

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

It's been a busy fortnight since the last Community Connection and alongside productive workshops and meetings, I've also

enjoyed time engaging with people across our district at various events.

It was wonderful to see people coming together to celebrate Waitangi Day to acknowledge and commemorate the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi at a number of community events. I enjoyed visiting the Muaūpoko Iwi and Community Waitangi Day event at Donnelly Park, Levin, where, like other events in Foxton and Shannon, large numbers of people from our diverse community came together to enjoy the sunshine and fun activities.

The Medieval Market was held last weekend which saw a record number of stallholders, and visitors enjoying this hugely successful event. There was also events to mark the commencement of the Chinese New Year on Saturday at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom which featured Tai Chi and Kung Fu demonstrations, traditional Chinese, dragon and lion dancing and Chinese cuisine. I'm looking forward to opening and judging at the Shannon Spectacular Car & Bike Show on Sunday 18 February which is predicted to be a popular event as well.

Outside of these larger events, it was wonderful to talk with people at Shannon Library during our February Cuppa with a Councillor. These monthly

events are held every second Thursday of the month between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and Shannon Library, giving you an opportunity to chat with one of your elected members face to face about things that are important to you.

The kōrero through these sessions has been extremely valuable, and we appreciate hearing your thoughts on how we can help Horowhenua grow and thrive, and how to tackle the big challenges in front of us.

These conversations are particularly appreciated as we prepare our Long Term Plan (LTP). Consultation will be open between Friday 15 March and Monday 15 April, giving you an opportunity to get involved and share your feedback. Council has been busy with a number of workshops and briefings exploring the challenging topics of which services we need and ultimately how we keep rates increases and service cuts to a minimum, how we should be funding kerbside recycling and how we share the costs.

I'd like to invite you to talk with me in person about any topic or issue that is important to you at 'Catch up with the Mayor' sessions. I'll be available between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Friday 23 February at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Friday 1 March at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and Friday 8 March at Shannon Library.

Ngā mihi

Mayor Bernie Wanden

CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR



Thursday 14 March

- Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
- Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
- Shannon Library

Time: 10:30am to 12:30pm

Council Meetings



**Risk and Assurance Committee
Wednesday 21 February 2024,
10am to 12pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



**Te Awahou Foxton
Community Board Meeting
Monday 4 March 2024, 6pm to 8pm**

Ngārongo Iwikātea Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton



**Council Public Forum
Wednesday 6 March 2024,
12.15pm to 12.45pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



**Council Meeting
Wednesday 6 March 2024, 1pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings for the full meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.

Levin War Memorial Hall



As part of Horowhenua District Council's Levin Town Centre Transformation Strategy, we will soon be seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) from property developers to reimagine the Levin War Memorial Hall.

With no pre-conceived ideas on how the Levin War Memorial Hall could be used, as long as it has a positive influence on the town centre, there is the possibility to incorporate the adjacent Village Green and Skate Park sites if desired by property developers. Council will consider proposals that are provided through the EOI process.

Community members are invited to share their support or objections about the sale of the Levin War Memorial Hall, potentially developing the Village Green site, and moving the Skate Park to a new location (which will be determined at a later date if needed) by contacting us by Thursday 29 February 2024.

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In the Works

Roading and Footpath Improvements

Council contractors have been renewing footpaths on Winchester Street, Levin, and have installed a new street light, footpath, kerb and channel on Bush Street, Levin. Roothing improvement works continues on Ashlea Road, Tokomaru and the new shared path on Muhunoa East Road, Ōhau is near completion.

Catch Up With MAYOR BERNIE

An informal opportunity
to chat with the Mayor.



Friday 23 February
10:30am to 12:30pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō



Friday 1 March
10:30am to 12:30pm
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom



Friday 8 March
10:30am to 12:30pm
Shannon Library



Stop the drip

Check your toilet
cistern, taps and pipes
for leaks or overflow.

For more water saving tips visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/WaterSavingTips

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Are you eligible for a Rates Rebate? Apply Now

Rebates of up to
\$750 may be available
to eligible residents.

For more information, visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/ratesrebates



Important Notices

Withdrawal of Proposed Plan Change 5 for Waitārere Beach Growth Area

As of Wednesday 13 December 2023, the Proposed Plan Change 5 (Waitārere Beach Growth Area) has been officially withdrawn.

This decision comes after the Plan was placed on hold for an extended period, largely due to the challenges associated with managing stormwater and wastewater.

This notice is issued in accordance with Clause 8(d) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Water Conservation and Restrictions

Council draws water from rivers and groundwater under resource consents. The conditions of these consents and the demand for water set the trigger levels for Council to issue water restrictions.

To ensure water demand does not exceed the available supply, restrictions may be put in place.

- 1** Levin and Ōhau are in Water Conservation Level 1 until further notice.
- 3** Level 3 Water Restrictions are in place for Foxton and Foxton Beach further notice.

For more information visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/WaterConservation

Thank you for doing your bit to conserve water in Horowhenua.

Great Coffee, Safe Food

Aged between 16 and 24? Interested in hospitality?

Join us at a free two day course! Run by Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, this opportunity is for rangatahi not currently employed or in training. To register, or for more information email:

@ local@horowhenua.govt.nz to



Tuesday 5 March to Wednesday 6 March
9am to 4pm
Levin Uniting Church



HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?

Scan the QR codes to complete surveys about our Water Services, Rubbish & Recycling and Land Transport.

For every survey completed by Monday 11 March 2024 (please only complete each survey once) you will go in the draw to win one of two \$250 grocery vouchers!

Prizes will be drawn 10am Friday 22 March 2024, and the winners will be notified by email. Please visit our website for the full terms and conditions.



Water Services



Rubbish and Recycling



Land Transport



**Only glass
bottles and jars
go into your
recycling crate.**

Glass gets sorted by
hand so please wrap
broken glass and put
it in with your general
waste to avoid health
and safety issues.



To learn more about rubbish and recycling visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/WhatGoesWhere

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receive alerts and notifications.

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