# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

## Kia Tū, Kia Māia



### STAND - Nominations close 16<sup>th</sup> August at noon!

### **COUNCIL IN FOCUS**

#### **RATES NOTICES**

Wairoa District Council is continually working towards reducing its environmental footprint.

Rating notices were sent out last week and Council staff are encouraging ratepayers to receive their notices electronically.

Across the region, Councils are working together to reduce unnecessary waste.

Ratepayers are also being encouraged to pay their rates electronically with payment options including online, direct debit and internet banking.

To receive your rates by email head to **www.wairoadc.govt.nz**, search for '**#ratesbyemail**' and fill out the online form. For payment options, click on the rates tab from the home page.

Ratepayers are also reminded to see if you qualify for the rates rebate scheme.

Every year the scheme is taken up by an average of 300 Wairoa residents, providing a rates subsidy to low-income homeowners.

The scheme usually subsidises more than \$200,000 in rates rebates.

People are encouraged to see if they qualify as they may receive a full or partial subsidy.

Call into the Queen Street Council offices and talk to staff or for more information head the Wairoa District Council website or phone (06) 838 7309.

www.wairoadc.govt.nz, search for '#rates'

### LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019

#### KIA TŪ, KIA MĀIA - VOTE 2019

The window of opportunity to be ready to vote in this year's local body and district health board elections is getting smaller by the day.

As outlined by the Electoral Commission last month, there are concerns that thousands of potential voters are going to miss out, going on the number of envelopes containing people's enrolment details that were returned to the Commission.

If you haven't received your enrolment papers in the post to be able to check your details, you want to check whether you're eligible to vote, or you need to enrol in order to vote for the first time, it is possible to do all of the above online at vote.nz

Alternatively, you can pop into the office and fill in a form, or call 0800 36 76 56 and ask for a form to be sent to you.

Anyone who will turn 18 by the time of the elections is able to pre enrol now. They will then be automatically enrolled on their 18th birthday.

The electoral rolls close on Friday 16 August, the same day, at noon, that nominations close. After that date, anyone not enrolled will have to contact their local council to arrange a special vote.

Anyone interested in standing for Councils who hasn't yet read all the relevant information, or checked what they need to supply with their nomination form, is advised to do so now.

All candidate handbooks, nomination forms, Frequently Asked Questions are now available on Council's website.

Anyone planning to put their name forward for a seat also needs

to be aware that they must be keeping all receipts for expenses to date from 12 July, as all expenditure and donations to their campaign must be declared.

16 <sup>™</sup> AUG	Enrolment closes
16 <sup>TH</sup> AUG	Candidate Nominations Close
20 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT - 12 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	Postal Voting

### BELIEVE IN A STRONG WAIROA?



### **EVERY ONE OF US COUNTS.**

#### STAND, ENROL, VOTE!

Whatever you believe is best for Wairoa, make sure that your opinion is heard. Enrol and vote. Wairoa. If it matters to you, it matters to yote.



### HAWKE'S BAY DISASTER RELIEF TRUST



# FOR YOUR DIARY DUBLIC NOTIFICATION

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6 August:

1.30pm

**MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE** Thursday, 8 August: 12.30pm

COUNCIL FORUM Tuesday, 13 August: 1.30pm

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE Tuesday, 20 August: 1.30pm



CONTACT US Wairoa District Council Queen St, Wairoa info@wairoadc.govt.nz (06) 838 7309

### CONSULTATION ON FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

Council is considering whether it should adopt amendments to the Wairoa District Council Consolidated Bylaw Part 9 – Freedom Camping.

### MAKE A SUBMISSION

Closes 30th August 2019, 4.30pm

