

## Kia Tū, Kia Māia



**VOTE - Voting papers will be delivered between 20<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Sept!**

## COUNCIL IN FOCUS

### COUNCIL WEBSITE PROJECT MAKES IT TO FINALS

The upgraded website template that is being used by all five Councils across the Hawke's Bay region has been named as a finalist in the ALGIM national spring awards in the category 'best digital project'.

The five Hawke's Bay Councils; Wairoa, Napier, Hastings, Central Hawke's Bay and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, worked collaboratively to develop a new website template for all five Council websites.

The project that gave Wairoa District Council's website a fresh look and improved functionalities, started in January 2018 and was completed in February 2019.

The collaborative approach is a New Zealand first with the five Councils working together to create a new website framework that they all agreed on, and then successfully building and delivering it in the agreed timeframe.

Benefits of developing one website template for all five Councils included cost savings, improved functionalities, improved user interface and ease of use.

Wairoa District chief executive Steven May said the joint approach meant the cost of the update was shared between all five Hawke's Bay Councils.

"If it had only been funded by the Wairoa District Council, it would have been unlikely we could have improved the functionalities to the extent we have."

Mr May praised the work of Council's Community & Engagement team and said it was great to see their efforts acknowledged at a national level.

The winners will be announced at the ALGIM Spring Conference in Christchurch next month.



Wairoa District Councils Graphic Design and Communications Officer - Katharina Di Lena, will be representing WDC at the ALGIM Spring Conference

### MAPPING SYSTEMS LEADING THE WAY

The Wairoa District Council is leading the way with its internal and external mapping systems.

A new system is being developed using open source software for its mapping systems rather than a propriety system which had been used in the past.

The change means Council can have the information updated as and when they want and share the data within the Council system and also externally with members of the public.

Information Services Team Leader Russell McCracken says the direction Council has taken is ground-breaking.

"The change means instead of paying software licencing fees, the

money can be invested in improving the data collection.

"Council's internal system has layers of information showing water and sewage connections, cemeteries, parks etc which is vital for staff and contractors and the information can be shared with other users, such as schools.

"We are leading the charge, and it is great to see other Councils coming in line with us."

The Council is working with a Hawke's Bay software company, but Mr McCracken said the system is more far-reaching than just at a regional level.

"This is about sharing information and costs across the whole country.

"For members of the public, all they need to do is download any free GIS (Geographical Information System) software, and they can then import all the information from the Council website.

"That way, you've got all the information you want; you are controlling it, and it costs you nothing.

"Data information has a lot of power, and we are putting it out there, effectively it's a mapping portal for everyone to be able to use.

"We have made the mapping tool on the Council website as simple as we can, but it does look different to how it looked before.

"The best way to get used to it is to go onto the website, click on your property and start from there.

"It is a work in progress. More information, such as and 3D mapping, will be added as the information is developed.

"We will also be looking at ways to make it more interactive and roll the product out to the public and teach people how to use the system so they can maximise the benefits."



Wairoa District Councils Information Services Team Leader - Russell McCracken

### DO YOU WANT A WARMER HOME?

You could qualify for a free grant that covers 67% of ceiling and underfloor insulation.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) is the government agency that works to improve the energy efficiency of New Zealand homes and businesses and encourages the uptake of renewable energy.

Wairoa District Council chief executive Steven May encourages homeowners in Wairoa to attend a public meeting to see if they qualify for a free grant for insulation.

EECA are able to provide a 67% free grant to homeowners, no matter what the level of the homeowner's income is.

It all depends on the location of your house access their website to find out more [www.energywise.govt.nz/tools/warmer-kiwi-homes-tool](http://www.energywise.govt.nz/tools/warmer-kiwi-homes-tool)

To find out if you qualify, head to the public meeting at the Presbyterian Hall on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

### COUNCIL MEETING

Tue, 3 September: 1.30pm

### EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Freedom Camping Bylaw Submissions Hearing & Deliberations (Council Chambers)

Tue, 10 September: 10am

### MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thur, 12 September: 12.30pm

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - CANCELLED

~~Tue, 10 September: 1.30pm~~



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### 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



### CONSULTATION ON HAWKE'S BAY DISASTER RELIEF TRUST

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