

# Community Connection

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## Message from the CE

Kia ora e te whānau

I've recently attended the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) conference in Palmerston North. The theme of the

conference was Te Wā Heka Mai – The Future, with more than 600 delegates confronting the biggest challenges for local government while discovering what the future for local government might look like and how we'll get there. Hot topics were climate change and how to involve youth and embrace hapū and iwi. Local government is changing and, even more so, is ready for change.

The future as a sector is a little uncertain right now, but I know for sure that local government's vision for 2040 is bright. If you care about decisions that affect our community, now is your opportunity to be part of governing our district and shape the future of Horowhenua. Why not stand for local elections.

Being a Horowhenua District Council elected member is an opportunity for you to make a difference in the community and be part of the change. Council's work goes far beyond roads, rates and rubbish - we're about people, place and partnership. Elected Members have an opportunity to lead intergenerational change.

Candidate nominations are open and close on Friday 12 August at noon. Empower yourself and join us at our candidate session on Wednesday 3 August 2022 from 6pm to 7pm in Council Chambers in Levin, and learn about the different roles you can be a candidate for, what the Council does and the services and facilities we look after, the key challenges facing our district and what to expect if you choose to stand for the elections.

Learn more about the issues affecting the rohe. Council's Pre-Election Report is now online and hard copies are available at all Council service centres. Anyone 18 years and older can stand for election as long as they are a New Zealand citizen and enrolled on the electoral roll.

Other highlights this past month were Economic and Regional Development Minister Stuart Nash's visit to Horowhenua to announce funding for Techlam, a Levin business that manufactures sustainable timber to boost sustainability.

Techlam will receive a cash injection of up to \$1.7 million from the Government's Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF). This investment will support innovation and sustainability for Horowhenua and boost our economy through job creation. Investing in environmentally friendly manufacturing processes is a step in the right direction as Aotearoa works towards a circular economy trying to find workable solutions to reduce waste to landfill.

Council also unanimously endorsed the Detailed Business Case prepared for Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency for the Ōtaki to North Levin/Taitoko (Ō2NL) project.

The new highway and shared path will make travel between Ōtaki and Levin safer and more reliable, increase transport choices and support economic growth in the wider Manawatū-Whanganui region.

We're committed to working alongside Waka Kotahi and Iwi partners to implement the Ō2NL project. It aligns with and supports the vision for the Horowhenua community, with the Horowhenua Blueprint 2040, Growth Strategy and District Plan changes dependent on what will be the most transformational infrastructure project in Horowhenua's history.

There is still work to be done to ensure local expertise is taken on board to resolve matters relating to Ō2NL that sit outside of the project. Among these, revocation and the extent of transport network upgrades needed outside of the alignment. We are absolutely focused on ensuring Horowhenua win's from this project!

Until next month,

*Monique Davidson*

## Civic Honours and Youth Excellence Awards



**Communities like ours run on the power and goodwill of volunteers. Without them, there would be no Saturday morning netball, no ripper rugby, no props for our plays, no neighbourhood watch. It's time to show them how valued they are.**

We are calling on people involved in community service groups and clubs to make a nomination for this year's Civic Honours.

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile for a club or organisation in a voluntary capacity? Someone who provides exceptional leadership or behind the scenes support? Someone who has provided long service?

Maybe they're a committee member or service volunteer, an outstanding sports coach, or a champion of a charitable organisation. They could be someone quietly working in the background helping others or the wider district. Why not nominate them and give them the recognition they deserve? Nominations for a Civic Honour, alongside nominations for Youth Excellence Scholarships are open now.

Youth Excellence Scholarships are aimed at young people aged between 12 and 24 years. There are twelve \$250 Scholarships to be awarded to help talented youth advance in their area of achievement. There are four categories: Community Service, Sports, Academia or Arts and Culture. If you know a young person excelling in their chosen area, we encourage you to make a nomination.

We look forward to receiving a range of nominations for both Civic Honours and Youth Excellence Scholarships. Nominations close Sunday 4 September 2022, and the awards function will take place in November 2022.

The criteria for Civic Honours and Youth Excellence Scholarships, and how to make a nomination can be found on our website:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/civichonours](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/civichonours)

[horowhenua.govt.nz/youthexcellence](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/youthexcellence)

# Council's next round of community grants opens soon

## Do you need funding for a community programme, project or event? Are you involved in arts or cultural activities that will enable community participation and contribute to our vibrant places?

If you're a Horowhenua-based not-for-profit or voluntary organisation, get your application in for Council's next round of contestable Community Grants.

Applications for eight community grants will open on 1 August, and projects for this round cannot begin before November 2022.

Funding awarded varies, but the average grant issued is between \$2,000 - \$5,000 per application.

[horowhenua.govt.nz/grants](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/grants)

### Community and Social Services Grant

Open 1 August – 31 August 2022

This grant provides operational funding to not-for-profit community organisations that support and enhance the community through their services.

### Community Development Grant

Open 1 August – 31 August 2022

The Community Development Grant funds local not-for-profit or voluntary organisations for community and social development programmes that support innovative solutions to community driven needs.

### Creative Communities Scheme

Open 1 August – 15 September 2022

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Council and Creative New Zealand. This fund is open twice a year for those who want to do cool art or cultural focused projects for the Horowhenua community. Unlike the other funds that target organisations, individuals can also apply.

Previous funding of art projects have included community murals, theatre productions, music festivals and events, art exhibitions and craft workshops.



### Rural Halls Grant

Open 1 August – 31 August 2022

This fund is available for the purpose of financially supporting nine Horowhenua (County) Rural Hall Societies with maintenance for the halls they manage.

### Special Projects Grant

Open 1 August – 31 August 2022

This fund is available to community organisations to maintain and acquire minor assets.

### Vibrant Communities Grant

Open 1 August – 31 August 2022

This grant supports community organisations to deliver one-off events and exhibitive projects that are celebratory, educational or competitive whilst inviting the wider Horowhenua community to engage and participate.

### Waste Minimisation Grant

Open 1 August – 31 August 2022

The Horowhenua Waste Minimisation Grant is available to aid the start-up costs of a project that minimises waste in the Horowhenua District by reducing or reusing waste that would otherwise go to a landfill.

### Shannon Community Development Trust

Open 1 August – 31 August 2022

The Shannon Community Development Trust provides funding assistance to the residents of the Shannon township for Community Development initiatives that include:

- educational activities, including scholarships for educational purposes
- the provision of training and equipment for the protection of the community
- the provision of financial assistance for events recognising the involvement of community members
- the alleviation of hardship (in some circumstances).

## Don't know where to start? We've got you covered

To book a 30-minute slot with one of our council officers for funding advice and assistance with your application, email [community@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:community@horowhenua.govt.nz)

### Shannon Library

- Saturday 6 August from 10am – 12 noon
- Monday 15 August from 1 – 3pm

### Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

- Friday 5 August from 10am – 1pm
- Sunday 14 August from 1 – 4pm

### Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

- Wednesday 3 August from 1 – 8pm
- Wednesday 10 August from 9am – 12 noon

# Renew your dog's registration

**Dog registrations are due by 5pm on Sunday 31 July and owners who register their dog(s) online before Monday 1 August will go in the draw to win the cost of the registration back. Each online registration will automatically enter into the draw and five lucky dog owners will receive the prize.**

We encourage owners to renew their registration before this date not only to be in to win but to avoid paying a late penalty fee of 50%.

We've made it easy to register your dog(s) online on our website. The form will auto-generate a lot of the information required when the dog reference number and tag number (or the birth date of the person who registered the dogs(s)) is entered. Owners can also choose between a strip or a round tag when they complete the form.

Council needs to be informed of any changes to circumstances, such as a change of address or if a dog has passed away. All dogs older than three months need to be registered in accordance with

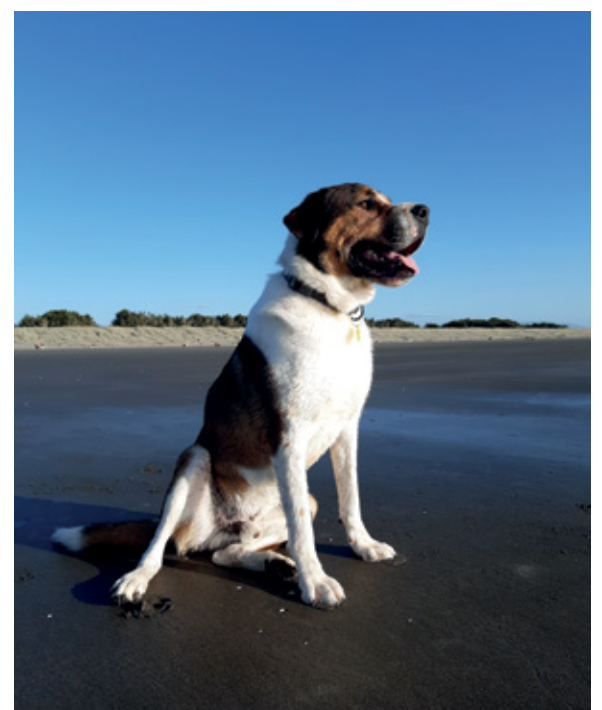
the Dog Control Act 1996. Registration information goes into a national register, which is used to identify and contact owners if a dog is found wandering, lost or stolen. The register also holds information about a dog's history and where it has previously been registered.

Dog registration fees help us to promote dog welfare and keep our community safe from dog nuisance. They support us in investigating dog complaints, maintaining our database, and providing dog safety education for children and workgroups.

Payment can be made online, by mail or in person at your nearest Council office in Levin, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton, or Shannon Library during office hours. Dog owners who may have difficulty in paying their dog registration fees are encouraged to contact us on 06 366 0999 to discuss payment options.

[horowhenua.govt.nz/pawsonline](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/pawsonline)

[horowhenua.govt.nz/competitionguidelines](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/competitionguidelines)





# Are you eligible for a Rates Rebate?

## Apply Now

Rebates of up to **\$700** may be available to eligible residents.

For more information, visit:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/ratesrebates](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/ratesrebates)



## Council's new Streamlined Housing Process

**Whether you're a developer, would-be-developer or homeowner planning to build a new home or building on underused land in Horowhenua, we're making it easier for you to build new homes in the area with the new Streamlined Housing Process (SHP).**

The SHP aims to streamline the consent process for housing development projects that meet specified criteria to encourage better utilisation of existing residential land. "This initiative aims to reduce the cost and uncertainty involved with the resource consent process for this type of development," says David McCorkindale, Group Manager Customer and Strategy.

Although Council won't be able to guarantee approval, the process should provide a smoother pathway to get consent approved. The information supporting the SHP will benefit applicants unfamiliar with the consent process or requirements.

### How does the SHP work?

- Council streamlined parts of the consenting process to make it easier to understand and more straightforward to navigate.
- We've prepared a series of preferred design approaches and ways to build more homes on sites (technical solutions for infill housing).
- Non-notified resource consent approval may be possible for applications that follow the new design approaches.
- Existing homes on larger sites may be subdivided into smaller units.



- The SHP will focus on moderate to medium-density infill housing, one- and two-storey buildings. In some cases – if neighbours agree – three-storey dwellings may be built.

### Who can use the SHP?

- It might work for you if you have a residential section to subdivide or if you're a developer looking to redevelop a larger site.
- Would-be investors who have equity and landowners that may have thought the process was too hard in the past or that their property didn't have development potential, are encouraged to learn more.

### Where can I learn more?

[horowhenua.govt.nz/streamlinedhousing](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/streamlinedhousing)

Alternatively, contact Council to make a time to speak with one of the Consents team about this process.

## Council Meetings



### Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting

**Tuesday 9 August 2022, 1pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.



### Council Meeting

**Wednesday 10 August 2022, 4pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.



### Foxton Community Board Meeting

**Monday 22 August 2022, 6pm**

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



### Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

**Wednesday 31 August 2022, 4pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

## Did you know?

You can watch meetings of Council online at:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/councilmeetingslive](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/councilmeetingslive)

Want to receive Community Connection in your email inbox? Sign up online:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/CommunityConnection](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/CommunityConnection)



# WANT MORE? STAND.

Nominations are open  
[horowhenua.govt.nz/Stand](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/Stand)



Have your say on who represents your community by voting in the 2022 local elections. You can vote from 16 September to 8 October.

## KEY DATES

 <b>15 July</b> Candidate nominations open	 <b>17 August</b> Candidates announced
 <b>3 August</b> Pre-candidate information briefing	 <b>16 September</b> Voting opens
 <b>12 August</b> Candidate nominations close 12 noon	 <b>8 October</b> Elections Day and voting closes 12 noon

## Have you been thinking about the key issues our district is facing and how you could help make important decisions for Horowhenua?

Attend our candidate information session on **Wednesday 3 August 2022 at 6pm-7pm** in Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

Come along and learn about:

- what the council does and the services and facilities we look after
- key challenges facing our district
- elected representatives' decision-making responsibilities
- what to expect in the role.

Electoral Officer Warwick Lammpp will be speaking and available to answer any questions. This event will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel.



**Council's Pre-Election Report is now online and hard copies are available at all Council service centres.**

[horowhenua.govt.nz/Elections](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/Elections)