



FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc

Attending the celebration of the new Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) board was an inspiring event. Again, congratulations to Esta Wainohu-Marcum, who has been elected as the Wairoa representative on the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc board.

Esta is an excellent choice for this role. She is a community-minded young Māori wāhine, and I believe she will represent the Wairoa district well.

This board position had previously been held by Nigel How, who, after two terms, did not seek re-election. Nigel has been an incredible ambassador for Wairoa over the past six turbulent years, which spanned the COVID-19 pandemic, two flood events, and many other challenges.

I have the highest degree of respect and admiration for Nigel, and I know that the work he has carried out will lay strong foundations for Esta to be able to continue the journey from.

Matariki

Matariki celebrations in Wairoa were a fantastic whānau event. It was great to be part of our first Matariki outdoor movie experience, featuring the screening of 'Coco', which was hugely popular.

The whānau concert also brought our community together, and this year's celebrations were extra special as they acknowledged the volunteers who have supported our district during the weather and flood events over the past two years.

I enjoyed catching up with Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board Chairman Bayden Barber, who was in Wairoa to support Esta Wainohu-Marcum and enjoy the Matariki celebrations.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all those people who contributed to the Matariki celebrations. A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes to make events like this possible for our community, and we remain appreciative.

LOCAL WATER DONE WELL

Have
your say

Please have your say by going to www.consultations.nz/wdc/, or picking up a submission form from the Council office or the Library. Consultation closes 11.59pm on Sunday, 15 June 2025.

INFORMATION DROP IN SESSION

Friday, 13 June 10am - 2pm
Wairoa District Council Chambers



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.

GAITY Now Showing June 5 - 12

How to Train Your Dragon PREMIERE

TBC | 1hrs 56m

Thursday 12th June 5.30pm

Saturday 14th June 2pm

Wednesday 18th June 5.30pm

Final Destination: Bloodlines

R16 | 1hr 49m

Friday 13th June 5.30pm

Sinners

R16 | 2hr 17m

Friday 13th June 8pm

Ballerina

R16 | 1hr 29m

Saturday 14th June 5.30pm

Sunday 15th June 2pm

Lilo & Stitch

PG | 2hr 4m

Sunday 15th June 11.30am

Elio PREMIERE

PG | 1hr 39m

Thursday 19th June 5.30pm

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ROB'S REPAIRS WAIROA

Backed by 20 plus years of electrical repair experience, Rob Garnham is happy to be giving back to his community.

The born and bred local man, son of Gibby and the late Barb Garnham, has done a full circle when it comes to paying it forward. He has now launched his own appliance repair business but hasn't forgotten how it all started.

Educated locally, Rob applied for an electrical services technician apprenticeship based in Napier, which was advertised in the Wairoa Star. "The position was at a business belonging to local couple, Jane and John O'Sullivan. They had purposely advertised in the Star because they wanted to give Wairoa locals an opportunity. Rob secured the position, completed his apprenticeship, and stayed with the O'Sullivans until they sold, then continued his role with another electrical repair business in Napier.

Rob would often come to Wairoa to do commercial servicing and always loved coming home.

A series of events led Rob to sell his Napier house, move back home to Wairoa, and start working for Richard Tollison at the Wairoa Appliance Centre in mid-2019.

With Richard closing up the main street business at the end of April, Rob saw the opportunity as a chance to keep a local repair service operating in Wairoa.

"Jane and John gave me an opportunity, and Richard also, so this is the next step in the journey of giving back," said Rob.

"I really enjoyed my time at the Wairoa Appliance Centre. Richard has done a lot for our community over the years and is an outstanding person."

Rob has set up a workshop from home, although he always tries to do the repairs at clients' homes to make the process more efficient and streamlined. From washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, freezers, and ovens, he services them all, but stays away from televisions and stereos, as the cost to repair is not economical. He does, however, specialise in Freeview satellite installation and repairs.

"I will provide the same service that I did when working for the Wairoa Appliance Centre, where we were always client-focused. For example, I will always try to group together a set of jobs in a specific area to keep travel costs down for clients.

"We know there is always something that needs fixing, and often an appliance may be out of warranty but still have years of operation left in it, and the cost of repair can be far more economical than having to replace it. I have been in the game for long enough that, unless it's a really unusual fault, I can usually make an assessment within half an hour and determine if the appliance is worth repairing."

Rob also has nearly 25 years of industry contacts to draw on, so he can get information, knowledge, and brand details from various colleagues if needed and can source parts for most brands, including second-hand parts when appropriate.

Rob describes the key to being an effective technician as taking an analytical, logical approach. "If you know the process, it's easier to diagnose the fault, and it is often a process of elimination."

Rob is looking forward to continuing to work with the Wairoa community and providing the much-needed appliance repair service.



Rob's Repairs

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