

# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

15 March 2018

## MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

We still want to hear your ideas about what Wairoa's CBD could look like, and what could do with a bit of sprucing up.

More than 50 Wairoa residents had their say at a recent community engagement meeting but that was only the beginning.

People have wanted to see improvements around the CBD for years. Now is the chance for you to put your thoughts out there and share your vision and ideas.

There are displays and information stations at the Council offices in Queen Street, the Wairoa library and the Wairoa i-SITE. You can make your submissions at these places.

You can also tell us your thoughts on our website. [www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz).

Storm water inflow, into the town's sewerage systems causes major problems for a lot of residents, our four sewer pump stations and at the treatment plant. The sewer reticulation network is designed to cope with sewerage flows only. Severe overloading of the sewerage network occurs during rainfall events.

Therefore Council is undertaking an extensive review of the storm water and wastewater systems in the Wairoa township. Over the next nine to twelve months Council will be visiting each property in Wairoa, to find out if there are storm water and wastewater-related issues on your property.

We want your help to identify any issues with your property, if any, even if you have already told us.

The town will be broken into blocks of areas of about 100 to 150 properties. This means that there will be about 100 to 150 houses assessed in each block at one time.

Council staff and contractors will be carrying out the visits on a "houses per block" basis. Please remember that these are investigations only and will involve smoke testing and visual observations.

The first stage will be the Kopu Road pump station catchment.

Once this investigation work is completed, we will be looking into options for fixing the storm water and wastewater issues.

A cover letter and a survey, will be sent out to all properties, prior to the site investigations in the area.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 20 March: 1.30pm

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 27 March: 1.30pm

### FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 3 April: 1.30pm

### COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 10 April: 1.30pm



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## MANGAPOIKE SLIP

Council is now working with Gisborne District Council to monitor a 50 hectare slip that went down into the Mangapoike River more than two weeks ago.

The land in this area, which lies near the Wairoa-Gisborne boundary, is still unsteady, so we advise you not to visit the area.

This is a remote area so please don't try and have a look. I would also

like to encourage people to stay out of the riverbed during and after heavy rain.

The magnitude and the size of the slip is overwhelming, as you can see from the photos that were taken of the slip.



## I-SITE QUALMARK CERTIFICATION

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the team at the Wairoa i-SITE, after it became a Qualmark-accredited organisation.

Qualmark is New Zealand Tourism's official quality assurance endorsement programme and provides evidence that the Wairoa i-SITE has been independently validated as a quality tourism organisation.

It provides recognition that the Wairoa i-SITE delivers a quality visitor and travel experience.

The assessor gave some recommendations that we can put in place too, so it's great that we now have this quality mark acknowledging our i-SITE as a standard as a tourism outlet.

The i-SITE underwent a Qualmark evaluation in early March.



## WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

We're improving our website and we want your feedback to help us make it better - easier to use, more interesting, more relevant.

We have a few questions that'll take you about to minutes to whizz through.

To complete the questionnaire please go to our website.

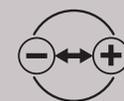
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## TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Wairoa District Council wants to introduce the CBD enhancement project to the community. Get involved and let us know what your ideas for the future of our town centre are.

#### TELL US ABOUT:



Current issues & opportunities



Community's vision for The CBD



How much of the town centre should be covered by this project?

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