

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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LOCAL WATER DONE WELL FOR WAIROA

Wairoa District Council wants to hear from the community on how our local people would like their water services delivered in the future.

The month-long engagement, which began on Monday (May 12), is part of Central Government's Local Water Done Well (LWDW) legislation, which aims to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges.

LWDW changes the way all councils across the country have traditionally delivered three waters services (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater), and paves the way for services and assets to be retained by councils while offering new options for delivering water services and funding water infrastructure.

As part of the Local Water Done Well programme and new legislation, all councils must consider how they can better and more cost-effectively provide these essential services.

Based on the financial modelling provided, Wairoa District Council elected members have decided on a preferred option of a joint council regional model in the form of a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) for future three waters delivery. Council is also seeking feedback on a Wairoa District Council CCO model and an In-house delivery model, similar to the current delivery, but with significant changes to meet the new legislation.

Financial modelling shows that scale is the key to reducing costs, making the regional model the most economically viable. However, that needs to be balanced with the fact that a Wairoa District Council CCO delivered model, while likely more expensive, retains Wairoa's localism. We only have to think back to Cyclone Gabrielle when Wairoa was alone and isolated, and it was our skilled local team and Wairoa-based resources that ensured our three waters delivery could continue. Wairoa is small and isolated, and it is vital that we have a

local voice and local representation in decision-making. We need a locally-based regional depot with Wairoa-based specialised staff.

A regional model appears to be the most efficient from a financial perspective, but we need to be mindful that whatever model is chosen, the future costs to meet the new legislation will be high.

It is essential that we hear from our communities. We need to gauge whether our people want us to go it alone or work together across the region, noting there are pros and cons for all options.

This is a fundamental intergenerational decision that impacts us all, and we genuinely want to hear what people think, remembering at all times this is government-driven and based on new, stringent legislation to improve our water services delivery across the country.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 20 May 2025
Council Chambers 9am

Purpose:
Adoption of the Annual Plan

Malcolm Alexander
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY HUI

Tuesday, 20 May 6pm
Mokotahi Hall, Mahia

Tuesday, 27 May 6pm
Lake Whakamarino Lodge, Tuai

INFORMATION DROP IN SESSION

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

CARAVAN SESSIONS

Wednesday, 21 May 10am - 2pm
Gemmells, Marine Parade

Tuesday, 3 June 1pm - 3pm
New World Wairoa

Wednesday, 4 June 10am - 2pm
Frasertown Shop

Tuesday, 10 June 1pm - 3pm
Gemmells, Marine Parade

Consultation
closes 11.59pm
on Sunday, 15
June 2025.

Have your say by going to
www.consultations.nz/wdc/
or picking up a submission
form from our Council office
on Queen Street or Wairoa
Library.

THE DIGITAL HUB

Free Computer Course Dates.

Friday, 16 May 10am - 11.30am
Email 2 - (using your email account)
Learn how to use your email account, learn how to recognise SPAM and other potentially harmful emails.

Friday, 23 May 10am - 11.30am
Intro to Smartphones
Learn how to use the functions of your smartphone for everyday life.

Friday, 30 May 10am - 11.30am
3D Design and Printing for Adults
Want to learn how to create 3D models? Come and join our beginner friendly course!

Friday, 6 June 10am - 11.30am
RealMe & MyMSD
Learn what a RealMe account is, and how to create one. Register for MyMSD and learn how to navigate their website.

Friday, 13 June 10am - 11.30am
Employment Preparation - CVs
Learn how to create and format a CV to help you prepare for employment.

Friday, 20 June 10am - 11.30am
Ancestry.com - Library Edition
Learn tips for effective searching on ancestry.com

Friday, 27 June 10am - 11.30am
3D Design and Printing for Adults
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Enquire at Wairoa Library or call 06 838 4658

LONG OR STRONG? GET GONE!

Visit HBemergency.govt.nz
to view the tsunami
evacuation zone.



The GAIETY Now Showing May 15 - 22

Final Destination: Bloodlines PREMIERE

R16 | 1hr 49m
Thursday 15th May 5.30pm
Friday 16th May 8pm

Sinners

R16 | 2hr 17m
Friday 16th May 5.30pm
Wednesday 21st May 5.30pm

Dog Man

PG | 1hr 34m
Saturday 17th May 2pm

Thunderbolts

M | 2hr 6m
Saturday 17th May 5.30pm
Sunday 18th May 2pm

A Minecraft Movie

PG | 1hrs 41m
Sunday 18th May 11.30am

Lilo & Stitch PREMIERE

PG | 2hr 4m
Thursday 22nd May 5.30pm

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After Hours Service

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

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

**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