### WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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### **Your Vote, Your Power.**

Election day is this Saturday, October 11.

Voting in the 2025 election closes at midday on Saturday, October 11, with preliminary results expected to be released during the afternoon of the same day.

If you haven't received your voting papers, you may need to cast a Special Vote. Just contact the Council or call into the Queen Street office, and staff will get you sorted.

Council offices will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 11, for special votes.

Nominations for the Wairoa District Council election have seen 20 candidates throw their hats into the ring, with four people nominated for the mayoral position and nine each for the three General Ward seats and the three Māori Ward seats.

Profiles and lists of confirmed candidates are available on the Council website at www.wairoadc.govt.nz

While election 2025 is a postal vote, if you have your voting papers but have not yet posted them, you are encouraged to drop them into the ballot bins at the Council office on Queen Street or at the New World supermarket. That way, they will be collected before voting closes, rather than running the risk of the voting papers being held up in the mail and not arriving on time.

Don't forget- every vote counts.



#### **Coastline resilience**

Creating further roading resilience along Black's Beach at Mahia is an ongoing Wairoa District Council project. Repair work on the single-lane blowhole dropout was completed late last year, with the rail line moved over and the dual carriageway restored.

Additional coastal resilience work is now being carried out using rock revetment to protect the coastline from erosion. In total, 5,000 tonnes of rock have been carted to the site as part of the project.

Directional drilling and the installation of ground anchors are being carried out. The top rows were completed at night to limit disruption to road users. The lower rows will be completed off the road to ensure the road will be back to one lane stop/go for the remainder of the job.

Once the ground anchor installation is complete, an 8.5m high mechanically stabilised earth wall will be constructed to bring the dropout back up to road level, before the new pavement is constructed and the road reinstated to two lanes.

The work is fully subsidised with no impact on ratepayers.

As the only sealed access to Opoutama and Mahia, reliable and safe connectivity is a priority. The \$2 million project is being carried out by Fulton Hogan contractors with the aim of completing the project before Christmas.

Thanks to motorists for your understanding while this work is carried out.



Coastal resilience using rock revetment along Black's Beach, Mahia

#### THE 3 P'S

#### Only flush the 3 P's Pee, Poo and Paper

Flushing anything other than the 3P's - pee, poo and toilet paper may result in a sewer overflow in your home, or a blockage known as a 'fatberg' in our sewers.

Every year, water utilities remove hundreds of sewerage system blockages caused by wipes and other rubbish. This build-up of flushed rubbish can also cause significant damage to your household pipes and lead to overflows in our natural environment.

All this damage and cost are completely avoidable.

Wipes, even those labeled as flushable, do not break down as efficiently as toilet paper. The best way to dispose of wipes, face tissues, sanitary products and cotton buds is in the bin.



# The — GAIETY — Cinema & Theatre —

## **Now Showing**

October 9 - 16

#### **Fight or Flight**

R16 | 1hr 41m Thursday 9th October 5.30pm

Friday 10th October 5.30pm

The Conjuring: Last Rites
R16 | 2hr 15m

Friday 10th October 8pm Saturday 11th October 5.30pm

#### Bad Guys 2

PG | 1hr 44m Saturday 11th October 2pm

#### Sketch

PG | 1hr 32m

Sunday 12th October 11.30am

#### **Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle**

R13 | 2hr 35m

Sunday 12th October 2pm

#### **Prime Minister**

M | 1hrs 41m

Wednesday 15th October 5.30pm

#### **Black Phone 2 PREMIERE**

R16 | 1hrs 54m

Thursday 16th October 5.30pm

#### Coming soon

Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie

Pike River

Now You See Me: Now You Don't

Wicked: For Good

Tickets from \$12 Hot food available





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