



FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE Flood mitigation project

Today, the Hawke's Bay Regional Council will hold a hui in Wairoa to decide on the preferred flood mitigation proposal for North Clyde, which will form the basis of the business case being submitted to the Government by mid-March.

The decision will consider feedback and recommendations discussed at last week's Tripartite meeting, which included the Crown Manager Lawrence Yule recommending option 1C as the best way forward. Wairoa District Council supported this recommendation.

Whilst today's decision is an important step forward in the process, there is still a huge amount of mahi ahead for us all. Our ultimate goal is to make our town as safe as possible.

It is critical we continue to work closely with our impacted mana whenua/land, home and property owners regarding the land access required to deliver flood mitigation for Wairoa. This is an incredibly difficult time for our

impacted whānau, and we appreciate the way in which you have worked with us to date. Mana whenua/land, home and property owners have always been at the front of our discussions and as this journey progresses, it is great to be providing more information and certainty so we can work with our community to get the best solution. This is a tough time, and my heart goes out to all those affected people.

I would like to acknowledge the work that Crown Manager Lawrence Yule has completed. I have confidence in the process he has been rolling out, and our Council supports Lawrence in continuing this role.

The next step in Wairoa's flood mitigation rests with the Crown, which is also undergoing a peer review of the process and options, a further important aspect of this work.

If you or your whānau have any questions, or if you need further help or support, please get in touch with the Project team – info@wairoafloodproject.co.nz or 027 236 7494.

For further information, please phone the Wairoa District Council on 06 838 7309 or email Community Development Officer latoya@wairoac.govt.nz or check out our [website www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz).

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.

Annual Plan

Council is now working on its Annual Plan, which is about developing a strategy for the coming year.

Our focus is to continue rebuilding our community following the recent flooding events while also developing resilience so the whānau of Wairoa can thrive. We must balance this with an affordable and responsible financial pathway while still looking ahead.

During the development of our 2024-27 Long-Term Plan, we indicated that to achieve our community outcomes, rates would increase by 15.5% in 2025/26. However, we are endeavouring to reduce this figure if we can and are again reviewing all Council activities with the intention of reducing the forecasted rate increase.

We want to hear from our community about what projects you think we should complete over the next year, and we will be asking you to join us in building a resilient future that supports renewal and revitalisation and restores our natural environment while building community resilience to weather events

and natural hazards and growing our economy.

The consultation will include community meetings and a chance to make submissions. We welcome your involvement in helping guide our future as we continue to build a resilient community.



Mayor Craig Little MEET THE MAYOR KANOHI KI TE KANOHI

If you would like to have a meeting with the Mayor, call the council offices on 06 838 7309 to arrange a meeting time.

He is available to meet with people on Wednesdays.

Sport travel fund now open

Keeping our tamariki and rangatahi active is rewarding, but it can come at a financial cost.

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is designed to help subsidise rural travel for junior teams aged between 5-19 years and to help school and club sports teams participate in local sporting competitions.

The annual funding round for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is now open and closes on Friday, April 28.

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Cinema & Theatre

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Den of Thieves: Pantera

M | 2hrs 10m
Wednesday 12th February 5.30pm

Captain America: Brave New World PREMIERE

M | 2hr 5m
Thursday 13th February 5.30pm
Friday 14th February 8pm
Saturday 15th February 5.30pm

**Alien Weaponry:
Kua Tupu Te Ara**

M | 1hrs 39m
Friday 14th February 5.30pm
Wednesday 19th February 5.30pm

Mufasa: The Lion King

PG | 1hr 58m
Saturday 15th 2pm

Now Showing
February 13 - 20

Sonic the Hedgehog 3

PG | 1hr 50m
Sunday 16th February 11.30am

A Complete Unknown

M | 2hrs 20m
Sunday 16th February 2pm
Thursday 20th February 5.30pm

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Tickets from \$12

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What does this mean for Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay?

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