



## DEPUTY MAYOR BENITA CAIRNS

Effectiveness, efficiency and transparency are key foundations for newly appointed

Deputy Mayor Benita Cairns.

Backed by a history of four terms (12 years) as a councillor, Deputy Mayor Cairns says she is guided by the fact that it is the Wairoa ratepayers who pay the bills and Council needs to remain accountable to those ratepayers.

"I hope that over the next three years our Council is able to work at a more grassroots level, with the community where we are out and about throughout the district, and we are letting people know we are here, and we will listen and respond where we can.

"This will improve the visibility

of the Council and also provide another method of transparency and information sharing."

Deputy Mayor Cairns says her priorities over the next three years are improvements around waste management, particularly encouraging waste minimisation, and also working towards an equitable balance for Wairoa's rural and urban residents.

"I am looking forward to working with the Mayor and stepping up as required. We have a great crew of competent and approachable councillors, and we are committed to doing the best we can for Wairoa."

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 25, 1pm

## THE DIGITAL HUB

Free Computer Course Dates.

### Friday, 21 November

10am - 11.30am

#### Ancestry.com - Library Edition

Learn tips for effective searching on ancestry.com

### Friday, 28 November

10am - 11.30am

#### Intro to Smartphones

Learn how to use the functions of your smartphone for everyday life.

### Friday, 5 December

10am - 11.30am

#### Intro to Tablets

Learn how to navigate your tablet, connect to the internet and use apps. (Tablets supplied for course).

### Friday, 12 December

10am - 11.30am

#### 1-on-1 Drop in Session

A 1-on-1 drop in session for assistance with your personal devices, from laptops to tablets and smartphones.

Enquire at Wairoa Library or call 06 838 4658

## FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE THANK YOU TO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

I would like to give a shout-out to all the responsible dog owners out there – and I know that is most of you. Well done and thank you.

I have a pet dog and working farm dogs, and they mean the world to me.

Sadly, what we are seeing in Wairoa is the good dog owners subsidising the irresponsible dog owners, and it has to stop. It is such a shame that there are dog owners who allow their dogs to roam, and generally not be under control. It is not the dogs' fault that they have owners who do not follow the rules, but unfortunately, these dog owners are ruining it for the rest of us.

I am constantly hearing stories of dogs wandering and even jumping fences into other people's yards. We have seen the terrible harm dog attacks have on humans and animals.

The Council will continue its focus to try to prevent dog-related issues, such as attacks, barking, roaming, etc. But we need your help. Please report

any wandering dogs or dog-related issues so we can follow up as quickly as possible. The Council's 06 838 7309 phone number is staffed 24/7.

A significant amount of our Council's animal control budget is related to costs associated with irresponsible dog owners.

Because of this, we have had to purchase two new trucks purpose-designed for animal control. They feature five animal cages and a range of functions that will assist staff in doing their job and providing a quicker and more efficient response.

We are also faced with the cost of building a new dog pound to meet legislative standards and improve animal welfare for the roaming dogs that are impounded. This will be expensive, and under the legislation, it is a facility that the Council is required to provide.

To those of you who microchip and register your dogs, who keep them under control and are genuinely responsible dog owners, thank you. To those who knowingly allow their dogs

to roam, do not have them registered and do not have them under control – please change your approach to make it safer, easier and cheaper – for our whole community. Being an irresponsible dog owner will come at a cost to you.



Mayor Craig Little

## CATCH UP WITH MAYOR CRAIG

If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Mayor, please call the council offices on 06 838 7309 to arrange a meeting time.

The Mayor is available to meet on Wednesdays or by appointment.

# MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

## Saturday, 13 December

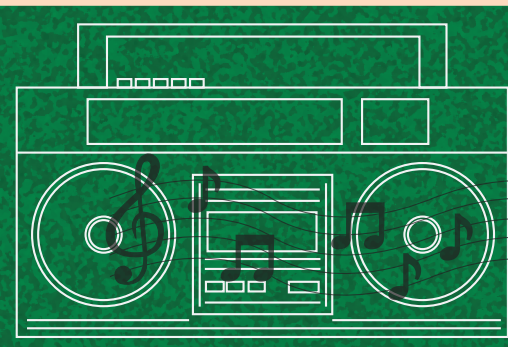
**Market:** 9am - 1.30pm

**Parade:** 2pm

For more information go to [wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa-christmas-celebration-2025](http://wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa-christmas-celebration-2025)



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## Now You See Me Now You Don't

M | 1hr 52m

Sunday 23rd November 2pm

## A Paw Patrol Christmas

G | 1hr 6m

Sunday 23rd November 11.30am

## Zootopia 2 PREMIERE

G | 1hrs 48m

Thursday 27th November 5.30pm

## What Lies Between PREMIERE

M | 1hr 26m

Wednesday 26th November 6.30pm

## Now Showing

November 20 - 27

## Wicked: For Good PREMIERE

PG | 2hr 18m

Thursday 20th November 5.30pm

Saturday 22nd November 5.30pm

## Wicked

PG | 2hr 40m

Saturday 22nd November 2pm

## Coming Soon

Five Night's at Freddy's 2

Avatar: Fire and Ash

The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants

Tickets from \$12

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