

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

21 November 2019

MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

IMPLEMENTATION GROUP ENABLES CHANGE

Changing the approach for whānau is a foundation of the Wairoa Community Partnership Implementation Group.

The group, which comprises key community leaders and government agency representatives, is taking a united approach to ensure the Wairoa community and whānau have the greatest wellbeing possible.

I am really excited about the work of the Implementation Group.

The Implementation Group is about a planned approach to change; it is where the magic is going to happen.

This is not about telling our community, it is about laying a foundation that will enable our whānau to change.

TO MAKE CHANGE WE HAVE TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT HASN'T WORKED FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN THE PAST, AND HOW WE CAN CHANGE IT TO MAKE IT WORK IN THE FUTURE.

Rather than the historical disjointed approach, our kaupapa is about working together in a united approach with the people who are working at the coalface of our communities.

The Implementation Group comprises some of the most informed people in our town and it is about using that information to deliver community-led and government-partnered solutions.

The group is working across a number of key issues in our community and I am looking forward to the wellbeing outcomes.



Members of the Wairoa Community Partnership Implementation Group are the drivers enabling positive change for Wairoa whānau.

NEW COUNCIL

Last week was a big one for our new Council.

We had inductions, workshops and meetings to ensure all the councillors are up to speed with the projects and issues Council is involved with and deals with.

As a Council, we are very involved in discussions and decisions affecting the entire district and last week was an important information sharing time.

I AM REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE SHOWN BY THE COUNCILLORS SITTING AROUND THE TABLE, AND I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL TO PROGRESS OUR DISTRICT.

REGIONAL AWARD FOR HUMES

Wairoa had a significant presence at the 2019 PAN PAC Hawke's Bay Business Awards, which were presented by the Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce last Friday night.

Andrew and Alma Hume of Mua Digital were the outright winners of the Living Hawke's Bay Community Contribution award.

The judges were impressed with Andrew and Alma's total dedication to youth development in Wairoa and recognised their vision to nurture youths into productive young adults bringing economic value back to the community through much-needed technology qualifications and skills, with the ability to work remotely for anyone, anywhere.

QRS also made it through as a finalist in the Great Things Grow Here Large Business Category and DentiQ Dental, which is based in Wairoa and Napier, was a finalist in the EIT Small Business section.

The awards showcased businesses and businesspeople who are demonstrating innovation and excellence, coupled with business practices that maximise overall performance.

I was thrilled with the turnout from Wairoa and was proud to be alongside Andrew and Alma when they won their award.

They are salt of the earth people and really have made a tremendous contribution to our town.



Alma and Andrew Hume of Mua Digital won the Community Contribution award at the 2019 PAN PAC Hawke's Bay Business Awards.

TAHAENUI CHRISTMAS FETE

The Tahaenui Christmas Fete will be held on Sunday.

The fundraising fete has previously been successfully run from Waihua Station and it is great to see the fete continuing- just from a new location.

IT IS MAGICAL EVENTS LIKE THIS THAT SHOWCASE THE BEAUTY OF OUR DISTRICT AND THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PEOPLE WITH ALL THE MONEY RAISED GOING TO STARSHIP HOSPITAL.

The new look fete will be set in the Tahaenui Station homestead garden which offers a parklike setting.

There will be plenty of space and I am told nearly 60 stallholders have committed to attend.

I hope the event will be well supported as I know a lot of work has gone into organising the family occasion.

The fete will be held on Sunday, November 24, from 10am-3pm, turn off from SH 2 at Tahaenui Station, near Nuhaka.

The entry fee is \$10 per adult and free for children, with all gate takings going to Starship Hospital.

FOR YOUR DIARY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

COUNCIL MEETING

Tue, 26 November: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thur, 12 December: 12.30pm



CONTACT US

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

FREEDOM CAMPING

The new freedom camping bylaw has been in effect since 1st November. There are some changes to freedom camping areas.

For more information visit the Wairoa District Council website

🌐 www.wairoadc.govt.nz, search for #freedomcamping



KITCHENER STREET STORMWATER DRAIN UPGRADE

STAGE 1 - 21 OCTOBER TO 20 DECEMBER 2019

There will be a one-way only system in place, in stages between Robbie's Dairy-Rutherford St and Rutherford St-Achilles St.

Residents will only be able to turn left out of their driveways when the closure is adjacent to their driveway.

