

# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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### CATCH UP WITH MAYOR CRAIG Kanohi ki te Kanohi Face to Face

If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Mayor, please call the council offices on 06 838 7309 to arrange a meeting time. The Mayor is available to meet on Wednesdays or by appointment.



### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**COUNCIL FORUM - CANCELLED**  
Tuesday, December 16, 10am  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, December 16, 1pm

**CAPTION:** Pictured at the Hawke's Bay regional collaboration day, from left, Wairoa Mayor Craig Little, Hastings Mayor Wendy Schollum, Napier Mayor Richard McGrath, Hawke's Bay Regional Council Chair Sophie Siers and Central Hawke's Bay Mayor Will Foley.

**pride in premises**

**main street clean up**

**Monday 8 December 2025**  
from 2pm outside Wairoa I-Site

*open to all  
come lend a hand!*

**Clean-Up Mission from Riverview Dairy to Purple Petals**  
Brighten Windows, Lift Footpaths, Boost our Main Street

**Refreshments offered around 3pm**  
(BBQ/Sizzle, cold drinks etc.)



### FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE

#### MAIN STREET SPRUCE UP

Marine Parade is in for a spruce-up next Monday, December 8.

The Council and local business initiative will see a main street clean up from window washing to cobweb blasting. Marine Parade is a beautiful setting overlooking the river and the riverbank reserve. People are constantly telling me what a pretty township we have, and this is a chance to make it look even better. I really hope local businesses and supporters roll up their sleeves to help with the clean-up, and the invitation is open to everyone to join in and put a real shine on our shopping area. It is also ideal to have the cleanup completed before the Christmas market and parade on Saturday, December 13. The clean-up will begin from the Wairoa isite at 2pm. Bring along your buckets and wash cloths and join in this community spruce-up.

#### REGIONAL COLLABORATION DAY

It was great to get together with provincial elected members at

last week's Hawke's Bay regional collaboration day.

This was the first time elected members had gathered this triennium, and it was a good opportunity to catch up with familiar faces, meet new people and network. All the communities that make up Hawke's Bay are unique in their own right, and working together at a regional level ensures, where possible, collective progress across key areas.

#### CONNECTIVITY A STEP CLOSER

Permanent connectivity came a step closer with the recent lifting of the Te Reinga Bridge arch onto its permanent site. I went to Te Reinga to watch the lift and was amazed at the work site and the massive machinery. A 1100-tonne crane was used to lift the arch from the Te Reinga side over the river and the temporary bridge, and place it on the abutments. I am told it was one of the biggest bridge lifts seen in New Zealand, and it was certainly a big day for Ruakituri, Te Reinga and the surrounding communities.

We are particularly grateful to the government for recognising our need and fully funding the \$14 million permanent replacement bridge. I would also like to extend a thanks to the local community, iwi and landowners for their assistance, guidance and patience. I would also like to acknowledge the work of QRS, which holds the contract, and the work of the specialised subcontractors.

This community has been waiting a long time for a permanent solution. The Te Reinga Bridge was initially damaged during the floods in March 2022. Further damage occurred in February 2023 during Cyclone Gabrielle, which caused a pier to wash away, leading to the bridge's closure. The old bridge was demolished in June 2023, and a temporary bridge (including a Bailey bridge) was constructed to restore access and opened in February 2024. The new permanent bridge is a one-lane, 90.5m-long network arch spanning the entire riverbed, with a 13.5m-long single land span, eliminating the need for a pier in the riverbed.

**MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES**

**Saturday, 13 December**  
**Market: 9am - 1.30pm**  
**Parade: 2pm**

For more information go to [wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa-christmas-celebration-2025](http://wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa-christmas-celebration-2025)

**The GAIETY**  
Cinema & Theatre  
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**Five Night's at Freddy's 2**  
R16 | 1hr 44m  
Thursday 4th December 5.30pm  
Friday 5th December 8pm

**Wicked: For Good**  
PG | 2hr 18m  
Friday 5th December 5.30pm  
Saturday 6th December 2pm  
Thursday 11th December 5.30pm

**Now You See Me  
Now You Don't**  
M | 1hr 52m  
Saturday 6th December 5.30pm

**Now Showing**  
December 4 - 11

**Zootopia 2**  
G | 1hrs 48m  
Sunday 7th December 11.30am

**Predator: Badlands**  
R16 | 1hr 50m  
Sunday 7th December 2pm

**Pike River**  
M | 2hr 11m  
Wednesday 10th December 5.30pm

**Coming Soon**  
Avatar: Fire and Ash  
The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants

Tickets from \$12

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