

# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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## FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE Preserving our past

It was a pleasure to attend a celebration at the Wairoa Museum to mark the contribution local man Dennis Munro has made to preserving Wairoa's history.

Dennis, along with a fantastic, enthusiastic support team, captured a piece of our district's history through their SALUTE Wairoa Project. This local initiative used touch table technology to showcase the lives of 900 Wairoa World War I veterans who served overseas.

Launched in 2018, the project was the country's first digital World War I memorial with the touch table containing maps, diaries, letters from the battlefields, films and two interactive timelines - a general one and a Māori Pioneer one.

The SALUTE Wairoa team was led by Dennis, Liz Greenslade and Sue Wilson, who, along with a team of researchers, software specialists, including Andrew Hume, and volunteers, created the unique district memorial.

The touch table, similar to a giant iPad, is on permanent display at the Wairoa Museum.

Museum Trustee Pam Bull said the touch table contents draw people from all over the country who come to look up the story of their ancestors. She described the intergenerational impact of the touch table and extended a huge thank you and appreciation on behalf of the museum and the Wairoa district.

Dennis is reluctantly leaving Wairoa due to health reasons, but he is

certainly leaving a lasting local legacy. Dennis has been a rural leader with the pinnacle being awarded a Nuffield New Zealand Farming Scholarship, which is a highly regarded rural leadership programme with a global focus and one of the most valued awards in New Zealand's primary sector.

I wish Dennis all the best and applaud the work he has done for Wairoa.

## Local Government elections

This year is the Local Government elections, with nominations opening next Friday, July 4 and closing on August 1 at midday.

Voting documents will be delivered between September 9 and 22, with election day held on October 11.

In New Zealand, all local body elections are held by postal vote. That means you need to fill in your voting form and post it back before midday on 11 October.

You can enrol if you're 18 or older, a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and have lived in New Zealand for more than one year continuously at some time in your life.

You can enrol or update your details online at [Enrol](https://enrol.govt.nz) or update online | [Vote NZ](https://vote.govt.nz).

If you own a property in Wairoa, but live out of the district, you can enrol as a non-resident elector by registering online at [Ratepayer Elector Enrolment Portal](https://ratepayer.co.nz/) <https://ratepayer.co.nz/> or call 0800 36 76 56.

I am seeking re-election as Mayor of Wairoa in the upcoming election, and as such, this will be my last column before the election. Council news on this page will continue but will be more general rather than my personalised column. This is to make sure that Council resources are not being used as part of any election campaign and to ensure there is no unfair advantage to any candidates.

## Wairoa Community Centre

Next week, national leisure management company Community Leisure Management (CLM) takes over the running of the Wairoa Community Centre.

This change followed the decision by Sport Hawke's Bay, which, after 13 years of managing the facility, chose not to renew its contract.

CLM is a New Zealand company with nearly 30 years of experience in facility management, boasting a proven track record in the recreation and swimming pool industries across numerous sites nationwide. CLM's mission statement is, 'We put leisure in your life, and life in your leisure.'

It is reassuring to have a company with CLM's expertise, experience, scope and ability.

I look forward to the current service levels being maintained and grown to enable the community centre to evolve into an even more essential community hub. This is an exciting time to work with new partners, build relationships, and maximise opportunities. I encourage people to make the most of this fantastic facility and remember how fortunate we are to have this asset, and that we need to look after it.



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.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 1, 10am

## 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

## GAITY Now Showing June 26 - July 3

### Kōkā

M | 1hr 40m

Sunday 29th June 2pm

Wednesday 2nd July 5.30pm

### Karate Kid: Legends PREMIERE

PG | 1hr 58m

Friday 27th June 5.30pm

Saturday 28th June 5.30pm

Wednesday 2nd July 2pm

### How to Train Your Dragon

PG | 1hrs 56m

Sunday 29th June 11.30am

Wednesday 2nd July 11.30am

Thursday 3rd July 2pm

### Ballerina

R16 | 2hr 5m

Friday 27th June 8pm

### Lilo & Stitch

PG | 2hr 4m

Saturday 28th June 2pm

Thursday 3rd July 11.30am

### Jurassic World Rebirth PREMIERE

TBC | 2hr 14m

Thursday 3rd July 5.30pm

Tickets from \$12  
Hot Food available

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# CANDIDATE

# INFORMATION

# EVENING

## THURS 3RD JULY

Do you have questions, want to know more - Come along to this evening to meet with the electoral officer Dale Ofoske



WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5.30PM

