



Landfill changes

Wairoa's Landfill is on the receiving end of some serious attention.

The Fraser Street landfill was overwhelmed with flood-impacted debris and silt following Cyclone Gabrielle and last year's June flood event. Landfill capacity was used up much more quickly than planned, leading the Wairoa District Council to search for a temporary alternative method of waste disposal while a more permanent plan is worked through.

The Council has been working with Central Government on its waste management options and is grateful for funding support, which includes preparing the local landfill site for waste to be transported out of town, and then transporting waste to Omarunui in Hawke's Bay.

On-site work includes the installation of a second weighbridge, a loadout platform, and the reconfiguration of access and roading at the landfill site to enable trucks to transport waste from the site.

The new weighbridge will be 24m long and provide improved accuracy and efficiencies compared to the older nine-metre model.

Access changes will include a slip lane and new configuration with the route clearly signposted.

The Council is grateful to the government for the funding, which will provide respite while further long-



Government funding has purchased a shredder, which will be based at the landfill and used to shred waste to take up less room when transported out of town.

term waste management planning is undertaken.

Wairoa District Council Chief Executive Matt Lawson said the government recognised that we have suffered. "The funding we have received, at no cost to the ratepayers, will help us solve our immediate capacity issues.

"The project has also included the purchase of a shredder, which will mean waste can be shredded to take up less room when transported out of town.

"The work has started on-site and we extend a thank you to the public for your patience while this work is carried out. There will be some activity and minor disruptions, but it won't stop people from using the landfill."

At this stage, there is no set date as to when waste will be transported out of town. "The initial focus is on

working through the development of the transport contract and the capital and operational changes required at the existing landfill site. We will notify people as soon as there is an update on the situation. However, even then, there will be no changes to the level of service provided to the public."

Meanwhile, how Wairoa's waste will be managed in the future is a significant focus. Mr Lawson said waste minimisation is key. "On average, and not including emergency events, our landfill cell receives approximately 3,500 tonnes of waste per year. By reducing the amount of waste the landfill cell receives, we will have less waste to manage and, therefore, less associated costs.

"Our future is all about living more sustainably. As a community, we need to focus on reducing, reusing, repairing and recycling, from both environmental and cost perspectives."

Resident and ratepayer survey underway

The Wairoa District Council's quarterly resident and ratepayer survey is now open and will run until 5pm on July 22.

The survey is an opportunity for the Council to gather information that will help us better understand what we are doing well and what needs improvement. The thoughts and experiences shared through the survey provide the Council with information to base its decision-making.

The survey asks a range of questions, including how you make contact with the Council and/or elected members, how you access Council information, how you would prefer to access information, and how satisfied you are with Council decisions.

The council values the input from the community and will analyse the results, and these will be included as part of the Council's future focus and decision-making.



We welcome as many people as possible to please complete the survey: <https://feedback.askyourteam.com/5R8aKh1>

COUNCIL MEETINGS

YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 15, 3.30pm

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, July 22, 10am

ORDINARY COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 22, 1.30pm

FINANCE, ASSURANCE, AND RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 29, 12.30pm

STRATEGY, WELLBEING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, August 5, 10am

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Tuesday, August 5, 1pm



Dog Registration Payment Plan.

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

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How to Train Your Dragon

PG | 1hrs 56m

Thursday 10th July 11.30am

Jurassic World Rebirth

M | 2hr 14m

Thursday 10th July 2pm

Thursday 17th July 5.30pm

Superman PREMIERE

M | 2hr 9m

Thursday 10th July 5.30pm

Saturday 12th July 5.30pm

Wednesday 16th July 5.30pm

Elio

PG | 1hr 39m

Friday 11th July 11.30am

Sunday 13th July 11.30am

Karate Kid: Legends

PG | 1hr 58m

Friday 11th July 2pm

Saturday 12th July 2pm

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M | 1hr 40m

Friday 11th July 5.30pm

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