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## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

ANZAC Day will be commemorated throughout the Wairoa district.

Thursday, April 25, is a significant day when New Zealanders can officially remember and acknowledge those who have gone before them.

Local Civic commemorations will begin with the Kaiuku Marae, Mahia, dawn service at 5:45am, followed by the Taihoa Marae service at 8:30am, the Frasertown Civic Service at 10am, and the Wairoa Civic Service at 11:45am.

Please note that times and the order of civic services have been changed this year to ensure that the morning is not rushed.

ANZAC Day is a time to reflect on the service that many people unselfishly gave to their country. It is a time when people can pay their tributes and remember those who went before us.

This ANZAC Day will be a significant time for the Kahungunu Marae at Nuhaka, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

The marae was conceived post-WWII as a war memorial and opened in 1949. The Kahungunu Memorial Wharewhakairo was built as a monument to the men from the Nuhaka and Mahia areas who served their country in the two major World Wars and succeeding wars.

Young war veterans returned from the war in Egypt and Europe and carved many of the whakairo (carvings) in the marae under the tutelage of master carver Pine Taiapa. One of the marae carvings is of the unknown soldier, recognising all those who died in the war.

The Kahungunu Marae Anzac Day Service will be at 10am on Thursday, April 25.

## ROADING A PRIORITY

Wairoa, along with the rest of Hawke's Bay, is calling for more government funding to rebuild the region's extensively damaged roads and bridges.

Across Wairoa, Central Hawke's Bay and Hastings, around \$1.1 billion worth of damage to local roads was caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, approximately \$700 million of which is currently unfunded.

Whilst Councils are grateful for the Government support received to date and, as a result, have made good progress repairing damage over the past twelve months, there is still so much work to do. The reality is, however, that this comes with a price tag far too high for ratepayers to bear. Without additional funding support, much of this critical repair work won't be finished in a timely manner, and some is unlikely to be completed at all.

Roading infrastructure repair and access remain a core priority, particularly for Wairoa, which is nearly two hours away from the bigger centres of Napier and Gisborne and surrounded by a very fragile roading network.

## LONG-TERM PLAN

Through the Long-Term Plan process, the Council will soon engage with the community to hear your thoughts on how you would like our district to look in the next three years and beyond.

Our 2024-2027 plan will focus on cyclone recovery while delivering the core activities and facilities our community expects.

We all know it is a challenging time, particularly following the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle, and it is more important than ever to hear from our community. We welcome your involvement as we build our community's future and travel the road to recovery together.

## WATER LEAKS

The Council is proactively working to make our local water supply as efficient as possible by minimising water loss.

Staff and contractors will be out and about in neighbourhoods visiting properties where data from the water meters indicates there may be a water leak.

The Council is working with the community to minimise water leaks. The Council is responsible for leaks on property boundaries, where the 'toby' valve is generally located, or outside the boundary, where the water supply connects to the public water network, such as the road or footpath. Property owners are responsible for any leaks that occur within the boundary of a private property.

Unrepaired water leaks mean it costs more to produce water, more wastewater ends up in our rivers, and we have less water stored in our reservoirs, which can cause critical issues during emergencies.

If you locate a leak on your property, you will need to get it fixed, which might involve contacting a local plumber.

We appreciate your efforts in assisting us to save water by fixing any leaks.

## DUCK SHOOTING SEASON

Duck Shooting Season opens May 4th. To purchase your licence call into the Wairoa Isite 8.30am – 4.30pm weekdays 10am – 4pm weekends



## FOR YOUR DIARY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

### MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 16, 10am

### FINANCE, ASSURANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 16, 1.30pm

### STRATEGY, WELLBEING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 23, 10am

### INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 23, 1.30pm

### WAIROA YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 23, 3.30pm