



# WAIROA IN FOCUS

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## FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE HISTORICAL SETTLEMENT WITH THE CROWN

It was an honour to attend the apology and signing of the Ngāti Ruapani Mai Waikaremoana historical settlement with the Crown last week.

The settlement includes financial and commercial redress of \$24 million, the return of culturally important sites, and the return of conservation lands at Turi-o-Kahu, restoring a presence at Onepoto.

This settlement will create opportunities for this special part of our district and marks a very exciting time ahead.

Waikaremoana is an outstanding area with significant history, and this settlement will enable the area to continue to grow.

## CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

Council has been connecting with our communities, with two more engagement hui coming up this month.

On Thursday, 12 March, a hui for local tourism operators will be held from 5-7pm at the Te Ahi Kōmau/Gemmell's Courtyard.

Wairoa Tourism Connect will focus on reflecting on the recent summer season and strengthening tourism outcomes for the Wairoa district moving forward. All tourism operators and businesses are welcome to attend.

Then on Wednesday, 18 March, we will hold a North Clyde Cuppa and Korero from 5-7pm at the Wairoa Taiwhenua.

This is an opportunity for Council elected members and staff to connect with the North Clyde community and discuss the possible construction of a playground, community aspirations, and how Council might be able to support the North Clyde community.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

## IMPRESSED WITH COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

I have been really impressed with the community-driven initiatives we have seen in our district this year. From the East Coast Farming Expo and boat and ski racing to the A and P Show, markets, and so much more that is happening throughout the district.

Following COVID-19, there was a real slowdown in public events, and it is so encouraging to see local people now driving entertainment and see it being well supported by our community.

Coming up this month is the Rock 'n' Racing, which is being held at the Wairoa Racecourse on 28 March 2026.

The day will feature non-thoroughbred horse racing from 11am with a live concert in the evening. It will be great to see the racecourse used as a venue for another community event. Thanks to Milky Hamblyn and Tubs Vincent for providing these types of gigs for our community.

## BIKE YOUR WAY AROUND TOWN

Did you know you can hire bikes to cycle around town?

The Wairoa isite visitor centre, operating from its new main street location, has two bikes available for half - or full-day hire.

The bikes are a great way to take a trip around the town, maybe take a picnic to Whakamahia, and generally cruise around.

Half-day hire is \$35 for four hours and \$50 for a full-day, eight-hour hire.

This is a great activity option for both locals and visitors exploring the district.

To book your bike, phone the isite on 06 838 7440 or call in and check out the new building.



## LEADING THE WAY

Council has launched a campaign to remind people to keep their dogs on a lead and under control in public places, unless in a designated off-leash area.

Messaging includes stencils along walkways in the Wairoa and Mahia areas, with additional footpath stencils being added throughout the district.

The stencil messaging is a reminder that all dogs must be kept on a lead in public areas, which ensures that everyone can enjoy these spaces safely and comfortably. Remember, no one loves your dog like you do.

The Animal Control team will be monitoring footpaths, parks, and reserves to maintain safety for all users.

Please be aware that penalties may apply in public areas if a dog is not on a lead or is not under control. Under the Dog Control Act 1996, Section 20(5), failing to comply with any bylaw authorised by a Territorial Authority can result in a \$300 infringement.

Thank you to all the responsible dog owners who set a great example in our community.

## 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.



Wairoa Mayor Craig Little

## Council Meetings

### Assurance, Risk & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, March 17, 1pm

### Council Forum

Tuesday, April 7, 10am

### Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, April 7, 1pm

### Environment & Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, April 14, 1pm

### Assurance, Risk & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 1pm

## AFTER HOURS SERVICE

If there is an outage to a Council service outside of regular business hours please call 06 838 7309 - 24/7.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

There is a page on the Wairoa District Council Website for community notices. To view go to [www.wairoadc.govt.nz/community-notice-board](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz/community-notice-board)

To put your community notice on this page please email [communications@wairoadc.govt.nz](mailto:communications@wairoadc.govt.nz)

## The GAIETY Now Showing March 5 - 12

### Epic: Elvis Presley in Concert

PG | 1hr 36m

Thursday 5th March 5.30pm

Sunday 8th March 2pm

### Wuthering Heights

G | 1hr 36m

Friday 6th March 5.30pm

### Scream 7

R16 | 1hr 54m

Friday 6th March 8pm

Thursday 12th March 5.30pm

### Crime 101

M | 2hr 15m

Wednesday 11th March 5.30pm

### Mārama

R16 | 1hr 53m

Saturday 7th March 5.30pm

### GOAT

PG | 1hr 40m

Saturday 7th March 2pm

Sunday 8th March 11.30am



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# isite Bike Rentals

## Rent a bike from isite Wairoa!

isite Wairoa has two bikes available for hire. Bikes are a great way to take a trip around the town.

**Half-day \$35**  
(4 hours)

**Full-day \$50**  
(8 hours)

To book your bike, phone the isite on 06 838 7440 or come and see us at 190 Marine Parade