

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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Abandoned and derelict cars will be collected for free as part of the extended Silt and Debris Fund. Register now if you have vehicles to be collected and disposed of.

FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE Focus on post-flood clean-up

Council is on a crusade to clean up the Wairoa township in the wake of the Cyclone Gabrielle and June flooding events.

We want our district to look as good as possible, and we encourage our community to help us.

The government-funded Silt and Debris Fund has been extended until the end of June, so we only have a small window of opportunity left to have the flood-related clean-up externally funded.

We are focusing on abandoned cars and flood-damaged items and, of course, still removing silt from properties and under houses.

We have four months left to do this work at no cost to Wairoa ratepayers. After that, there will be no funding, so it is vital we get onto it now.

Having more scope to clean up the town is great, but we need buy-in from our community as well. If you have silt, flood-damaged items, buildings and materials, trees and debris or abandoned or derelict cars that need collection and disposal - at no cost to you, or you know of someone or somewhere that needs help, please contact the Recovery Team. For those people who privately paid for silt or debris removal, there may be an opportunity to reimburse you for the costs/insurance excess. Again, check this out with the Recovery Team.

resource channels for flood-impacted people.

To ensure everyone has accessed all the resources they possibly can, I urge you to please check if you need assistance with any of the following. If you do, please contact the Recovery Team.

- Silt and Debris removal includes silt from under houses and buildings, cyclone debris from households, building and flood-impacted items.
- If your house or business was flood-affected and received a white or yellow placard, and you have completed the necessary building repairs, please contact us to arrange to check and remove the placard status.
- If you haven't yet applied, the Wairoa Mayoral Relief Fund is still open for applications from people affected by

Council will also be checking its drains and networks, but if you know of an area that still has silt, or a drain that is blocking, please let us know - please be our eyes and ears.

We are incredibly grateful to the government for this fund and the extension, and we encourage people to make the most of it. As long as the clean-up meets the criteria, the work will be done for free.

The Council has already collected thousands of tonnes of flood-affected property, which has been disposed of at no cost to individuals. This fund has been vital in helping restore flood-impacted people's lives and also reinstating public places. Now, we just have this one more push to restore our township.

Because we need to collate the collection, we are asking everyone who has silt, debris, and flood-impacted materials and cars for collection to please lodge a CSR (Customer Service Request) to arrange collection. This can be done by phoning the Council on 06 838 7309 and asking for the Recovery Team, going online at www.wairoadc.govt.nz/contact-us/customer-service-request/ or calling into the Council offices.

the June 2024 flooding. Applications can be made online via the Wairoa District Council website or by calling the Council offices and collecting a hardcopy application form.

- If you need gib-board, we may be able to help - reach out
- Whānau whose homes were damaged and affected by flooding may be eligible to have insulation reinstalled at their house.
- There may be some Red Cross funded support available for people impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle who are still rebuilding their homes. Funding is delivered via plumbing and electrical packages for septic tank cleaning, reticulation plumbing, reinstatement of home heating, and essential electrical and bathroom repairs. Check with us to see if you meet the criteria.

could help with rebuilds and assist in having the stickered status changed.

If your home or business received a stickered status and you think the appropriate remediation work has been undertaken and the status can be removed, or you need advice on how to get the building to the required standard, please contact the council on 06 838 7309 so an assessment can be arranged.



Resources still available

Key resources are still available to people to support recovery and help clean up our town.

We can remove abandoned cars, clean up silt and debris, and have funding and

Placarded properties

If your flood-impacted home or business received a yellow or white placard, the building will need to be assessed by Wairoa District Council's building team to enable the stickered status to be removed.

It is likely many local flood-impacted buildings have had the required building work completed, but now, they need a Council inspection to ensure the work has been finished and criteria met so the placard can be officially removed.

The Wairoa Recovery Team is focused on helping our flood-impacted communities move on from these events and the stickered property system. This is an important part of Wairoa's rebuilding and closing the loop.

In many cases, work has been completed, or there is very little left to do to remove the placard status. There may also be opportunities where property owners can be directed to other support streams, such as donated gib board and Red Cross funding, which



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.

WAIROA DISTRICT ROAD CLOSURES

**8am Wednesday 12th March 2025 to
5pm Saturday 12th April 2025**

Pursuant to section 342(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that the Wairoa District Council, for the purpose of constructing retaining wall and renewal of stormwater asset will close the following roads to all vehicular traffic:

- Kitchener Street between Kauri Place and Scott Street
- Intersection of Kitchener Street and McLean Street

Between 8am Wednesday 12th March 2025 to 5pm Saturday 12th April 2025

A detour will be available for each closure.

Any further queries can be directed to the Wairoa District Council on 06 838 7309.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GAITY Now Showing
March 6 - March 13

Mickey 17 PREMIERE

TBC | 2hr 17m

Thursday 6th March 5.30pm

Sunday 9th March 2pm

**Captain America:
Brave New World**

M | 2hr 5m

Friday 7th March 5.30pm

**Alien Weaponry:
Kua Tupu Te Ara**

M | 1hrs 39m

Friday 7th March 8pm

Thursday 13th March 5.30pm

Sonic the Hedgehog 3

PG | 1hr 50m

Saturday 8th March 2pm

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Saturday 8th March 5.30pm

Wednesday 12th March 5.30pm

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