



Wairoa Mayor  
Craig Little



Members of the Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee from left, Elected member and Chair Michelle Tahuri, Juanita Symes, Mayor Craig Little, Erena Hammond, Rongopai Kira, Pauline Symes, Marino Harker-Smith, Liz Palmer, Deputy Mayor Benita Cairns, Elected members Sara Bird and Trevor Waikawa, Whai-ora Maindonald and Council Chief Executive Matt Lawson.

## FROM MAYOR CRAIG LITTLE Māori Standing Committee

Wairoa District Council's newly appointed Māori Standing Committee has held its first meeting of the triennium.

It is great to see this vital committee come together, and I know all our councillors are looking forward to working with the Māori Standing Committee.

Wairoa District Council elected member Michelle Tahuri is the chair of the committee, with Liz Palmer the deputy.

The Māori Standing Committee ensures Māori voices and aspirations inform Council decisions on issues affecting Māori and their communities. The committee is an essential part of the Council organisation, with current and past members having made significant contributions over time.

Our Council wants to reset our Māori Standing Committee by encouraging involvement and listening to members' views while empowering the committee to become an even more integral part of the Council and the community.

A key decision is to see the regular hui held at local marae around the district. I believe this is a really important step and look forward to the grassroots connection this will create.

Committee members are nominated by the marae in the takiwā, with the following representatives elected.  
Rakaipaaka - Pauline Symes,  
Pāhauwera - Rongopai Kira, Ruakituri - Erena Hammond, Māhia Mai Tawhiti - Juanita Symes, Te Wairoa Hōpūpū - Marino Harker-Smith, Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge - Whai-ora Maindonald, Te Wairoa Matangirau Liz Palmer.

The elected members on the Māori Standing Committee are Mayor Craig Little, Deputy Mayor Benita Tahuri, Michelle Tahuri, Sara Bird and Trevor Waikawa.

## THE DIGITAL HUB

### Free Computer Course Dates

#### 1-on-1 Drop in Session

Friday 22 May 10am-11.30am

A 1-on-1 drop in session for assistance with your personal devices, from laptops to tablets and smart phones.

#### Intro to Digital Banking

Friday 29 May 10am-11.30am

Get to know banking online and gain the confidence to move into digital banking. No personal bank information required.

Enquire at Wairoa Library or call 06 838 4658



# Wairoa Grant Finder

Finding grants can be time-consuming and confusing, 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.

Go to <https://grantguru.com/nz/wairoa>

## Council Meetings

### Assurance, Risk & Infrastructure Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 1pm

### Council Forum

Tuesday, June 2, 10am

### Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, June 2, 1pm

### Environment & Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, June 9, 1pm

## 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.

## The Gaiety **Now Showing** May 14 - 21

### The Devil Wears Prada 2

M | 1hr 53m

Thursday 14th May 5.30pm

Saturday 16th May 5.30pm

### Michael

M | 2hr 10m

Friday 15th May 5.30pm

### Mortal Kombat 2

R16 | 1hr 56m

Friday 15th May 8pm

Wednesday 20th May 5.30pm

### The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

PG | 1hr 38m

Saturday 16th May 2pm

### Hoppers

PG | 1hr 45m

Sunday 17th May 11.30am

### SGT. Haane

M | 1hr 28m

Sunday 17th May 2pm

### The Mandalorian & Grogu PREMIERE

TBC | 2hr 12m

Thursday 21st May 5.30pm

