

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL FORUM - CANCELLED

Tuesday, December 16, 10am

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 16, 1pm

AFTER HOURS SERVICE

If there is an outage to a Council service outside of regular business hours please call 06 838 7309 - 24/7.

DOGS IN CARS

Temperatures inside a car can climb to more than double the outside temperature in a matter of minutes.

Dogs rely on panting to cool down but if the air around them is too hot they are unable to get their body temperature back to normal. It is safer to leave your dog at home.

For more dog safety related info call 06 838 7309 or email compliance@wairoadc.govt.nz.



The GAIETY Now Showing December 11 - 18

Wicked: For Good

PG | 2hr 18m

Thursday 11th December 5.30pm

Saturday 13th December 5.30pm

Predator: Badlands

R13 | 1hr 50m

Friday 12th December 5.30pm

Five Night's at Freddy's 2

M | 1hr 44m

Friday 12th December 8pm

Zootopia 2

G | 1hrs 48m

Saturday 13th December 2pm

Now You See Me

Now You Don't

M | 1hr 52m

Wednesday 17th December 5.30pm

Avatar: Fire and Ash

PREMIERE

M | 3hr 12m

Thursday 18th December 5.30pm

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MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

Saturday, 13 December

Market: 9am - 1.30pm

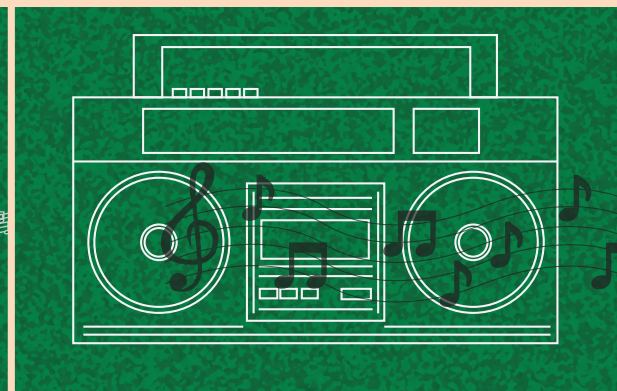
Parade: 2pm

For more information go to

wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa-christmas-celebration-2025



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Aoterangi Cotter is expanding his creative practice with a range of toi Māori artwork across multiple mediums.

The talented carver has created pieces locally and for overseas clients, with works going to Canada, Japan and Tahiti.

He is now working to expand his own skills beyond traditional Māori wood carving by incorporating stone and bone carving into his work while sharing his knowledge and building on local foundations through workshops and courses.

Traditional Māori carving was a journey Aoterangi started straight from Wairoa College when he completed three years studying whakairo at the New Zealand Māori Arts and Craft Institute in Rotorua. He learned under master carvers, developing a strong foundation in tikanga, carving techniques, and the philosophies that underpin Māori art.

Last year, he and his wife, Kiriwera, took the next step in their journey, setting up their own business, which enabled Aoterangi to focus solely on toi Māori, from prints and digital Māori art to tattooing.

Aoterangi says Rangi.Ahua Ltd is about ensuring the next generation is equipped to continue these essential practices and is dedicated to teaching the art of whakairo. "I have had the privilege of holding workshops that teach emerging Māori artists the intricate techniques of traditional wood carving, fostering a

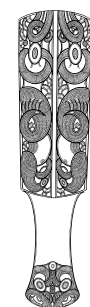
deeper connection to tikanga and cultural responsibility. These workshops have allowed me to pass on my knowledge while nurturing the growth of other Māori artists. I recognise the work we are doing is deep, and I try to ensure the workshops and courses come across in a casual way, in an easy learning space where nothing is forced. I am committed to sharing my learnings, discoveries, and reflections to ensure the knowledge I gain benefits my own community as well as the wider Māori arts community."

In addition to his courses, Aoterangi is available for commission pieces and has completed a range of works, from life-size carvings to tiny, intricate pieces.

He has also produced a range of prints that are for sale at the Wairoa isite and museum and has been expanding into digital art, such as designing the kit for the Nuhaka Rugby Club.

Aoterangi describes his style as traditional with some enhancements, and while all the media he works with have their own characteristics, his favourite is working with whale bone because of the way it holds and behaves.

Aoterangi hopes to hold another exhibition and wants to work with other artists collaboratively. "By exhibiting my work and engaging with audiences, I will be able to share the cultural, spiritual, and artistic significance of traditional Maori carving, contributing to the ongoing revitalisation and evolution of Māori carving practices."



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