

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE NEW COUNCIL

Last week's swearing-in ceremony for the new Council was a really special time. There was a true sense of community and manaakitanga, which are the foundations of our district.

Council then held its inaugural meeting last Wednesday. It was great to see the new Council sitting around the table, both those who have been re-elected and our new councillors.

Our new 2025 Council brings an optimal mix of diversification and capability, with the elected members demonstrating a clear knowledge and understanding of our community and wanting the best for Wairoa. We are all looking forward to the triennium ahead.

With the induction process underway, we will continue to be brought up to speed on happenings across the district. This will include familiarisation site visits of vital infrastructure to ensure we all have the information we need for decision-making over the next three-year term.

COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to the recipients of the three Wairoa District Council scholarships, which were awarded to Wairoa College students Joshua Beale, Vanessa Ruela and Haylee Simmonds.

These scholarships are awarded to students who are going on to tertiary education. Well done to you three and all the other prizewinning recipients. It was great that newly appointed Deputy Mayor Benita Cairns was able to attend the prizegiving on my behalf.

TUNE IN TO THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

I know it is hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner....

The Wairoa Christmas Parade and Market are tuning up for a spectacular 'Music Through the Decades' celebration, where vintage beats, local flair, and plenty of festive cheer will set the main street alive.

Scheduled for Saturday, December 13, this year's theme celebrates all music and how it has evolved over the years.

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.



Mayor Craig Little

The community fun day will see a main street market, showcasing local wares and food stalls, from 9am, followed by the Christmas Parade at 2pm.

To register for the float parade or market stall space, please head to Council's website, www.wairoadc.govt.nz/wairoa-christmas-celebration-2025

FREE MOVIE PREMIERE AT THE GAITY

The New Zealand feature film 'What Lies Between' will screen for free at the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday, November 26, at 6.30pm.

'What Lies Between' is a striking psychological thriller, filmed in Hawke's Bay and Auckland, that explores the depths we go to in love and survival – and keeps you guessing until the very end.

A writer, Jim (Daniel Betty), rents a cottage on remote New Zealand farmland. As he explores the forest bordering the cottage, it soon becomes evident that he is not alone as he first thought. One encounter with a stranger,



Jess (Ruth Strong), finds her offering to help make sense of things, but as her interest intensifies, Jim begins to grow suspicious of her true intentions.

Now, as Jim rushes to understand events, it is revealed he is haunted by his past, and finds time may be running out to put things right, not just for him, but for others around him.

Check out the trailer on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2DTX8jMu9g&t=1s>



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The
GAITY
Cinema & Theatre

Now Showing

November 6 - 13

Predator: Badlands PREMIERE

R13 | 2hr 31m

Thursday 6th November 5.30pm

Friday 7th November 8pm

Wednesday 12th November 5.30pm

Black Phone 2

R16 | 1hrs 54m

Friday 7th November 5.30pm

A Paw Patrol Christmas

G | 1hrs 6m

Sunday 9th November 11.30am

Pike River

M | 2hr 11m

Saturday 8th November 5.30pm

Sunday 9th November 2pm

Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie

G | 1hr 38m

Saturday 8th November 2pm

Now You See Me Now You Don't PREMIERE

M | 1hrs 52m

Thursday 13th November 5.30pm

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MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

Saturday, 13 December

Market: 9am - 1.30pm

Parade: 2pm

For more information go to
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