

**Council Newsletter - May 2025** 

# Waitomo Way

# Prestigious recognition for storm repair roading project

Waitomo District Council has received prestigious recognition for a recent large-scale roading project.

The storm damage repairs on Mangarino Road in Te Kūiti was nominated for a national award by IPWEA NZ. IPWEA is an association for infrastructure professionals.

The project - completed last year - was shortlisted as a finalist in the "Under \$2 Million" category and stood alongside strong contenders from across the country.

A section of Mangarino Road was considerably damaged during a storm event in September 2023 and required significant works to reinstate the road back to two lanes.

Construction started in May 2024 and included drainage improvements, reconstruction of the slope with an earthfill buttress, and reconstruction of the road pavement.

General Manager Infrastructure Services, Shyamal Ram says although WDC didn't take home the award on the night, the project



was very well received by both the judging panel and attendees.

"It's a real testament to the quality of work we deliver here at Waitomo. "It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the calibre of our work and to see how we measure up against much larger councils. We should all be proud," says Shyamal.

"This recognition reflects the collective effort and commitment of our entire organisation.

Visit our website to read the full media release and view project photos.



#### **Rates Rebate Scheme**

Are you eligible to apply??

Waitomo District Council administers a Rates Rebate Scheme on behalf of Central Government which offers help to low-income ratepayers with their rates account.

The maximum rates rebate available to a ratepayer for their home on 1 July 2024 is \$790.

The entitlement amount is determined by a combination of your income, amount of rates you're charged and the number of dependents you have.

Applications for the 2024/25 rating year close on **30 June 2025.**For more information or to apply visit

our website.





Take 5 minutes to tell us: how you keep active (or what stops you) and be in to WIN!

\*prizes drawn at the end of every month during 2025



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## Take the bite out of dog registrations

Take the bite out of dog registration fees. Start a payment plan!

You can start paying your registration fee now by automatic payment or we can organise a direct debit.

Registration fees are to be paid in full by 31 July 2025 to avoid the 50% penalty.

Contact the Customer Services team on 0800 932 4357 if you would like to discuss payment options.



#### **Waitomo District Rates Reminder**

This is a friendly reminder that the fourth instalment of your 2024/2025 rates is due by 5pm, Friday 30 May 2025.

Rates payments can be made at the Customer Service and Visitor Hub at 160 Rora Street,

Te Küiti, over the phone by credit card, on our website or by Internet Banking.

Please contact our friendly Customer Services Team on 0800 932 4357 for further assistance or visit our website: www.waitomo.govt.nz

### Rating Information Database available for public inspection

Pursuant to Section 28 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Waitomo District Council gives notice that the district valuation roll and rates records are available for public inspection at the Customer Service and Visitor Hub at 160 Rora Street, Te Küiti during opening hours.

The Rating Information Database is also available on our website at www.waitomo.govt.nz (under Our Council – Rates Information – Rating Information Database).

The Rating Information Database contains information required by the Council for setting and assessing rates on each rating unit within the Waitomo District.

The owners' names and postal addresses of all properties are available for inspection unless Council has received a request in writing to withhold an owner's name and postal address from the database.

All requests for suppression of names and postal addresses must be made in writing and addressed to Waitomo District Council, PO Box 404, Te Kūiti 3941 or emailed to: rates@waitomo.govt.nz.

## Council Meeting Schedule 2025

The 2025 Council meeting schedule for the next few months:

Monthly Council Meeting 27 May

Council Deliberations 10 June (Draft Annual Plan)

Monthly Council Meeting 30 June (Adoption of Annual Plan)

Monthly Council Meeting 29 July

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting - 19 August

Appointments and Chief Executive Relationship Committee Meeting - 19 August



