

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 Ruakiruri, 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.

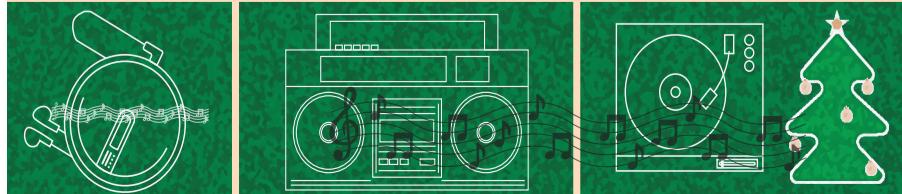
MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

Saturday, 13 December

Market: 9am - 1.30pm

Parade: 2pm

For more information go to wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa-christmas-celebration-2025



The **GAIETY** Cinema & Theatre



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

Tickets from \$12

Now Showing

December 4 - 11

Zootopia 2

G | 1hr 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

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