



FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE Community spirit

It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of some significant local events recently. ANZAC Day, the Mahia Hunt Club's 125th jubilee, the celebration of the Wairoa Golf Club's 100th centenary and the Corporate Waka Ama competitions have all been exceptional.

ANZAC Day is always an incredible commemoration in our district. The turnout of people paying their respects was outstanding. From the Dawn Service at Kaiuku Marae to services at Taihoa Marae, Frasertown, the Civic service, plus other district-wide services, to the wreaths taken to the Wairoa Cemetery and North Clyde memorial, it really was a very special day.

I attended the Mahia Hunt Club celebrations at Pongaroa Station, and it was great to catch up with locals and former locals. The Mahia Hunt was established in 1900, and now, 125 years later, it was impressive to hear the club's journey of how it got to this historic milestone. The Mahia Hunt Club honours history and traditions supported by dedication, passion and camaraderie. It is the members, past and present, whose commitment and enthusiasm have kept the spirit alive, fostering adventure, teamwork and

respect. The Mahia Hunt Club has contributed to the social fabric of society, which binds us all together and makes Wairoa the great place it is. Again, congratulations on 125 years and thank you to all those involved in making the commemorations possible.

I also attended the centenary anniversary of the Wairoa Golf Club, which was founded in 1925. Again, what a fabulous event at a great facility and run by hardworking, community-minded people. There were many local and former Wairoa people who returned for the commemorations, and it was great to see old friends being reacquainted and enjoying a round or two out on the course. Well done to everyone who was involved in organising another fantastic local event. The golf club makes a tremendous contribution to our community and provides so many connections.

Our Wairoa River came alive with the Corporate Waka Ama racing. To see our precious awa being used by our community in a fun and exciting way was fantastic. It was great to see people reconnect with the river and see so many participants, most of whom, like me, had never paddled a waka before. The event was spearheaded by Enabled Wairoa and led by Karen Paku as part of the Wairoa Methamphetamine Strategy

kaupapa to build stronger, more connected whānau to minimise the impact of meth harm and organised crime. Thank you to everyone who organised and participated in this event.

Wairoa Flood Mitigation Project

Wairoa's much-needed flood mitigation solution is one step closer, with the full \$70 million of Crown funding ring-fenced for Wairoa released following joint Ministerial approval of the Project Delivery Plan (PDP). The PDP was submitted to the Crown in late March by Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) and was based on the preferred flood mitigation solution Option 1C+ - a refined flood mitigation solution that, once constructed, will enable 627 properties to shift from Category 2C to Category 1.

Progressing Option 1C+ remains subject to land accessibility, and the project team continues to engage directly with those home and landowners impacted by the proposed flood mitigation solution. The independent valuation process has begun, and this work will continue to progress over the coming weeks. The team is also working closely with both the Māori Land Court and Te Tumu Paeroa, where appropriate, to support the ongoing kōrero with owners of whenua Māori.



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

FINANCE, ASSURANCE, AND RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 6, 10am

STRATEGY, WELLBEING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, May 13, 10am

INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 20, 10am

TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD MATANGIRAU

Tuesday, May 20, 1pm

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, May 27, 10am

ORDINARY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 27, 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 3, 10am

YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 3, 3.30pm

Mahia Recycling Centre

Community Engagement Meeting

Thursday, 8 May - 5pm
Mokotahi Hall



Matariki Glow Show 2025

The magical Matariki Glow Show is coming to
The Gaiety Theatre, Wairoa!



Ticket Prices

General: \$10
Children aged 3 and under: \$5
Babies (under 18 months) on a parent or caregivers lap free with a paying adult.

Session times

Monday, June 23:
10am & 11.30am
Tuesday, June 24:
10am & 11.30am

Tickets available from Wairoa isite and The Gaiety Theatre. For more information, please email ed@wairoadc.govt.nz



THE GAIETY Now Showing May 1 - 8

A Working Man

R16 | 1hr 56m
Thursday 1st May 5.30pm

Thunderbolts PREMIERE

TBC | 2hr 6m
Friday 2nd May 5.30pm
Saturday 3rd May 5.30pm
Sunday 4th May 2pm
Thursday 8th May 5.30pm

Drop

R16 | 1hr 25m
Friday 2nd May 8pm

Dog Man

PG | 1hr 34m
Saturday 3rd May 2pm

A Minecraft Movie

PG | 1hrs 41m
Sunday 4th May 11.30am

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Wednesday 7th May 5.30pm

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