

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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ShakeOut 2025

ShakeOut, New Zealand's national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi (evacuation), is back for another year and is taking place on Thursday, 16 October 2025 at 9.30am.

ShakeOut provides a great opportunity for people to practise what to do when an emergency strikes and to update their emergency plans so they are better prepared for a real emergency.

It's important to practice ShakeOut every year so we all know the correct actions to take in an earthquake or tsunami.

Over the last decade, hundreds of thousands of people across New Zealand have come together to Drop, Cover and Hold, and practice their tsunami hīkoi evacuation route in coastal areas.

- People can sign up by going to getready.govt.nz/sign-up
- There are prizes to be won:
 - Every registered individual or household goes into the draw to win a personal grab bag.
 - Every registered organisation, school, university, marae, or community hub goes into the draw to win a Civil Defence wheelie bin.

In collaboration with ShakeOut 2025 is the Get Ready Schools Challenge - a fun and interactive way for children to learn about the right steps to take during an emergency, and how to prepare their households. This year's challenge is earthquake-themed and includes eight fun activities to help children create a household emergency plan, fix potential hazards in their home, and know the right thing to do if an emergency strikes.

More information is available at <https://getready.govt.nz/schools-challenge>



What to do during the drill

- Drop, Cover and Hold is the right action to take in an earthquake. It stops you from being knocked over, makes you a smaller target for falling and flying objects and protects your head, neck and vital organs.
- During an earthquake, the correct Drop, Cover, Hold actions are:
 - Drop down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling over but lets you move if you need to.
 - Cover your head and your neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you). If there is no shelter nearby, cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.
 - Hold on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.
 - For those with disabilities, there are variations of Drop, Cover, Hold to follow

If you live in a tsunami zone – once the shaking stops, move immediately to higher ground or as far inland as you can.

Check if you're in the Hawke's Bay Tsunami Evacuation Zone here: <https://www.hbemergency.govt.nz/hazards/tsunami/>



Dog Registration Payment Plan

Setting up a payment plan over the year can help reduce the pinch when it is annual registration time.

To find out more www.wairoadc.govt.nz/services/animal-education/dog-owners

COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, August 19, 10am

ORDINARY COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 19, 1.30pm

FINANCE, ASSURANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 26, 12.30pm

YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 26, 3.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 2, 10am

STRATEGY, WELLBEING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9, 10am

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, September 16, 10am

ORDINARY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 16, 1.30pm



Now Showing August 14 - 21

The Fantastic Four: First Steps PREMIERE

PG | 1hrs 55m

Thursday 14th August 5.30pm

Friday 15th August 8pm

Superman

M | 2hr 9m

Saturday 16th August 5.30pm

Elio

PG | 1hr 39m

Saturday 16th August 2pm

Freakier Friday

PG | 1hr 51m

Friday 15th August 5.30pm

Sunday 17th August 2pm

Thursday 21st August 5.30pm

Smurfs

G | 1hrs 32m

Sunday 17th August 11.30am

Jurassic World Rebirth

M | 2hr 14m

Wednesday 20th August 5.30pm

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Funding for Local Artists and Arts Groups



Applications are now open for the Creative Communities Scheme

Council is calling all Wairoa whānau, and local artists who have a project they would like to get off the ground, to apply for the Creative Communities Scheme Fund.

Applications close Friday, 5 September at 5pm. For more information about this fund, please contact Latoya on 06 838 7309, emailing latoya@wairoadc.govt.nz or visit our website www.wairoadc.govt.nz/our-district/grants-funding/creative-communities-nz

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Make Sure You Have Your Say - enrol or check enrolment details by going to vote.nz/enrolling

LOCAL ELECTIONS
11 OCTOBER 2025

