

Community Wellbeing

In this month's edition of the **Community Wellbeing Newsletter** find out about some vibrant upcoming events and activity! Council will begin a conversation with the community about ideas for a **Levin Town Centre Development Strategy** and we will also announce the monthly **Thursday night Street Feast** food truck event!

Upcoming Community Meetings

If you don't already, why not come along to one of our public Community Wellbeing Forums? All are welcome to attend!

02 The next **Youth Network** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2 August at 10.00am, in Council Chambers.

21 The next **Older Persons Network** meeting is on Thursday 21 July at 10.00am, also in Council Chambers.

05 The next **Disability Leadership Forum** meeting is on Monday 5 September from 5.00pm in Council Chambers.

With regards,

*Monique Davidson, Denise Kidd,
Garreth Stevens, Cathryn Pollock
and Emma Childs*

Youth Health and Wellbeing Expo 2016

Horowhenua District Council will once again host the biannual Youth Health and Wellbeing Expo 2016.

The Expo is being held on Friday 19 August 2016, at Te Takere's Youth Space between 10:00am to 4:00pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls and different interactive activities for everyone to get involved with.

All those in attendance will be given a passport to be stamped at each stall which, if completed, will go in to the draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet A 8.0.

If you are interested in being a stall holder or for more information please contact Events Support Officer, Emma Childs by email emmac@horowhenua.govt.nz or phone 06 366 0999.



Youth Voice: Make your Voice heard!



**Hi there!
My name is Natalie
MacDonald and
I am the deputy
chairperson of
Youth Voice
Horowhenua 2016.
I am 17 years old
and attend
Manawatu College.**

If you were to ask any of our current Youth Voice members about me, they would probably tell you one of two things; 1. I talk too much or 2. I am freakishly tall. Both statements are very much true. I'm naturally an outgoing, overly excited young person who takes pride in living in the Horowhenua. Although admittedly it is small compared to Auckland or Wellington, Horowhenua is my favourite place. It's where I live and where I grew up. It's also where my parents grew up. Our small but close community is what makes living here so great.

One of my goals in life (which led to my initial interest in Youth Voice) is that I want to make a positive contribution to our tight-knit community. Youth Voice has already given me amazing opportunities to fully immerse myself in work around Levin and Foxton in ways I never would have thought of.

We recently held a Youth Voice Alumni event where the last few generations of Youth Voice came together for a night of fun. There were motivational speakers, games and not to mention free food. This helped me meet new young people around the community and find out more about the opportunities to help around the Horowhenua that are so often available. Recently I was able to broadcast on live radio with the coordinator of Te Takere's Youth Space. Radio presenting is what I want to do when I leave high school, so not only was I able to contribute to building a more interconnected community by branching out from Foxton to the entire region, I was also able to take one step closer to achieving one of my larger, more personal ambitions.

I have had a blast participating in all that the Council has had to offer so far. Youth Voice has already made a huge impact on my life. I've met so many influential, genuinely good people and done so much for our community and I look forward to what is to come.

Thursday Night Street Feast Sets it's Eyes on Levin

A monthly gourmet street food event supported by Horowhenua District Council is set to launch in Levin on Thursday 21 July. From 5:00pm until 9:00pm, 10 food trucks from around the Lower North Island will transform the car park in front of Te Takere creating a 'Winterfest' event with themed decor and talented local entertainment. The event will take place every month on the second to last Thursday of the month and will have a new theme each time.

When asked "why Levin?" Co-Founder Simon Bowen responds that the vision of the District's strategic plan over the next 10 years is a key reason for bringing the Thursday Night Street Feast to the Horowhenua. "More and more people are moving outside of bigger major cities for more affordable housing and a better work balance / family lifestyle, we are meeting a foreseeable demand in regards to the community's social and vibrancy requirements."

Thursday Night Street Feast will highlight the quality of street food available from New Zealand's growing fleet of high-end food trucks by creating a global food village for one night each month. The event will demonstrate the power of food to bring a community together, with people of all ages, all backgrounds, that are all welcome.

After establishing the event in Lower Hutt in conjunction with the Hutt City Council as part of their CBD revitalisation project and reaching a peak of approximately 5000 attendees in December 2015, the Thursday Night Street Feast set its sights North. Its debut in Palmerston North in June 2016 enjoyed an overwhelming public response with estimated attendance over 6000 people.

Horowhenua District Mayor Brendan Duffy says "I look forward to seeing the Horowhenua community coming together each month and enjoying the gourmet food truck event. I know I will be there!!"

**For more information please visit
<https://www.facebook.com/streetfeastnz/>**





THURSDAY
★ NIGHT ★

Street
—
Feast

Food Truck Winterfest

Te Takere, **Levin**

21 | 07 | 16

5:00-9:00pm

Horowhenua

Pathways Horowhenua Website Launched

The Pathways Horowhenua Network, founded in 2014 has recently merged with 'Youth Jobs Horowhenua', a project led by Youth Voice Advisor Liam McLeavey.

The Youth Jobs Horowhenua project quickly gained a local following after it began connecting young people with work opportunities over Facebook and launching a dedicated website.

The new merged website provides an impressive array of tools including career advice, job listings, links to external training providers and many others, specifically targeted at young people wanting to enter the workforce.

Check out Pathwayshorowhenua.org now, and visit the facebook page www.facebook.com/pathwayshorowhenua/



Liam Mcleavey

Supergrans AGM Notice

Horowhenua Supergrans have the official opening of their new premises at 8 Bath Street at 4pm on Thursday 7 July.

Their Annual General Meeting follows at 5pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to horowhenua@supergrans.net.nz

Day out in Town begins earlier

Horowhenua's popular Day Out in Town Bus is to begin its loop of the District earlier in the day each Friday. The bus's scheduled stops have now been brought forward by 15 minutes, departing from Te Takere in Levin at 9.15am.

The bus will continue to travel via Shannon, Foxton Beach, Foxton and Waitarere Beach, before arriving back in Levin at 10.45am. It will then depart from Te Takere for the return loop at 1.45pm.

The fare remains at \$2 per passenger, providing affordable and reliable travel between the Horowhenua communities. The service will not operate on public holidays.

For further information, to make enquiries or provide feedback, contact Te Takere on 06 368 1953 or enquiries@tetakere.org.nz, or Horizons on 0508 800 800 or help@horizons.govt.nz



9:15am	Levin	Service begins at Bath St bus stop by Te Takere
9:30am	Shannon	Ballance St bus stop
10:00am	Foxton Beach	Community Centre, Seabury Ave
10:10am	Foxton	Main St bus stop by De Molen Windmill
10:25am	Waitarere Beach	Outside Four Square
10:45am	Levin	Service arrives at Bath St bus stop by Te Takere
1:45pm	Levin	Return service departs from Bath St bus stop by Te Takere
2:00pm	Shannon	Ballance St bus stop
2:30pm	Foxton Beach	Community Centre, Seabury Ave
2:40pm	Foxton	Main St bus stop by De Molen Windmill
2:55pm	Waitarere Beach	Outside Four Square
3:15pm	Levin	Service ends at Bath St bus stop by Te Takere

Growing Levin

Town Centre Development Strategy

Horowhenua District Council is preparing a development strategy to guide the future of Levin's town centre.

Significant growth has been forecast for our district due to upcoming investment in the road connection between Horowhenua and Wellington. This growth will bring change- new people, new businesses and new opportunities. What will this change mean for Levin's town centre? The development strategy will identify changes to buildings, public spaces, streets and activities so to support positive change as our town and district grow.

In July we will begin a conversation with the Horowhenua community to ask for ideas and observations about the town centre today and what it could be like in the future.

You will also see us out and about in Te Takere and in the town centre in July and August.

There are several ways to get involved:

Join us at one of the engagement sessions to contribute your ideas for Levin's town centre and comment on a few of ours:

-  **15** Friday 15 July, 12.30pm to 2pm
Te Takere, Levin
-  **19** Tuesday 19 July, 5pm to 6.30pm
Te Takere, Levin
-  **20** Wednesday 20 July, 7.30pm
Manakau Hall
-  **28** Thursday 28 July, 7.30pm
Te Awahou Masonic Village, Foxton
-  **30** Saturday 30 July, 2pm to 3.30pm
Te Takere, Levin
-  **01** Monday 1 August, 7pm
Te Takere, Levin

 You can fill out a questionnaire and return it to council or complete it online via our website, www.horowhenua.govt.nz.



Christmas for Everyone

Christmas is a time for family, for giving, for community and appreciation. Every child deserves to have something under the tree at Christmas time, but not all families will be able to make this happen! Members of the Horowhenua Strengthening Families Network are once again coordinating a project to distribute Christmas parcels to hundreds of families in need so that no child goes without Christmas.

With the support of the Horowhenua Youth Council and local businesses like Subway Levin and Otaki the project is beginning nice and early – we want to make this the biggest event yet.

In 2014 and 2015 we delivered thousands of presents to approximately 200 deserving families right across the Horowhenua District thanks to the awesome support and generosity of the community. For those two years we were fortunate enough to be assigned some sponsorship from the Strengthening Families Network, but this funding is no longer available.

You can help! If you are a business, school or organisation that would like to get involved we'd love to hear from you. There are many ways you can assist the project both financial and non-financial such as:

- Donating goods / products to give as presents
- Making a cash donation to assist with filling goodie bags
- Holding a staff/school fundraiser – such as a mufti day, raffle or other activity
- Volunteering to assist with the logistics of collection, wrapping, sorting and delivering goodies to families in November and December
- Putting forward a representative for our steering committee
- Helping with promo – such as sharing our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/christmasforeveryone> and helping us spread the word when we invite general public present donations

Thank you for taking the time to consider involvement in this project! We would love to hear from you. Contact Therase Apatu by email Therase.Apatu007@cyf.govt.nz or phone 06 949 4233

Council Grant Schemes Open

Horowhenua District Council's Rural Halls Grant is now open for applications.

The Rural Halls Grant provides non-profit hall societies and organisations with funding to assist with the maintenance of community halls. The scheme provides funding once a year and has up to \$25,000 available to distribute.

Applications are invited by way of a new 'apply online' system that will also be rolled out to the Community Development and Community Consultation Grant later this month

Rural Halls Grant applications remain open until 5.00pm on Friday 29 July.

Four other schemes administered by the Horowhenua District Council will open by 18 July. These include the:

- Community Development Grant (for eligible non-profit organisations)
- Community Consultation Grant (for eligible resident and ratepayer associations)
- Horowhenua Creative Communities Scheme (for arts and cultural projects)
- Shannon Community Development Grant (operated by an external trust)

For further information about grants and to make an application, visit www.horowhenua.govt/grants

Nominations Open

Do you feel passionate about your community? Do you get involved in your community? Do you know a lot about what is happening in your community? Ever wondered how Council decisions about community services are made? Ever wondered what difference if any some of the community activities of Council make?

If so, the Community Services Reference Group needs people like you.

Horowhenua District Council is keen to get ongoing community input in to the planning and evaluations of community services delivered, funded and coordinated by Horowhenua District Council.

Meetings are quarterly.

Council will discuss Iwi representation with Iwi .

However, nominations are open for the following geographic communities:

- Levin
- Foxton / Foxton Beach
- Shannon
- Tokomaru
- Waitarere
- Ohau
- Manakau
- Waikawa

Nominations are also sought from individuals actively involved in working (voluntary or paid) with young people, older people, people with disabilities and families with children.

Nomination Forms can be obtained from Reception areas at HDC offices and Te Takere as well as **(on line?)**

Finally, nominations are being sought from key community-based user groups associated with aquatics and library services.

Community Wellbeing Strategy

Work is currently underway redeveloping the Horowhenua District's Community Wellbeing Strategy.

Recently the Community Wellbeing Executive participated in a Results-based accountability workshop to assist them with planning the revised strategy.

The Community Wellbeing Executive is a Council committee with significant community and government agency representation as well as community representation.

Library services for residents of Tokomaru and Opiki

Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council are working together to offer households in Tokomaru and Opiki improved access to library service provision as from 1st July, 2016.

During the Horowhenua Council's Long Term Plan consultation in 2015 residents of Tokomaru and the surrounding area outlined to Council they would like to access library services from Palmerston North. Horowhenua District Council has taken this feedback on board and has been working with Palmerston North City Council to make this happen.

Palmerston North City Council will now deliver library services to eligible households of Tokomaru and Opiki on behalf of Horowhenua District Council at no charge to individual households.

Letters are currently being prepared and sent to eligible households in Opiki and Tokomaru to let them know about this change and how to go about signing up with Palmerston North Library.

Council staff will be contacting local volunteers and relevant local stakeholders over the next couple of weeks to let them know and also to discuss what services and supports can still be provided by Horowhenua Council to the community.

Aquatics Horowhenua Update

The Levin Aquatics Centre is now closed for the improvement works project as part of the long term plan. The closure is inclusive of the deep lane from Monday the 4th of July. The works are well underway and progressing with a view to reopen on Saturday 3rd September 2016.

Horowhenua District Council is pleased to be able to offer an extended season at Foxton Heated Pool over the

winter months. This will enable us to gauge usage for future years and also provide a great swimming facility for the district while the Levin improvement works occur.

A wide range of programmes will be on offer at Foxton Pool including; Streamline Swim School classes, Aquacise classes and a wide range of water-based club activities. Check the times below, grab your togs and head down to support the extended season!

aquatics
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Foxton Heated Pool is open this winter season

Monday to Friday 6am - 6pm
for the public
Saturday and Sunday 10am - 6pm
Public Holidays 1pm - 6pm

Aqua Fitness

Tuesday 10am
Wednesday 6pm
Thursday 10am

For more information

 www.aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz  AquaticsHorowhenua



Recreation Update

During winter it can be harder to keep motivated to exercise. That little voice pops into your head and says things like “I really should go for a walk/to the gym/insert other exercise here/ but it’s so cold I just don’t want to get changed”. Yes, cold nights and shorter days are the realities of winter. So how do you stay motivated? Below are some tips on how to keep motivated to exercise in winter:

1. Think about how you can make exercise a priority

Make exercise part of your routine, include some exercise in your lunch break, or take your gym gear to work and go to the gym on the way home. Remember those animals, they need exercise too, so wake up 40 minutes earlier and take them for a stroll.

2. Don’t want to leave the house? Then don’t!

It’s a common misconception that physical activity has to be super hard or at a gym to count. It’s the act of moving that’s great for your health. You could do a huge clean of the house, or, if the thought of that isn’t enticing, crank up the stereo and do a circuit at home.

3. Train for an event

If you like walking, running cycling and adventure, then signing up for an event is a great motivator to keep active. If you’re interested in multisport the Big Bang Adventure Race might get you excited, you can find more details at www.bigbangadventure.co.nz. Or, if you want a flat surface the Foxton Lions are holding the Footprints in the Sand Fun Run and Walk, more information can be found at www.foxtonlions.co.nz, both events are being held in November.

4. Enlist a workout buddy

Working out with a friend means not only are you more committed to attend, you get to hang with your buddy too. Perhaps you could participate in an Aqua Class together; Foxton Pool holds Aqua classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am and on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

5. Just do it.

Finally, take note of my point above. Just do it! Exercise creates endorphins, endorphins make you happy... it’s a win win!

Want to win a \$200 no obligation grant for your club or organisation?

Horowhenua District Council has recently launched a new look website, it’s fun, fresh and informative... What does this have to do with winning \$200.00 you ask?

Well... with all information entered into the web it can quickly become out of date, this has been the case for our online local directory.

The local directory is our community’s one-stop shop for finding local businesses, community organisations, sports clubs and more. Even with thousands of listings, it’s easy to navigate the directory thanks to a powerful search and multiple levels of filtering and categorisation. Listings can be published by council or managed directly by owners.

That’s where your organisation or club comes into play... To go in the draw to win the \$200.00 no obligation grant all you have to do is visit www.horowhenua.govt.nz, click on the local directory image at the bottom of the screen, create a user account, include all relevant information pertaining to your organisation’s activity/services and save it. You have just created a new listing in HDC’s Community Directory; keep your username and password handy so that you can make updates if necessary.

There you have it, create user login, update or create directory details and you’re into win \$200.00 for your club or organisation. If you have any questions please contact customer services on (06) 366 0999.

Social Sector trial update

By Terisa Ngobi, Social Sector Trial Project Coordinator

SST and Life to the Max (LTTM) Celebrated Samoan Language Week 29 May – 4 June Vaiaso o le gagana Samoa Aso Sa 29 me - Aso To'ona'I 4 Junii. Staff at LTTM learnt a Samoan appreciation pese (song) and practiced saying different greetings during their daily karakia time. LTTM finished off their celebrations with a To'ona'ii (Samoan fest) sampling different traditional Samoan foods.



Graduates: Stacey Kerehoma, Ann Mulligan, Tania Bell, Tracey Haley & Ria Saili



Student Placement: Glenice Hoskins

Our Horowhenua community have had **10 students recently graduate with their Level 6 Youth Work diploma**. Six of the graduating students are LTTM staff who were supported by family, friends and LTTM during their long nights and hard work over the past 18 months to achieve their qualifications. Ka Pai!

Glenice Hoskins has taken up placement with LTTM for 12 weeks. Glenice is married to Simon and has four children Teresa, James, Anna and Jess. Glenice is in her second year of her Whitireia Bachelor of Social Work Degree. Glenice choose LTTM to do her placement as she is able to "stay within my community".

Recently LTTM looked at youth achievements in the Horowhenua over the past two years. Incredibly LTTM staff have worked with 1,363

young people and their whanau, 110 of which have gained their drivers licence, 69 have gone on to further education or employment and 50 have completed parenting and budgeting courses!

If you are 16 – 17 years old, not engaged in education, training or work and would like help with drivers licensing, courses, C.V.'s and career advice, **contact Life to the Max on: (06) 368 8005**. LTTM Youth Service also look after Young Parent Payment and Youth Payment clients, and welcome any questions relating to the eligibility of these payments.

As advised in May's update the Social Sector Trial (SST) Horowhenua's focus is now on the transition of SST to a community led model. This is well underway and the SST Transition Working Group will continue to work through this

with the best outcomes for our community in mind. This process will be completed by December 2016.

Therefore, this also means that as of 30 June 2016 Jo Maraki, Project Manager for SST, contract will be completed. We want to acknowledge Jo's contribution to the SST and the Horowhenua community. We wish you well Jo and all the best with your future endeavours. **Kia hora te marino, Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te Karohirohi I mua I tou huarahi** – *May the calm be widespread, may the ocean glisten as greenstone, may the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway.*



What's on at Te Takere

Lunch Time Music

Every Friday, 12pm-1pm

What's on this month:

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8 July George Watson and Dean Ward – The Kiwis play some classic covers and oldies.

15

15 July Gladstone Trio Folk – country bluegrass and beyond.

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22 July Kevin Watson Jazz Trio – Our expert guitarist's new project.

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29 July Bruce Goodman – Piano music with the theme Early African American Composers.

Sunday Concert Series

2pm last Sunday of the month

July – Vocalist Fran Barton, an experienced and popular television and radio recording artist joins award winning pianist, trumpet player and composer Kevin Clark.

August – Mr Planet Key himself, bluesman Darren Watson will entertain. Darren became infamous before the last general election with the release of Planet Key, which became the subject of a gag order by the Electoral Commission.

Quiz Night

Every Wednesday at 7pm

Quiz Night has expanded into the main Takere space and now has a new quiz mistress – staff member and local thespian Ellise Buckley. Come and join the fun and test your general knowledge.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

It's time to grab a bargain or two at the book sale at Te Takere. The sale is already underway but the tables are topped up daily so there's plenty of time to visit. As it's school holiday time, bring the kids in for a browse through the boxes of children's books.

The sale ends on 17 July.



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Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Horowhenua Culture & Community Centre

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Learn new skills



Pathways Horowhenua

Creating opportunities together

Tai chi

Mondays, 10am-11.30am excluding July 11 or 18, (school holidays)

Forklift training



Thursday 28 July, 8.30am

Photography workshop – Finding Magic in the Mundane



Saturday 9 July, 10.15am-4.15pm

Introduction to Mailchimp



Wednesday 13 July 6pm-7.30pm

Stepping Up

eBooks and eReaders



Tuesday July 5, 10am-11.30pm

Introduction to Tablets



Thursday July 7, 10am-12 noon

Employment Readiness



Tuesday July 12 and 26, 10am-12 noon

Microsoft Word



Thursday July 21, 10am-12 noon



Te Takere email newsletters

We want to ensure that all of our customers have the opportunity to engage with what is happening at Te Takere, Foxton Library and

Shannon Library. Email newsletters are one of the tools we use to let you know about the activities, events and services available.

Each of our four newsletters has a different focus and flavour. We would like to give you a taste of the e-newsletters we offer so that you have the opportunity to subscribe. Go to www.tetakere.org.nz/mailling-lists to subscribe to one of these monthly newsletters:

- Children's
- Community Learning
- Events
- Youth

Learn about Mailchimp

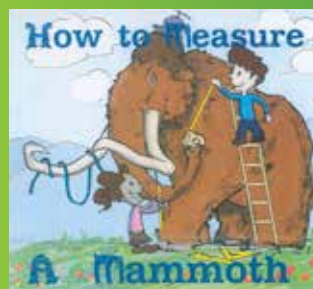
If you would like to know how to use Mailchimp to send email newsletters to your clients or community group come to our free Introduction to Mailchimp workshop from 6pm-7.30pm on Wednesday 13 July.

We will show you:

- How to set up a free Mailchimp account
- Create a list of subscribers
- Select a template
- Start writing your first email newsletter

Register at the Te Takere Service Desk or email learning@tetakere.org.nz

How to Measure a Mammoth



“How to Measure a Mammoth” is a Maths is Fun school holiday programme that presents fun, interactive and slightly challenging activities and games that will get children’s brain working.

As well as daily activities in Te Takere there will also be a take home pack with activity sheets and giveaways for the whole family to enjoy together.

Certificates will be given to those who complete the programme at the grand finale. This is a great way to keep your children entertained during these holidays - they will love it.

“How to Measure a Mammoth” will be held at Te Takere and Foxton libraries in the first week of the holidays July 11 -14.

Shannon children are welcome to join the programme at either of these libraries. Maths is Fun is a free programme and is sponsored by Wairarapa REAP (Rural Education Activities Programme).

Register now at Te Takere and Foxton Library. Suitable for ages 5-13 years.

July 2016

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