in that survey, and to keep it on the table for as long as possible to ensure our community is seeing that Council is doing its best to keep these issues above water.



Departing CEO Fergus Power.

On behalf of Councillors, staff and the community, I wish to acknowledge Council's departing CEO Fergus Power. He has been instrumental in supporting Council in delivering services and ideas that demonstrate Wairoa is a great place to work, live and play. I would like to wish Fergus and his partner Tri all the very best and to say thanks for the wonderful friendship over the short time he has called Wairoa "home".

On a not so positive note, Council is disappointed over the stupidity of some who have recklessly destroyed Council property. In recent weeks, we have seen a number of incidents where brazen offenders have damaged our property and areas specifically designed for public enjoyment. On Saturday June 24, some shameless offender/s drove across the library reserve, did doughnuts on the lawn, drove their vehicle up the embankment and ripped through Council's flower beds. CCTV footage

of this incident has been passed onto the police. Days later, another member of the public poured paint all over the beach near Pilot Hill, leaving a messy trail of paint. Please, we have eyes and ears on you, so, be respectful.



Damage to the library reserve



Paint on the beach near Pilot Hill

Lastly, Council will now be rolling out an online e-magazine on a monthly basis. The first edition of 'Shine the Light' was released last month and features some very insightful history about the Wairoa Lighthouse. The history of the lighthouse is an absolute treasure, so I would like to thank the economic development team and Bill Shortt for making this edition possible. All editions of the 'Shine the Light' e-magazine can be found on our website.

[www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz), Keyword: #e-magazines



First edition of 'Shine the Light'

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 11 July: 1.30pm

### MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 13 July: 12.30pm



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## SECOND-HAND SUNDAY

JULY 30, 2017

### DO YOU HAVE ANY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Wairoa District Council is giving the community a chance to give away household items to others for free, through our Second-hand Sunday event. You can also collect items you want from others for free.

### LOCATION

At your home. You can put your items together in a neat pile, either at your letterbox or next to your driveway.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

If you would like to give away your household items, fill in the online form to register your address: [www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz)

Let Council know by **Thursday, 27 July**, so we can advertise your address.

### MORE INFO

[www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz)  
#2hand Sunday



## YOU NEED A PERMIT!

Thinking about making some adjustments to your property that could potentially impact on motorists and/or pedestrians? Do you need to build a fence, a gate, a driveway entrance or a drain on your property that requires modifying a road or a footpath? Regardless of where you live in the Wairoa District, rural or urban, you will need a permit to carry out this sort of work.

Wairoa residents are urged to note that any work on your property, if it affects the access to a roadway reserve in any way, can not begin until a Work Access Permit is issued by Council.

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