

MAYORAL COLUMN



Mayor Craig Little

TUIA 250

Tuia 250 commemorates 250 years since the first onshore meetings between Māori – the tangata whenua of Aotearoa New Zealand – and Pākehā in 1769–70.

Tuia 250 also celebrates the voyaging heritage of Pacific people that led to the settlement of Aotearoa New Zealand many generations before.

The central event is the Tuia 250 Voyage. A flotilla made up of two waka hourua from Aotearoa, three tall ships including the Endeavour replica from Australia, and a va'a tipaerua from Tahiti, sailing New Zealand's coast to engage with communities, iwi and hapū.

The Tuia 250 Voyage launch events were held in Tūranganui-a-Kiwa (Gisborne) in October and culminate at Mahia on Sunday, December 15.

On that Sunday the Tuia-mai-tawhiti Festival will be held at Pohutukawa Drive, Mahia Beach from 8am with free admission.

A Waka Festival will celebrate the arrival of the waka hourua to Mahia-mai-tawhiti.

This grassroots festival celebrates our Pacific Voyaging traditions, the Moana, as well as showcasing local community talents and businesses.

I ENCOURAGE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO JOIN THE PEOPLE OF MAHIA AND THE WAKA CREWS FOR REGATTAS, DINGHY RACES, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, DELICIOUS FOOD AND STALLS.

There will be an opportunity to learn about celestial navigation in the Stardome and discover the world of voyaging through the touring Voyaging Roadshow.

Activities will demonstrate the mātauranga (knowledge) of Pacific voyagers who found and settled Aotearoa many generations ago.

The activities will begin at 8am with the arrival of the waka hourua followed by a haka pōwhiri on the beach at Mahia Beach.

The waka crew will then be transported to Ruawhāro for a formal haka pōwhiri.

THE PUBLIC FESTIVAL WILL BEGIN AT MAHIA BEACH FROM 10AM AND RUNS ALL DAY AND INCLUDES THE WAKA TAURUA REGATTA AT 11AM, WAKA HOURUA TOURS FROM MIDDAY, BEACH FUN AND GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT.

For me, this a significant national occasion and it is fantastic the commemorations will conclude at Mahia. Well done to our local organisers and all those who have, and will, participate.

KAUMĀTUA MORNING TEA

Councillors and I would like to invite all senior members of the community to join us at the kaumātua morning tea, next Wednesday (December 11) at the War Memorial Hall.

This is a great chance to catch up with senior members of our district who have done so much for our community.

I really enjoy the pre-Christmas morning tea and talking with our wonderful older people who have given so much to our community over the years and this is a nice way to give something back to them to show our appreciation.

I look forward to seeing you there.

PRE-CHRISTMAS MAYORAL MORNING TEA

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DEC 2019
10AM, WAR MEMORIAL HALL

AN INVITATION TO SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
RSVP TO COUNCIL RECEPTION (06) 838 7309

WAIROA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Wairoa's main street will become a festive frenzy on Saturday as the Christmas Procession parades through town.

I have been told local businesses and organisations have shown lots of interest in joining the parade.

It is great Council will have a presence with a float as it is important that we are participating as well as encouraging others to join in.

The Totally Christmas festival will start with the parade at 2pm followed by a free family concert on the Lighthouse Green from 3.30pm.

Don't forget to check out Santa's Grotto and Christmas lights at the Riverside Camping Ground from 8pm.

The Christmas festivities will continue on Friday December 20th with late night shopping and market along Marine Parade from 5-8pm and Christmas carols on the Lighthouse Green from 6-8pm.

For more information visit the Wairoa Christmas Festival page on Facebook.

@wairoachristmasfestival

FOR YOUR DIARY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thur, 12 December: 12.30pm



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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

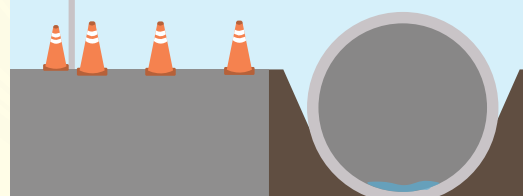


KITCHENER STREET STORMWATER DRAIN UPGRADE

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.



TOTALLY CHRISTMAS

THIS DECEMBER

DECEMBER 7TH	DECEMBER 20TH
CHRISTMAS PARADE	MARKET DAY
FREE FAMILY CONCERT	SANTA'S GROTTTO
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	CHRISTMAS CAROLS

