



FOCUS ON DOG OWNERSHIP COMPLIANCE

Council staff have increased their dog-related responses in line with recent dog attacks, but need the community to work with them.

The past year has seen an increase in localised dog attacks on people, with 10 reports of dog attacks on people made to the Council in the past year.

In the month of June, Council staff attended 40 dog-related callouts – 12 more than in May. The month of June also saw 14 dogs impounded. This is in line with national figures, which have also seen a surge in dog-related injuries.

Wairoa District Council Chief Executive Matt Lawson said Wairoa has around 3,000 registered dogs, and in most cases, the owners are compliant and do the right thing. “However, as we have seen through the increased dog attacks, which have included some serious injuries, there are owners who are not responsible for their dogs’ behaviour and for keeping them secure and under control.”

Mr Lawson extended a thank you to those people who have reported roaming or other dog-related situations to the Council. “The fact that we attended an increased number of callouts shows the community is sharing information with us, and our staff is responding.

“Councils have a responsibility for administering, implementing and enforcing Dog Control Legislation, but it is dog owners who are responsible for ensuring their dogs are under control at all times.

“Our entire community needs to work together to keep our streets safe. I urge anyone who sees a wandering dog, or has concerns about whether dogs are securely contained, to please contact the Council immediately. We need to

work together in partnership to try and prevent further attacks. We cannot be complacent and allow irresponsible dog ownership to become normalised.

“I know our Council staff will continue to work hard to support our community, but change has got to start by dog owners being responsible and fulfilling the requirements of the Dog Control Act.”

Council has increased its patrols and is more equipped to deal with dangerous and roaming dogs with new purpose-built trucks, which have five animal cages and will provide a quicker and more efficient response.

“Focusing on compliance is our goal, and that includes impounding roaming dogs. The last thing we want is to have dogs euthanised. But we also need to keep our community safe, and we will work within the Dog Control Legislation to achieve that.

“We also have access to other tools to help dog owners. You can apply for the Council’s Selected Owner Policy, and if you meet the criteria, your standard dog registration costs will decrease for the following registration year. Just over 200 dog owners utilise the Selected Owner Policy, and we encourage all dog owners to apply and become registered.

“Council also works with the Fred Lewis Enterprise Foundation, which provides a free desexing service.

“Our message is simple, work with us, register your dogs, and we will be able to work with you.”

A reminder, to avoid penalties, dog registrations need to be paid by the end of this month.

For any dog-related information or to report a wandering dog, please call the Council on 06 838 7309.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Hawke’s Bay Chamber of Commerce is offering support to businesses.

If you are interested in speaking with them, please email your name and phone number to ed@wairoadc.govt.nz

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 23, 10am

The **GAITY**
Cinema & Theatre

Now Showing
August 21 - 28

Freakier Friday

PG | 1hr 51m

Thursday 21st August 5.30pm

Friday 22nd August 8pm

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

PG | 1hrs 55m

Friday 22nd August 5.30pm

Saturday 23rd August 5.30pm

Thursday 28th August 5.30pm

Smurfs

G | 1hrs 32m

Saturday 23rd August 2pm

Elio

PG | 1hr 39m

Sunday 24th August 11.30am

Jurassic World Rebirth

M | 2hr 14m

Sunday 24th August 2pm

Superman

M | 2hr 9m

Wednesday 27th August 5.30pm



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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RECYCLE ME DROP OFF POINT

Bring your household batteries (Lithium and alkaline batteries: AA, AAA, 9v, D, coin batteries), old vapes, cell phones and their charges to our Queen Street office to be recycled.

Recycling these items help keep them out of our landfill where they can cause fires.

This service is available Monday - Friday 8am - 4.30pm.

For more information

www.wairoadc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/where-to-recycle-unwanted-items