



FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE Development Contributions Policy

Our Council is currently consulting on the Development Contributions Policy.

Development Contributions are effectively a levy on new developments to ensure the cost of extra demand on Council infrastructure is not imposed on the community.

Development Contributions will apply when development occurs, such as subdivision of land, building, altering, or expanding a non-residential building, or they may apply when you change the use of an existing building. The extent of the Development Contribution required will depend on the type, size, and location of the development.

Wairoa has not had a Development Contributions Policy in the past as we wanted to attract growth. However, in line with the actions of other Councils, we need to balance that with the cost of providing infrastructure and facilities.

Recently, central government has signalled a change in direction as to how Councils support infrastructure investment for growth, which could

see a nationwide transition from development contributions to a development levy system. This system is more likely to be in the medium term (18-24 months), and therefore, we will continue engagement on a development contributions policy in the short term.

For more information, head to the Council's website. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Ngāti Pāhauwera Development Trust

Last week, I had the pleasure of catching up with Ngāti Pāhauwera Trust Chair Toro Waka. I am always impressed by Toro's ambitious thought process and enthusiasm for Ngāti Pāhauwera and the greater Wairoa community. I am proud of what the Trust is achieving for its people, from healthy homes to employment and land development and, most of all, investing back into the people. You can see the positivity reflected within the community, which really is achieving great things. It was also a fantastic atmosphere watching the pre-season game between YMP and Athletic last weekend, with YMP coming away with a win.

On the entertainment circuit

It's great to see Wairoa and the

Gaiety Theatre as part of the national entertainment circuit.

We have been included as part of the Chinese Hypnotist 2025 New Zealand Tour, which has been reported as bringing laughter and amazement across the country. Haiming Jiang will take to the stage at the Gaiety Theatre with his unique blend of comedy-hypnosis, which provides entertainment while also requiring audience participation. The show is scheduled for Friday April 11 from 7pm. Book your tickets at www.ChineseHypnotist.com

The magical Matariki Glow Show is also heading to Wairoa, again at the Gaiety Theatre, on June 23 and 24.

The Glow Show is an extraordinary experience that educates and entertains, delivering an original event for all the family.

This year, the Glow Show will tell the story of te kāhui whetū o Matariki (the star cluster/whānau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for te tau hou Māori (Māori New Year). The Glow Show will bring the Matariki myths to life with unique puppets and told in both English and te reo. Tickets are available from the Wairoa Visitor Information Centre and the Gaiety Theatre.

SNAPSHOTS

After Hours Service

If there is an outage to a Council service outside of regular business hours please call 06 838 7309 - 24/7.

Public Notices

Wairoa District Council's public notices can be found by going to www.wairoadc.govt.nz/public-notice

Adult Reading Programme

Wairoa Library's Adult Reading Programme is now on!

For more information or to sign up head to the Library or call 06 838 8450

Dog Registration Payment

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

To find out more www.wairoadc.govt.nz/services/animal-education/dog-owners

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

Rural Travel Fund

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.

The fund is a great way to support local kids in their sporting endeavours by removing the barrier of travel costs and increasing participation and access to a range of sports.

The fund does have criteria to meet, and recipients will be required to complete an accountability report showing how the grant was spent.

The fund is administered by the Wairoa District Council, with staff happy to assist potential applicants with the application form, which is available online, or a hard copy can be collected from the Wairoa District Council office.

For further information, please phone the Wairoa District Council on 06 838 7309 or email Community Development Officer latoya@wairoac.govt.nz or go to www.wairoadc.govt.nz/our-district/grants-funding/creative-communities-nz



Comedy Hypnosis Show

A Comedic Hypnotist Show is coming to The Gaiety Theatre Friday 11th April at 7pm doors open around 5pm.

To book, click the eventbrite link on The Gaiety Theatre's Facebook page.



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

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, April 1, 10am

ORDINARY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 1, 1.30pm

INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 8, 10am

STRATEGY, WELLBEING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, April 15, 10am

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 10am

YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 22, 3.30pm

GAITY Now Showing March 20 - March 27

Snow White PREMIERE

PG | 1hr 50m

Thursday 20th March 5.30pm

Friday 21st March 5.30pm

Saturday 22nd March 2pm

Mickey 17

M | 2hr 17m

Friday 21st March 8pm

Wednesday 26th March 5.30pm

TINĀ

M | 2hrs 4m

Saturday 22nd March 5.30pm

Mufasa: The Lion King

PG | 1hr 58m

Sunday 23rd March 11.30am

Captain America: Brave New World

M | 2hr 5m

Sunday 23rd March 2pm

A Working Man PREMIERE

R16 | 1hr 56m

Thursday 27th March 5.30pm