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WAIROA GRANT FINDER

Wairoa District Council is proud to launch Wairoa Grant Finder: a new online tool designed to help our community easily find funding opportunities.

Finding grants can be time-consuming and confusing, so, Wairoa Grant Finder brings together relevant grants across New Zealand and the globe in one place, making it easier for:

- Community groups and marae
- Sports clubs and not-for-profits
- Local businesses and individuals

You can search for grants, save opportunities that interest you, and sign up for email alerts when new funding opens.

The tool is free to use and aims to help more funding flow into Wairoa to support local projects, ideas, and initiatives.

Visit our website and check out Wairoa Grant Finder – a simple way to stay informed and not miss out on funding opportunities that could support your kaupapa or go to <https://grantguru.com/nz/wairoa>



CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Applications for financial assistance from Creative New Zealand are now open!

There are three funding criteria under the Creative Communities Scheme:

Participation

Create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in local arts activities

Diversity

Support diverse artistic cultural traditions of local communities.

Young People

Enable young people (under 18 years of age) to engage with and participate in the arts.

For more information head to www.wairoadc.govt.nz/our-district/grants-funding/creative-communities-nz

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Forum
Tuesday, March 3, 10am

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Tuesday, March 3, 1pm



Wairoa Mayor Craig Little

The **GAITY** Now Showing
February 19 - 26

GOAT PREMIERE

PG | 1hr 40m

Thursday 19th February 5.30pm

Saturday 21st February 2pm

Crime 101

M | 2hr 15m

Friday 20th February 5.30pm

Send Help

R16 | 1hr 53m

Wednesday 25th February 5.30pm

Wuthering Heights PREMIERE

G | 1hr 36m

Sunday 22nd February 2pm

The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants

G | 1hr 36m

Sunday 22nd February 11.30am

Mārama

R16 | 1hr 53m

Friday 20th February 8pm

Saturday 21st February 5.30pm

Epic: Elvis Presley in Concert PREMIERE

TBC | 1hr 36m

Thursday 26th February 5.30pm

Coming Soon

Scream 7

Project Hail Mary

Ready or Not 2: Here I come

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GREAT Business People

First Choice Supermarket

First Choice – Wairoa’s new mini supermarket is already a huge hit with locals, providing convenience and choice on the North Clyde side of town.

The new business opened in the former Mobil building in mid-January and is preparing for its grand opening on March 6.

The business is being developed by husband-and-wife duo Reena and Parkash Lohana, who have moved to town with their four-year-old son Jayesh.

The couple are keen to make their Bridge Street hub a one-stop shop, are pushing ahead with the car wash, and have other development plans in the pipeline.

First Choice is offering a range of grocery items and brands from breakfast foods, pantry and baking items, dairy, chilled and frozen meats, fresh fruit and vegetables, biscuits, canned goods, treats, cleaning products, beauty care, pet products, toiletries, a range of baby products, magazines and newspapers, plus more.

The one-stop shop also offers a wide range of food and snacks. Freshly prepared hot food includes chicken and chips, the famous loaded chicken box, kebabs, burgers and pies, plus sandwiches, muffins, cakes, doughnuts, slushies, and fresh fruit ice cream. The Eversys Enigma premium coffee is a popular choice, offering a range from hot drinks to iced beverages.

The Lohanas are starting with the mini-market and will gauge the community’s need and expand if needed. “Wairoa is our flagship shop, and all going well, will be the first of many shops. We’re not just your average grocery store. We’ve combined your daily essentials with your favourite treats. Whether you’re doing the weekly shop or just need a quick break, we’ve got it. Plus, we have loads of easy parking.”

Reena and Parkash are originally from Pakistan. Parkash had supermarket experience prior to moving to New Zealand and has since worked at a Four Square and a Pak n Save in Auckland, and then owned Mobil fuel station in Christchurch, before moving to Wairoa.

“We saw the opportunity to develop the supermarket in the former Mobil shop, which was flooded in Cyclone Gabrielle, and we are so happy to be here. Wairoa is a gem and a peaceful town where everybody knows each other. We want to connect with the community, and we want to provide good products, service and pricing.”

Looking after their customers is a priority with combo deals offering a cheaper way to shop, along with competitive pricing like two bottles of milk for \$8 and \$1.90 for a loaf of bread.

The Lohanas also employ six staff members: two experienced staff from Auckland who are assisting with training, and four local staff.



FB: [firstchoicewairoa](https://www.facebook.com/firstchoicewairoa)
Hours: 5am-9pm
seven days a week



If you have a great business or service to promote, please contact Wairoa District Council at: ed@wairoadc.govt.nz

