

MAYORAL COLUMN

VOLUNTEER AT THE GAIETY

If you are a bit of a film buff or just love movies, I encourage you to put your hand up to volunteer at the Gaiety Theatre.

Our town is lucky to have the Gaiety as a form of entertainment. The building itself is beautiful and it is great that some of our town's history has been preserved through the restoration of the theatre.

Our Gaiety team work really hard to bring new releases to the theatre which means people don't have to travel out of town to catch a film.

Becoming a Gaiety volunteer is an excellent way to learn new skills, make friends and get work experience.

The Wednesday evening Wairoa Film Club is also proving popular with screenings of films that wouldn't usually make it to mainstream cinemas.

Many of the movies screened through the Wairoa Film Club are superb films that never gain commercial release in cinemas or on television.

The film club features a festival of documentary, musicals, comedy, war, romance, foreign-language and rare films. It provides a chance for local people to discover films they may never have heard of and enjoy the entertainment at the Gaiety on one of the biggest screens in the country.

Upcoming film club movies are June Again set to screen on May 26 and Waru on June 2.

Screenings are held on Wednesdays at 5:30pm at the Gaiety Theatre. Tickets are \$15 which includes a drink - enjoy a beer, wine, cider, soft drink, water, tea or coffee. Doors open from 5pm.

I really do encourage people to head to the Gaiety and make the most of what we have.

A reminder also to those people who are enjoying a bit of movie watching at the theatre. Please be courteous and remember you are not the only person there to enjoy a film. Please switch your phones off, don't be loud or disruptive and treat the theatre and other theatre goes with respect.

If you are keen on becoming a volunteer call into the theatre or email boxoffice@gaietytheatre.co.nz

MERCHANDISE PUTS WAIROA ON THE MAP

Congratulations to the team at the i-Site who are continually putting Wairoa on the map. They have now sourced a great range of Wairoa merchandise. There are hats, t-shirts, bags, cups, waterbottles, magnets, bottle buddies and pens in a range of colours and all emblazoned with our famous town name.



LONG-TERM PLAN CONSULTATION

We are nearing the end of our Long-Term Plan consultation sessions with the Raupunga session held today and the last one tomorrow (Friday May 21) at Sunset Point, Mahia from 10am-2pm.

Consultation continues until the end of the month and I encourage everyone to have their say and help build our district's future together.

The Long-Term Plan describes the activities, and the community outcomes Council hopes to achieve over the next 10 years.

The 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan consultation focusses on Levels of Service and what the community expects from Council.

The Long-Term Plan Consultation Document proposes an average rate increase of 10% for the first year of the plan (2021/22) followed by three years of average increases of around 8%. The average rates increase over the 10 years of the plan is 5.6%. We know the next four years will be hard but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

The Long-Term Plan Consultation Document focusses on delivering a similar level of service to what is presently delivered as well as servicing debt and replenishing reserves. It is about looking after our community today, and in the future. Previously we have listened to the community and kept rates affordable and as low as possible because we had reserves to achieve that. We no longer have that luxury and have to re-set our trajectory to ensure we are in a position to look after future generations.

This is the opportunity for people to tell Council where they think it should spend its money. We really do encourage you to have your say on what matters to you so you can be a part of planning for Wairoa's future. You may have ideas that we haven't thought of and we welcome your input.

To view the consultation document online head to www.consultations.nz/wdc. Submissions can be made by emailing feedback@wairoadc.govt.nz. People can pick up a copy of the Consultation document and feedback booklet from the Council offices on Queen Street or write us a letter and send us your thoughts to P O Box 54, Wairoa.

A TASTE OF WAIROA

Tickets for Wairoa's first ever Food and Wine Classic event are selling like hotcakes.

The Wairoa District Council and Hawke's Bay Tourism have paired up to bring a five-course dining experience to Wairoa as part of the Hawke's Bay Food and Wine Classic (FAWC) event.



Tracey and Emma Morten are the chefs behind this spectacular looking dish which will feature at the Taste of Wairoa event.

A Taste of Wairoa will take place on the afternoon of June 26, at the Gaiety Theatre and as well as fine food and beverages, will feature local entertainment.

Our panel of local judges have chosen a selection of tastebud tempters which will feature on the degustation menu with each course showcasing local produce and being paired with Hawke's Bay beverages.

A Taste of Wairoa promises to be a great event while also giving the local community a chance to showcase their own unique kai, and secret whānau recipes.

Get your ticket now on Event Finder and search Taste of Wairoa.

CHECK BEFORE YOU DIG OR EXCAVATE



Don't compromise Wairoa's utilities. Know what is underground before you dig.

Check by using our online maps or call the Wairoa District Council on 06 838 7309.

MEET THE MAYOR

If you would like to have a meeting with the Mayor, call the council offices on 06 838 7309 to arrange a meeting time. He is available to meet with people on Wednesdays.



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