

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

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Mayor Craig Little

We've endured what has been one of our wettest winters in a while, and it has put some strain on our local roads. Our local roading contractors, QRS, are putting in every ounce of their time and effort to restore our road networks. We would like to extend our gratitude to QRS for their tireless efforts and work in getting our roads up and running.



Horseback riding along Whakamāhia Beach is one of many reasons why Wairoa is a great place to play.



Fly-fishing on the Ruakituri River is another great reason why the Wairoa district is a great place to live.

Council is still assessing a slip plane, and the damage done, on the main trunkline at Black's Beach, commonly known as the Blowhole. Council is now looking at options to have a new road realigned towards the existing railway line. Signs of movement on the road was observed in May, and Council had to close part of the road. A 30km single-lane zone is still in place.



The Blowhole, Black's Beach

Other roads that are still closed or have a drive with extreme caution warning include Mangaone Road in Nuhaka, the start of Kinikini Road and Tuai Main Road.

Looking ahead, it's time to celebrate our place, Wairoa, and have your say about why our district is a great place

to live, work and play. Council is preparing to look at its Long-Term Plan, through pre-engagement, and we need your feedback about what will make Wairoa a great place to live, work and play.

Over the coming weeks, Council is launching a new website forum where you can have your say. We will also be actively on the ground throughout the next two months, trying to collect as much feedback from the

community as possible, as we prepare for our next Long-Term Plan.

If you would like to have your say about what could make Wairoa an even better place to live, work and play, please visit our website on www.wairoadc.govt.nz and type in the key word LTP. Or, you can chat to us as we roll out our pre-engagement roadshow over the next couple of months.

Submission hearings on four of Council's policies will take place next Tuesday, in Council Chambers. Visit our website for details.

LOCALS LINE WAIROA RIVER FOR START OF WHITEBAITING SEASON



THEY'RE RUNNING!

It was great to hear all the knocking and hammering along the Wairoa River this week, as keen locals prepared their stands for the start of whitebaiting season. Council is reminding people to please drive with care on the riverbank reserves, as it has been an extremely wet winter. Also, please DO NOT park on the riverbank walkways. Good luck to all our avid whitebaiters! Have a great season.

Left: Wairoa man Doug Waugh gets his set net ready for white-baiting season.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 22 August: 1.30pm

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 12 September: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14 September: 12.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19 September: 1.30pm



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MICROCHIPPING AMNESTY

THURSDAY,
31ST 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

Contact Council
on 06 838 7309



ATTENTION, DOG OWNERS!

Council would like to thank local dog owners who have already registered their dog this month. We would like to remind owners that if a dog registration is paid from 1 September 2017, there will be no discount, and the full amount must be paid. For example, if a standard dog fee is paid by 31 August 2017, you will pay only \$70. After 31 August, you will pay the full amount, which is \$80.

Class D - dogs classified as dangerous (\$10 discount if registered before 31 August): \$130
Class Q - dogs classified as menacing (\$10 discount if registered before 31 August): \$130
Class W - working dogs (\$10 discount if registered before 31 August): \$50
Class S - being all other dogs (\$10 discount if registered before 31 August): \$80