



Mayor Bernie Wanden

## Message from the Mayor

May is another busy month for Council, we'll see a number of strategic items making their way to the Council table that could result in significant decisions being made.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who took the time to submit to Council's 2021-2041 Long Term Plan, Development Contributions Policy and the survey for the consideration of Māori Wards in Horowhenua. Across all, we had a huge number of submissions. We received the most submissions to the Long Term Plan we've ever had, with over 550 individuals or organisations opting to have their say on the future of our District. Over 240 people opted to have their say on the Development Contributions Policy, and over 220 people had their say on the proposed establishment of Māori Wards in Horowhenua.

As a result of all of the submissions received, we've been busy reading through every submission. We will hear submissions to the Long Term Plan and Development Contributions on 11, 12 & 13 May, and will deliberate at the end of the month. An extraordinary meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 19 May, to consider the establishment of a Māori Ward in Horowhenua. If you're interested in attending, all hearings and Council meetings are open to the public to attend.

I've attended a couple of warming events over the past week. Last week Muaūpoko whānau, alongside Council kaimahi/staff gathered to bless the cultural installation – Te Pūtahitanga located on Oxford Street, Levin. Not only do they tell the story of Muaūpoko, they add an element of beauty and the final touches to the Queen Street Improvements Project.

I'm also pleased to report that the Fale Lotu Connections Project is progressing well, with one of the churches now complete and the other two underway. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend The Free Church of Tonga reopening and blessing on Saturday, and see first-hand the difference the improvements will make. Thank you to the people of The Free Church of Tonga for your warm welcome and hospitality. It was a special occasion which the Mayoress and I felt privileged to be part of.

Best regards,

## Te Pūtahitanga – Queen Street Cultural Installation



On the morning of Thursday 29 April, Muaūpoko whānau, alongside Council kaimahi/staff gathered to unveil the cultural installation – Te Pūtahitanga located on Oxford Street, Levin.

Muaūpoko artist, Sian Montgomery-Neutze said, "The name of this installation is Te Pūtahitanga, which loosely translates to the meeting place/junction. The pattern used on each panel is Waharua, a pattern often seen on kākahu and

other forms of weaving. It is also seen on the kaitaka of Muaūpoko Ancestor Te Rangihiwiniui."

Miss Montgomery-Neutze said, "There are several interpretations of this particular design throughout Aotearoa. In the context of this installation, it is used to represent 'the meeting place between two things'. This is a common interpretation, and has been used here to reflect the environment within which it is situated.

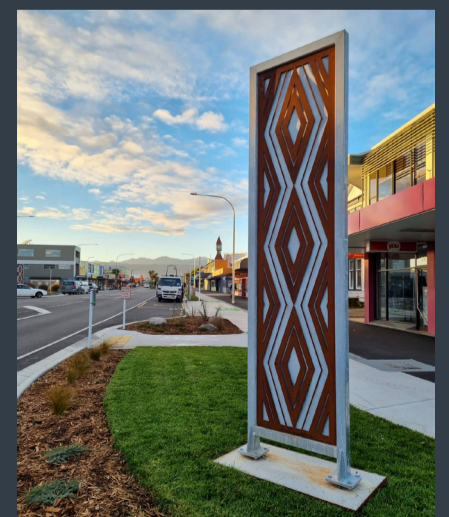
The installation sits between Tawhirikohukohu and Te Pae Maunga o Tararua in the West, and Punahau and Hokio Beach in the East, with Kawiu to the North, and Kohutūroa to the South. The four panels are a reflection of this junction or meeting place between each of these important tohu whenua/landmarks.

Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Board member, Sillena McGregor said, "We're proud to share our whakapapa and tīpuna with the wider community. Te Pūtahitanga symbolises the connections between our own people, and demonstrates the connections of our people to their whenua, and to the maunga and awa that have shaped who we are."

District Mayor, Bernie Wanden said, "It is an honour to be able to support Muaūpoko to tell the stories of their people with a permanent cultural installation. The design of the panels also adds to the aesthetics of Queen Street, which was one of the objectives of the Queen Street Improvements Project."

The cultural installation was part of the Queen Street Improvements Project that was successful in attracting funding through the Provincial Growth Fund.

The overall layout and the look and feel of Queen Street between Oxford Street and Salisbury Street has been improved, with inclusion of a designated cycle path, appropriate pedestrian facilities, pavement upgrades with fresh aggregates and surfacing, and the cultural installation.



We're making a few changes to our kerbside recycling that will affect you. Due to some plastic types not being able to be recycled in New Zealand, from the 31st of May, we'll only be accepting plastics 1, 2 & 5 in your kerbside recycling. The following information will help you understand what you can and can't recycle in your recycling wheelie bins and crates.

## What CAN I put in my recycling wheelie bin?

### Clean Paper & Cardboard



Newspapers & magazines



Egg Cartons



Letters & Envelopes



Boxes

### Hard Plastics



Soft drink, juice, & water bottles



Milk bottles bathroom & laundry products



Large yoghurt and ice cream tubs, margarine/butter tubs, some takeaway containers

### Tins and Cans



Aluminium drink cans



Steel food tins and cans

## What CAN'T I put in my recycling wheelie bin?



Clear food wrap, shower curtains, PVC pipes



Coloured sauce bottles, squeeze bottles, bread bags, other plastic wraps



Small yoghurt/dairy pottles, disposable cups, food containers, polystyrene packaging



Sports bottles, baby bottles, some car parts, medical & dental equipment



Food waste



Garden waste



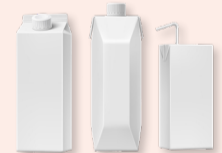
Metal aerosol cans



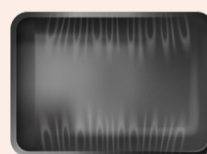
Takeaway coffee cups and compostable packaging



Hazardous waste



Soiled, lined, or mixed layer materials such as drink cartons



Meat trays



Pizza boxes



Lids from jars and bottles



Getting it wrong could mean that your wheelie bin is not emptied as the contents might endanger staff, break machinery or contaminate other recyclables causing them to be disposed of in a landfill.



Yes, we recycle these



No, we don't recycle these



For a full list of how to dispose of most household waste products, please visit:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/whatgoeswhere](http://horowhenua.govt.nz/whatgoeswhere)

## What CAN I put in my recycling crate?



## What CAN'T I put in my recycling crate?



## Did you know?

When it comes to household recycling we recycle about **67kg per person, per year**

Households with large privately owned collected wheeled bins recycle less than households using Council's rubbish bag collection service.



Reduce



Reuse

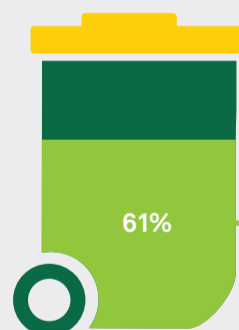


Recycle



The numbers that are affected in these changes are plastics 3's, 4's, 6's and 7's.

They make up around **5.6%** of recycling in the wheelie bins.



We're still collecting plastics 1's, 2's and 5's.

They make up around **61%** of what is currently recycled.

## Don't forget...

- Rinse all recyclables to remove food/liquid to avoid contamination.
- Remove any plastic label coverings. These are often found on shampoo bottles, flavoured milk bottles and soft drink/juice bottles.



# Renovation celebration for The Free Church of Tonga

The community came together on Saturday 1 May, to celebrate the re-opening and blessing of The Free Church of Tonga after significant renovations were completed.

The church is a central place for the Tongan community to congregate and was in desperate need of an upgrade. As part of the refurbishments, the church and hall received a new roof, insulation, interior improvements, floor coverings, and a new paved area.

The upgrades have been made possible as a result of funding from the Renovations of Pasifika Churches Fund - part of the Government's COVID-19 response and recovery plan.

The Free Church of Tonga was one of three Pasifika Churches in Horowhenua included in the Fale Lotu Connections renovations project, funded by the Provincial Development Unit (PDU). Renovations are also underway at the Samoan Methodist Church and the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa.

The celebration saw speeches from Ministers, members of the church, District

Mayor Bernie Wanden, PDU representative Catriona McKay, and Teresa Ngobi – Labour MP for Ōtaki. Mayor Bernie had the official duties of cutting the ribbon and unlocking the doors, followed by the customary handing over of the key to the Church Minister.

Mayor Bernie Wanden said, "It is fantastic to see the completion of such a huge renovation, the community it serves will benefit greatly with a fit for purpose Church. The improvements will see The Free Church of Tonga well utilised, the vision of the community has come to life, they should be very proud!"

"Fale Lotu Connections Project team member, Rob Fifita-Tovo says "I am extremely proud of the renovations and pleased the church congregation can worship in a warm, dry, and modern facility."

Fair and Square Building Services completed the project. Renovations for the other two Pasifika Churches in the Fale Lotu Connections Project are set to be completed in the next few months.



## Horowhenua District Councillors



**Bernie Wanden**  
(Mayor)

**Jo Mason**  
(Deputy Mayor)

**David Allan**



**Wayne Bishop**

**Ross Brannigan**

**Todd Isaacs**



**Sam Jennings**

**Victoria Kaye-Simmons**

**Robert Ketu**



**Christine Mitchell**

**Piri-Hira Tukapua**

## Foxton Community Board



**David Roache**  
(Chair)

**Tricia Metcalf**  
(Deputy Chair)

**Trevor Chambers**



**John Girling**

**Ngaire Newland**

## Council Meetings

### Hearings

**11 Development Contributions Policy**  
Tuesday 11 May 2021, 12pm to 3.40pm

**11 Long Term Plan**  
Tuesday 11 May 2021, 4pm to 7.15pm

**12 Long Term Plan**  
Wednesday 12 May 2021, 1pm to 7pm

**13 Long Term Plan**  
Thursday 13 May 2021, 1pm to 7pm

Location: Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

### Deliberations

**25** Tuesday 25 May 2021, 1pm to 6.30pm

**26** Wednesday 26 May 2021, 1pm to 6.30pm

**27** Thursday 27 May 2021, 1pm to 6.30pm

Location: Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

**18 Community Wellbeing Committee**  
Tuesday 18 May 2021, 1pm  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

**19 Extraordinary Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 19 May 2021, 3pm  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

**26 Finance, Audit and Risk Committee**  
Wednesday 26 May 2021, 4pm  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

### Did you know?

You can watch meetings of Council and the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee online at:

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