

Building community preparedness

A series of Community Civil Defence Response Wānanga is being held throughout the district to help prepare people for future emergencies.

The aim of the district-wide get-togethers is to bring communities together to form community resilience plans.

The wānanga are organised by the Wairoa District Council to empower communities to be as self-sustaining as possible during Civil Defence emergencies and weather events.

Wairoa District Council Chief Executive Matt Lawson said the workshops are about coming together, sharing intel, resources and needs of families in the area, and bringing all that local knowledge together and putting it into a plan.

"The wānanga are for the community, by the community, with local intelligence, knowledge, resources, and leadership at the heart of every plan.

"Key objectives from the workshops include building a trusted team of community response personnel who will play key roles during emergencies, building a database of vulnerable

kaumātua/elderly and families, identifying key champions to connect with Wairoa's Emergency Operations Centre (Civil Defence operations at Council) and building a database of equipment and materials that can be used during a response."

The weekend events are being facilitated by Lillian Ward and Harry McClutchie from Tokomaru Bay. The pair are champions for Te Akau o Tokomaru – the local group in Tokomaru Bay that activates when their community goes into Civil Defence mode. They and their hapu/community designed and now run their own Community Civil Response Plan. When there's a flood or weather event that isolates families in Tokomaru Bay, they activate their community resilience plan, look after themselves, and simply advise Tairāwhiti Civil Defence what support they need.

The wānanga will cover natural disaster preparedness, community response models and response roles, teams and functions.

Workshops will be held over the next few months. For more information and to register for a wānanga near you, please email Community Engagement Manager Austin King austin@wairoadc.govt.nz



Being prepared for emergencies was the aim of a gathering at Whetu Marama Makoro Marae on Sunday. The workshop was led by Lillian Ward and Harry McClutchie from Tokomaru Bay.

Reduction - Readiness - Recovery - Response

Emergency Response Wānanga are focused on strengthening our community's ability to respond to emergencies through:

- Natural disaster preparedness.
- Community response models.
- Response roles, teams and functions.

Our goals are to:

- Build a trusted team of community members we can call on when a response is needed.
- Build a database of equipment and materials that can be used during a response.
- Create a database of whānau within our community, including kaumātua, and vulnerable whānau.

Together we can prepare, respond and protect our whānau and community.

Public Notices

Wairoa District Council's public notices can be found by going to www.wairoadc.govt.nz/public-notice-board

Community Notice Board

There is a page on the Wairoa District Council Website for community notices.

You can view it here www.wairoadc.govt.nz/community-notice-board

If you would like to put your community notice on this page please email communications@wairoadc.govt.nz

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

FINANCE, ASSURANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 30, 12.30pm

The Gaiety Now Showing

August 28 - September 4

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

PG | 1hrs 55m

Thursday 28th August 5.30pm

Friday 29th August 8pm

Freakier Friday

PG | 1hr 51m

Friday 29th August 5.30pm

Saturday 30th August 5.30pm

Smurfs

G | 1hrs 32m

Sunday 31st August 11.30am

Superman

M | 2hr 9m

Sunday 31st August 2pm

Jurassic World Rebirth

M | 2hr 14m

Wednesday 3rd September 5.30pm

The Conjuring: Last Rites PREMIERE

TBC | 2hr 15m

Thursday 4th September 5.30pm

Tickets from \$12 Hot Food available

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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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