



Wairoa Mayor Craig Little

FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

The Wairoa District Council is encouraged that the Government has acknowledged the message from local Councils that the Dog Control Act is outdated and is preventing Councils from doing their jobs effectively, putting unnecessary strain on resources and the wider system.

Central and local government agree that dog owners must take responsibility and keep their animals under control, and that the Dog Control Act empowers councils to keep communities safe.

The Government's response is about backing councils to keep their communities safe and holding irresponsible dog owners responsible for their animals.

We all need to remember that owning a dog is a privilege – not a right, and that not everyone loves your dog as you do.

New Zealand law requires that your dog be registered, microchipped, and kept under control at all times. Our Council staff have had a real focus on ensuring dog owners get the basics right, because we have all seen the dreadful outcomes caused by uncontrolled dogs.

Most dog owners abide by the rules and do the right thing. Unfortunately, it is the few who cause the most problems, and this is where the Council's focus will be.

I urge our community to support Council staff in keeping our communities safe as we work to limit the number of unregistered and roaming dogs. I would also like to

extend a thanks to the Council's dog control team, as they often work in very challenging situations.

A reminder, the new dog registration season is effective from July 1, and dog owners need to be ready to re-register or register their dogs.

For more information on how to be a responsible dog owner, head to the Wairoa District Council website at www.wairoadistrictcouncil.co.nz or ring the Council on 06 838 7309 to talk to a team member.

LOCAL WAIROA RUGBY ROUND

It was fantastic to see Wairoa rugby kick off with a local round played at our home of rugby, Lambton Square.

It has been many years since we began the season with a local round, and I would like to thank the Chair of Wairoa Rugby Sub-Union, Vincent Kaimoana, and his team for their work in making this happen.

Wairoa has six active rugby teams, Athletic, Tapuae, Waiau, Nuhaka, Mahia and YMP, which is a huge commitment. Having a local round at the beginning of the season sets teams up to go on and play their own competitions and is a great way of bringing our communities together. I wish all our local teams the very best for their respective competitions, and also congratulate the players, coaches, management and supporters for their efforts over the season.

Once our local teams have finished their competitions, the focus will be on the Barry Cup and on building a team to try to bring the trophy back to Wairoa. The Barry Cup is a prestigious, century-old rugby union trophy contested by

East Coast sub-union rugby teams. It is a challenge trophy where holders defend it against challengers, fostering intense community pride and passion. Bring it home Wairoa.

We will remember them

This month, we will remember the sacrifice made by so many through our ANZAC Day commemorations.



April 25 is about remembering soldiers, servicemen and women from Australia and New Zealand, and honouring their bravery and the sacrifices they made.

In Wairoa, ANZAC Day is always a very special occasion. The commemoration will begin with dawn services at 5.45am at Kaiuku Marae and Mohaka Marae. This will be followed with a service at Taihoa Marae at 8.30am, the Frasertown Civic Service at 10am and the Wairoa Civic Service at 11.45am at the Wairoa War Memorial and hall.

These public commemorations are a chance for our local people to remember those who have gone before them. I encourage as many people as possible to attend these special events and officially acknowledge our veterans and service personnel.

Catch up with Mayor Craig Kanohi ki te Kanohi Face to Face

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.

25 April 2026 ANZAC DAY WAIROA

5:45am
Kaiuku Marae Dawn Service
Mahia East Coast Road | Mahia

8:30am
Taihoa Marae Service
State Highway 2 | Wairoa

10:00am
Frasertown Civic Service
Carroll Street | Frasertown

5:45am
Mohaka Marae Dawn Service
Mohaka Township Road | Mohaka

11:45am
Wairoa Civic Service
Wairoa War Memorial Hall | Wairoa



Acknowledgements to Wairoa artist Chance Rohe, who designed the graphics in this banner.

KORERO FROM THE ARTIST: Kei Wareware Tātau - the imagery used in the poppy graphic above is derived from conversations I've heard and had about our Tipuna who fought in the World Wars. The Māori Battalion. Kōrero tuku iho heavily aligned to us and how we are a result of their sacrifice. We shall never take life for granted. We shall never forget. Your sacrifice, created my future. Thank you.

Council Meetings

Council Forum

Tuesday, April 7, 10am

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, April 7, 1pm

Environment & Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, April 14, 1pm

Māori Standing Committee

Tuesday, April 28, 1pm

Assurance, Risk & Infrastructure Committee

Wednesday, April 29, 1pm

Please note that the Assurance, Risk & Infrastructure Committee meetings have been rescheduled for the year. Please see www.wairoadc.govt.nz/our-council/meetings for updated meeting dates.

The GAIETY **Now Showing** April 2 - 9

Holy Days

PG | 1hr 41m

Friday 3rd April 5.30pm

Thursday 9th April 2pm

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie PREMIERE

TBC | 1hr 38m

Thursday 2nd April 5.30pm

Saturday 4th April 2pm

Scream 7

R16 | 1hr 54m

Friday 3rd April 8pm

Project Hail Mary

M | 2hr 36m

Saturday 4th April 5.30pm

Thursday 9th April 5.30pm

Hoppers

PG | 1hr 45m

Sunday 5th April 11.30am

Wednesday 8th April 2pm

Thursday 9th April 11.30am

Epic: Elvis Presley in Concert

PG | 1hr 36m

Sunday 5th April 2pm

The Magic Faraway Tree

G | 1hr 50m

Wednesday 8th April 11.30am

Ready or Not 2: Here I come

R16 | 1hr 44m

Wednesday 8th April 5.30pm

Easter Closures

Wairoa District Council Office
Closed Friday 3 April 2026.
Reopens 8am Tuesday 7 April 2026.

For urgent services during this time our after-hours service is available 24/7 please call 06 838 7309.

Wairoa Library
Closed Friday 3 April 2026.
Reopens 10am Tuesday 7 April 2026.

Wairoa isite
Friday 3 April 10am - 4pm
Saturday 4 April 10am - 4.30pm
Sunday 5 April 10am - 4pm
Monday 6 April 10am - 4pm

Rubbish & Recycling
The Wairoa Landfill and Recycling Centre will be closed Sunday 5 April.

All other services remain unchanged.