

## Wairoa Community Patrol

Wairoa's Community Patrol Group is the eyes and ears of the town.

The voluntary group has been patrolling Wairoa's streets for around 15 years and is always on the lookout for more people to join the patrols.

Group co-ordinator Charlie Northcott said Wairoa is lucky to have a dedicated crew of patrollers, but they always need new helpers.

In an average year, the volunteers cover nearly 7,000 kilometres, patrolling the town for around 800 hours and observing nearly 200 incidents.

The primary focus of the group is simply awareness, and a vital part of the patrol function is working with the Police. The patrollers share information on behaviour in the community, which is vital to keeping the town safe.

The group plays a significant part in making a difference, with the regular nightly patrols helping minimise minor crime and graffiti.

It also has a positive relationship with the Wairoa District Council, where patrollers report any relevant information, such as problems with parks and reserves, airport security,



Wairoa Community patrollers Charlie Northcott, Donna Rowe, and Terry Moys welcome more community members to join them in helping to keep our town safe.

infrastructure, roaming dogs and livestock, and fly dumping.

The patrol was a major driver behind the closed-circuit television system, which runs in town. The group assisted the Council in installing the CCTV cameras in the main street and monitors the footage from the Police Station base.

Mr Northcott said the people who join the patrol are interested in the town and

in making it a better place. "It's about helping to keep our community safe. And it's not just criminal behaviour, because we are out and about, we can be the eyes and ears for the town."

The Wairoa Community Patrol beats the street with foot patrols as well as vehicle patrols, and also provides a service for homeowners who are out of town and want their homes checked while they are away. The patrol encourages people to contact the police station and leave

details on which address to monitor, the contact person and departure and return times. The patrollers check the security of the property and leave a pre-printed card advising of their visit.

If you would like to help make a difference and join the Wairoa Community Patrol, please email [wairoa@cpnz.org.nz](mailto:wairoa@cpnz.org.nz) or phone Charlie Northcott on 027 4433702.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS FINANCE, ASSURANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 30, 12.30pm

### Blacks Beach Project

Wairoa District Council advises that the next stage of the Blacks Beach Project – directional drilling – is scheduled to begin from Monday 29 September 7pm to 6am.

To minimise daytime disruption, this work will be carried out at night under stop-go traffic management, with potential traffic holds of up to two hours at a time.

The works are expected to take up to four nights in total.

Motorists are asked to plan ahead and allow extra time for travel.

Updates will be provided on the Council website, Facebook page, and via electronic message boards on Nuhaka Opoutama Road.

Council thanks the community for their patience and understanding.

## Your Vote, Your Power

Wairoa residents and ratepayers are urged to make their vote count by voting in the 2025 Local Elections, which are now open.

In the last election, Wairoa's voter turnout was in the top 10 of New Zealand, with the final voter return 53.2%, above the national average, and higher than the 2019 election of 51.4%.

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](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz)

Voters should cast their selections and post or drop their votes into local ballot bins at the Council office in Queen Street and at New World supermarket,

before voting closes at 12 noon, Saturday 11 October. After October 7, it is best to deliver your votes to the ballot bins to ensure they arrive on time and are not held up in the post.

People need to check their enrolment details to ensure they receive their voting papers at the correct address. If you are not enrolled, take action now by heading to the Electoral Commission New Zealand's website to enrol or update your details online.

If you haven't received your voting papers, enrolled after 1 August, or haven't voted and are going to be away, 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.

Don't forget, a person can apply to enrol as either a residential or ratepayer elector right up to and including Friday, 10 October 2025 – the day before the close of voting.

**Now Showing**  
September 25 -  
October 2

### Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle

R16 | 2hr 35m

Thursday 25th September 2pm

Wednesday 1st October 2pm

### Fight or Flight

R16 | 1hr 41m

Saturday 27th September 5.30pm

Thursday 2nd October 5.30pm

### Sketch

PG | 1hr 32m

Thursday 25th September 11.30am

Friday 16th September 2pm

Sunday 28th September 11.30am

Thursday 2nd October 11.30am

### The Conjuring: Last Rites

R16 | 2hr 15m

Friday 26th September 5.30pm

Wednesday 1st October 5.30pm

### Prime Minister PREMIERE

TBC | 1hrs 41m

Thursday 25th September 5.30pm

Sunday 28th September 2pm

### Bad Guys 2

PG | 1hr 44m

Friday 26th September 11.30am

Saturday 27th September 2pm

Wednesday 1st October 11.30am

Thursday 2nd October 2pm

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## LOCAL ELECTIONS 11 OCTOBER 2025

