

# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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## FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE

This is a big week for the Council with the welcome and arrival of the Council's new chief executive and the farewell to the interim chief executive.

Malcolm Alexander has carried out the interim position for the past couple of months, and I cannot thank him enough for the support he has given us. As a lawyer and former Local Government NZ Chief Executive, Malcom has extensive experience.

He is particularly knowledgeable around the Government's Local Waters Done Well legislation, and this expertise has been incredibly helpful for Wairoa as we work our way around the future of three waters delivery. Based in Wellington, Malcolm has demonstrated a genuine care and affinity for Wairoa, and I again thank him for his valuable contributions.

I am thrilled to welcome another man of high calibre as Matthew



Outgoing Wairoa District Council Interim Chief Executive Malcom Alexander (left) and new Chief Executive Matt Lawson (right) with Wairoa Mayor Craig Little.

Lawson takes up the reins of the Chief Executive position. Also a lawyer, Matt has specialised in Civil/Commercial Litigation, Resource Management and Local Government Law and represented Local Authority clients as well as private clients and development

companies.

Matt will be relocating to his home in the district and brings a massive amount of experience and knowledge, and best of all, wants to support Wairoa to be the best it can be.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 8, 10am

### 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

### TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD MATANGIRAU

Tuesday, August 5, 1pm

### INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 12, 10am

## The GAIETY Now Showing June 3 - July 10

### How to Train Your Dragon

PG | 1hrs 56m  
Thursday 3rd July 2pm  
Friday 4th July 11.30am  
Thursday 10th July 11.30am

### Lilo & Stitch

PG | 2hr 4m  
Thursday 3rd July 11.30am

### Jurassic World Rebirth PREMIERE

M | 2hr 14m  
Thursday 3rd July 5.30pm  
Saturday 5th July 2pm  
Wednesday 9th July 11.30am  
Thursday 10th July 2pm

### Elio PREMIERE

PG | 1hr 39m  
Friday 4th July 2pm  
Sunday 6th July 11.30am

### Karate Kid: Legends

PG | 1hr 58m  
Friday 4th July 5.30pm  
Saturday 5th July 5.30pm  
Wednesday 9th July 2pm

### Kōkā

M | 1hr 40m  
Sunday 6th July 2pm

### Ballerina

R16 | 2hr 5m  
Wednesday 9th July 5.30pm

### Superman PREMIERE

TBC | 2hr 9m  
Thursday 10th July 5.30pm

Tickets from \$12  
Hot Food available

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION, NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2025 ELECTIONS OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Under sections 52 and 53 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, I give notice that on Saturday 11 October 2025 the following elections will be held by postal vote using the First Past the Post electoral system.

### ELECTION

#### Mayor

Election of mayor

#### Wards

Election of three councillors for the Wairoa General Ward  
Election of three councillors for the Wairoa Māori Ward  
Candidate names will be listed in alphabetical order on the voting documents.

### NOMINATIONS

Each candidate must be nominated on the appropriate nomination paper. Candidates can complete and submit their nomination online at [esp.electionservices.co.nz/lge2025/WR](http://esp.electionservices.co.nz/lge2025/WR)

Printed nomination forms are also available during normal business hours from Friday 4 July 2025 at:

- **Wairoa District Council offices**, Coronation Square, Queen Street, Wairoa
- by accessing [www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz)
- by phoning the electoral office on **0800 922 822**

Nominations of candidates must be submitted online or in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official no later than midday on Friday 1 August 2025.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 GST inclusive (payable by bank transfer, eftpos or cash). Online nominations require proof of the deposit to be uploaded as part of the submission.

A candidate may submit a candidate profile statement and photo with their nomination paper. All nomination material must be submitted together. Any candidate profile statement or photo will be included with the voting documents and sent out to electors. An attachment to the nomination paper outlines rules and procedures governing candidate profile statements. The same information also appears in the online nominations portal.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral roll to be used for this election closes on Friday 1 August 2025, and can be inspected during normal business hours from Friday 4 July 2025 at the following locations:

- **Wairoa District Council Offices**, Coronation Square, Queen Street, Wairoa
- **Wairoa Centennial Library**, Marine Parade, Wairoa

Enrolment for inclusion on the Residents Electoral Roll is conducted through the Electoral Commission.

Applications for enrolment should be made by:

- accessing [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz)
- phoning **0800 36 76 56**

Enrolment for inclusion on the Ratepayers Electoral Roll is conducted through the electoral office of the Wairoa District Council.

Applications for enrolment should be made on the prescribed form available at the above locations, [www.ratepayer.co.nz](http://www.ratepayer.co.nz), [www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz) or by phoning 0800 922 822.

Following closure of the roll, the electoral officer may, on application of any person who is or claims to be entitled to be enrolled or any other person or otherwise, make any necessary corrections to the names, addresses, abbreviations or marks appearing in the electoral roll.

**Dated at Wairoa 2 July 2025**

**Dale Ofoske**

**Electoral Officer, Wairoa District Council**

**Phone 0800 922 822**

**Coronation Square, Queen Street, Wairoa**