

## FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE

We have some really special community-minded people in our community.

Last week, it was an absolute pleasure to honour five people who have given so much to Wairoa.

Civic Awards, which include a certificate and medal, were presented to Hana Whaanga, Jackie Te Amo, Jane O'Sullivan, John Gemmell and former Wairoa resident Jean Cooper.

These five people have all contributed to our community in different ways, but they all have one thing in common - their selflessness and generosity in putting others before them.

It is people like Hana, Jackie, Jane, John and Jean who keep our community ticking, and again, I thank you for everything you have done for Wairoa.

This week we have another example of Wairoa people putting others first.

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The Pork Pie Charity Run is a bi-annual fundraising road trip for Mini lovers, based loosely on the route taken by the Blondini Gang in the original Goodbye Pork Pie movie.

The first run in 2009 saw 36 teams travel from Kaitia to Invercargill over five days. Since then, the event has grown, with participation reaching a 60-car limit and the journey extended to six days. Due to accommodation and logistical constraints, the run now caps at 50 teams, with entries selling out within minutes. Vaughan and Erin were successful with their entry and have been planning their fundraising journey ever since.

Tomorrow, they leave Paihia at the top of the country on their 2,300km length of New Zealand journey, and I know they are proud to be waving the Wairoa flag.

The couple set their fundraising target at \$30,000 and have already surpassed that. Vaughan and Erin said the support they have received has been overwhelming, with Wairoa people digging deep to support the cause.

KidsCan has supported most local schools with meals, clothing and shoes, so this fundraising will have a very real flow effect for Wairoa.

The Pork Pie Charity Run ends next Wednesday, April 9, when the teams arrive in Invercargill. To donate to this worthwhile cause head to [www.porkpiecharityrun.org.nz](http://www.porkpiecharityrun.org.nz), click the link to donate to a team and search for BushBeachBBQ 'Yroa', or please use the QR code.



## The GAIETY Now Showing April 3 - 10

### A Minecraft Movie PREMIERE

TBC | 1hrs 41m

Thursday 3rd April 5.30pm

Saturday 5th April 2pm

Sunday 6th April 11.30am

### Snow White

PG | 1hr 50m

Friday 4th April 5.30pm

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### A Working Man

R16 | 1hr 56m

Friday 4th April 8pm

### Mickey 17

M | 2hr 17m

Sunday 6th April 2pm

### TINĀ

M | 2hrs 4m

Wednesday 9th April 5.30pm

### Dog Man PREMIERE

PG | 1hr 34m

Thursday 10th April 5.30pm

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# 25 April 2025 ANZAC DAY WAIROA

**5:45am**

**Kaiuku Marae Dawn Service**  
Mahia East Coast Road | Mahia

**10:00am**

**Frasertown Civic Service**  
Carroll Street | Frasertown

**8:30am**

**Taihoa Marae Service**  
State Highway 2 | Wairoa

**11:45am**

**Wairoa Civic Service**  
Wairoa War Memorial Hall | Wairoa

**5:30am**

**Mohaka Marae Dawn Service**  
Mohaka Township Road | Mohaka



Acknowledgements to Wairoa artist Chance Rohe, who designed the graphics in this banner.

KORERO FROM THE ARTIST: Kei Wareware Tātau - the imagery used in the poppy graphic above is derived from conversations I've heard and had about our Tipuna who fought in the World Wars. The Māori Battalion. Kōrero tuku iho heavily aligned to us and how we are a result of their sacrifice. We shall never take life for granted. We shall never forget. Your sacrifice, created my future. Thank you.