

Community Connection



Mayor Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Greetings to you all.

This month Council begins seeking your

input on one of our key strategic documents – our Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2041. The LTP sets out Council's priorities for the next 20 years. Some important decisions will need to be made about what gets prioritised, and we want to know what you think. Your input will help us to create our LTP, and next year we'll bring the draft plan back to you to check we've got it right. I encourage you to have your say as we plan for our district's future.

It's exciting to see The Mahi Space open this month. This is a new co-working and collaboration facility in Levin that will be great for fostering our district's economy. If you're an entrepreneur, self-employed, or a small business owner, do check out the facilities and training on offer.

Works on Queen Street are moving along quickly. The new roundabout at the intersection with Tiro Tiro Road is nearly complete, and the improvements between Oxford Street and Salisbury Street are progressing well. Thank you for your patience during these works. The outcome will be a better, safer street.

We are also making great progress removing silt at the Manawatū River Loop. You can see an interesting photo of the difference this is making in this issue.

Ngā manaakitanga

Growing Our Future Together

Help shape our Long Term Plan 2021-2041

Have your say on the future of our district by helping us to shape our Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) is one of our key strategic documents.

It sets out our priorities for the next 20 years, what we will do, how much it will cost and how we will fund it.

This includes services, facilities and projects for wastewater, water supply, rubbish and recycling and roading, as well as, our aquatic centres, community centres, and parks and reserves. The LTP also includes the work we do in planning for future growth areas, and supporting community capacity building and grants.

It is reviewed every three years to make sure it is still relevant and accurate.

It's important to have your say on the LTP we are currently developing, because the next 20 years will transform our district. Our communities are growing as more and more people discover how unique and inviting they are. In recent years the district has been growing at a rate of 2% per year. Between 2018 and 2019 this was an extra 700 residents, with our population hitting 35,000 residents.

With continued transport improvements from Wellington, and our central location, this growth is expected to continue. Our district could be home to well over 50,000 people by 2041.

As our district transforms, we need to have a clear plan to ensure we are creating the best possible future for our people.

What do you think the priorities should be?

As we develop the Long Term Plan 2021-2041, there will need to be decisions made about what we should prioritise. We need your help to decide what these priorities should be.

To inform our planning we are asking two questions:

1. What are your top priorities for where Council should focus investment?
2. How much of a rate increase would you be willing to have for improvements to these activities?

Your opinion on what Council priorities should be, could shape the district over the next 20 years.

Get involved in the development of the Long Term Plan and have your say as we grow our future together.

How to have your say

You can have your say by filling in our survey online or in hard copy by 8am, Monday 19 October 2020.

Online:

→ horowhenua.govt.nz/growingourfuturetogether

Hard copy:

👤 In person: By filling out a hard copy of the survey at any of our service centres.

✉️ By post: Long Term Plan, Horowhenua District Council, Private Bag 4002, Horowhenua 5540

Contact the Long Term Plan Project Team on 06 366 0999 or ltp@horowhenua.govt.nz if you have any questions.

Survey
2 -19 October 2020

Long Term Plan development
July 2020 - March 2021

Refinement of Long Term Plan
April - June 2021

Community consultation -
key issues facing the district
March - April 2021

Adoption of Long Term Plan - June 2021

Queen Street improvements taking shape

Major safety improvements on the busiest local road in Levin are taking shape.

The improvement works focus on two parts of Queen Street – the intersection of Queen Street and Tiro Tiro Road, and the section of Queen Street between Oxford Street and Salisbury Street.

A new roundabout is being constructed at the intersection of Tiro Tiro Road and Queen Street to make the intersection safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Improvements to the Oxford Street to Salisbury Street section will make this part of Queen Street safer and more visually

appealing, Roading Services Manager James Wallace said.

"We're installing cycle lanes on both sides of the street, a pedestrian refuge to make crossing the street safer, and gardens at intersections and along the sides of the street," he said.

"We're also installing parallel parking to replace the diagonal parking between Chamberlain Street and Oxford Street. Diagonal parking can create a safety issue for pedestrians and drivers alike because vehicles have to reverse out into the flow of traffic when they leave. Parallel parking offers a safer solution more appropriate for a busy

area near a major intersection."

The works are being funded by \$1.65 million from the Provincial Growth Fund to create jobs in the district as well as delivering safety improvements and modernising a key part of Levin's road network.

Mr Wallace thanked local businesses and members of public for their patience.

"We realise the projects may cause frustration at times, but we're minimising disruption as much as possible. We expect to complete the works by early November, and we'll have a safer more appealing street for everyone to enjoy."



Lane closures are taking place between Oxford Street and Salisbury Street as we prepare to lay a new road surface.



Works on the new Queen Street/Tiro Tiro Road roundabout are progressing well.

Lane closures

Lane closures are taking place on Queen Street between Oxford Street and Salisbury Street for around three weeks, until mid to late October, while we carry out pavement works to prepare for laying a new road surface.

The westbound lane has been closed first while we work on this side of the road. We will then re-open the westbound lane, and close the eastbound lane to work on that side.

Detours are in place for traffic using the closed lane during this time:

- While the westbound lane is closed, traffic

travelling west will be diverted along Stanley Street and Bath Street to Salisbury Street and back onto Queen Street. Traffic on Oxford Street will not be able to turn onto Queen Street.

- While the eastbound lane is closed, traffic travelling east will be diverted along Salisbury Street to Bath Street and Stanley Street to Oxford Street.
- The intersection of Queen Street and Bristol Street will be closed. Access to The Warehouse car park from Bristol Street will be available.

- The intersection of Queen Street and Chamberlain Street will be closed. Access to the Levin Mall car park will be available from Salisbury Street.
- Access to the Queen Street service lane will be available through the Levin Mall car park.

Pedestrian access to businesses in affected areas will be available at all times, and business will remain open throughout the duration.

Regular events return at Alert Level 1

Alert Level 1 brings good news if you enjoy the regular events, programmes, performances and groups run by Libraries Horowhenua and Council's community centres, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom.

The Wednesday Quiz Night at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō is back, as are regular musical treats Jazz Jam, the Friday Local Music Showcase, and the Sunday Concert.

Regular Library programmes have also returned, including Toddler Time, Tea & Tales and Lego Fun Hour.

However, two of Council's popular annual spring events have been postponed:

- The popular Age on the Go Expo, which attracts hundreds of older people every October, has been postponed until next year to protect the health and wellbeing of our older community.
- The annual Family Fun Day at Foxton Heated Pools, originally scheduled for Sunday 20 September, will now take place from 10am to 2pm on Sunday 8 November.

For more information on Council events, visit horowhenua.govt.nz/Events

Take our website survey

Horowhenua District Council is reviewing the way our website is organised to make it more content-friendly as possible ... and we need your help.

To participate in our website survey, visit horowhenua.govt.nz - you can also enter the draw to win one of two \$50 supermarket vouchers. The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Foxton Futures X Manawatū River Loop Rejuvenation



The true extent of the Manawatū River Loop is beginning to show.

The team from Horowhenua Alliance have made great strides on the project that is funded by the Provincial Growth Fund.

We have a resource consent to remove 25,000 cubic metres of silt and as of last week 20% had been removed. The silt is being trucked to the Foxton Aerodrome and will be used to create a bund on which a fence will be built to keep wild sambar deer out.

To keep up to date with the project visit: horowhenua.govt.nz/riverloop – every Friday afternoon, we'll update our timelapse video to show the latest work.

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Getting your recycling right

If getting your recycling right sometimes has you scratching your head, the What Goes Where page on Council's website, horowhenua.govt.nz/WhatGoesWhere, can help.

We've created handy lists to help you see quickly and easily what should go in your recycling wheelie bin, what should go in your green recycling crate, and what should go in your rubbish bag. You can also find out what to do with those

What to put in your recycling wheelie bin



Use your recycling wheelie bin to recycle:

Paper and cardboard

Newspapers, magazines and circulars, egg cartons, boxes, envelopes

Tins and cans

Aluminium drink cans, steel food tins and cans, metal lids from jars and bottles, metal aerosol cans

Hard plastics

Plastic bottles, plastic containers



Don't forget to wash and squash!

Please don't recycle



Soft plastics

Plastic bags, bread bags, food wrappers, plastic wraps

Polystyrene

General rubbish

Food waste

Garden waste

Hazardous waste

Meat trays

Pizza boxes

Takeaway coffee cups

Please don't put pizza boxes and meat trays in your recycling.

Although pizza boxes are cardboard, it's very difficult to remove the food waste. Meat trays also frequently contain remains of food waste and soft plastics. This makes these products unsuitable for recycling. Due to the high number of these products that are unsuitable, we no longer collect them.

What should I put in my green recycling crate?



Use your green recycling crate to recycle:

Glass

Glass bottles, glass jars

Please don't recycle



Broken glass

Light bulbs

Pyrex and heatproof bakeware

Window glass

Mirrors

Drinking and crystal glasses



Some types of glass are dangerous to recycling collectors or can't be easily recycled because they melt at high temperatures.

Non-recyclable materials can endanger recycling collectors, break machinery or contaminate recyclables. If your bin contains non-recyclable materials, we may not be able to collect it.

For more information about what can and can't be put in your recycling, visit horowhenua.govt.nz/WhatGoesWhere

The Mahi Space boosts local small business

A new co-working and collaboration work area, The Mahi Space, is open at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō in Levin.

The Provincial Growth Fund will provide \$400,000 to help run the space, which aims to boost business operations in Levin.

Manager Narita Dixon says The Mahi Space is ideal for business people, start-ups, small businesses, self-employed people, entrepreneurs, those working from home or commuters who need a place to work remotely.

"There are plenty of options. Whether you need a space to collaborate, join a remote audiovisual meet-up in the conference room, have a small meeting, or book a hot-desk pod, there's a space that will fit your work style and situation," she said.

"The Mahi Space is fully equipped. Our conference room offers video conferencing, and we have three hot-desk pods set up with screens, a mouse and a keyboard for you to plug into and start working. The furniture, meetings spaces, printer, scanner, and amenities such as WiFi are all provided. Simply bring your own laptop, tablet or other device and book your space."

Mrs Dixon said The Mahi Space will act as a business incubator for the district.

"We'll also offer training programmes, business advisors, experts and support tailored for small businesses, self-employed entrepreneurs and start-ups to help them build capacity, minimise risk and reduce the costs of doing business. It's ideal for anyone establishing and growing a business in Horowhenua," she said.

"It's easy to join up. All you need to do is fill in the online form on our website, tetakere.org.nz/TheMahiSpace, and we'll arrange an orientation and a friendly tour of the facility."

For more information, visit tetakere.org.nz/Whats-Here/The-Mahi-Space



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Council Meetings

Council

14 Wednesday 14 October, 4pm
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee
28 Wednesday 28 October, 4pm
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

FOXTON

FAMILY FUN DAY

where things will be going wild!



8 NOV

Foxton Heated Pools
10am – 2pm Sunday
8 November 2020

what's happening

Event details are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change. Please check horowhenua.govt.nz/Events or contact event organisers for updates and more events.

To have your local event included in this listing, please register your event for free at horowhenua.govt.nz/Events

26 to **11**

Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October

Inflatable Invasion

Levin Aquatic Centre and Foxton Heated Pools

Normal cost of pool entry.

All October
Celebrating Levin Playcentre - Exhibition

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Free.

Until Sunday 11 October
Whenu – Multimedia exhibition

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
Free.

17 to **13**

Saturday 17 October to Sunday 13 December

Parallax – Art Jewellery and Painting – Exhibition

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
Free.

4 to **18**

Saturday 4 October to Sunday 18 October
Town and Country Quilters - Exhibition
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Free.

12 to **25**

Monday 12 October to Sunday 25 October 2020
Bring a Friend for Free Week
Levin Aquatic Centre
Foxton Heated Pools
Come to any fitness class in the week beginning 12 October and get a free pass to bring a friend the following week.

18 Sunday 18 October
Jazz Jam

2pm to 4pm at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Free.

25 Sunday 25 October
Sunday Concert

2pm to 3:30pm at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Free.

30 Friday 30 October 2020
Devil's Night Movies

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
*8pm - Session 1: Family movie.
Approx. 9.45pm - Session 2: Halloween scary movie (PG 13)
Free.*

31 Saturday 31 October 2020
Halloween Haunted Library

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
7pm to 8.30pm - Families/small children.
9pm to 10.30pm - Scary session, recommended 13+ years.
(\$5 per person, \$15 for group of four)

Weekly on Wednesdays
Quiz Night

7pm to 9pm at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
\$5 per person.

Weekly on Fridays
Local Music Showcase

12 noon to 1pm at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Free.

Toddler Time

- Weekly on Mondays, 2pm to 2:30pm, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
- Weekly on Mondays, 2:15pm to 2:45pm, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
- Weekly on Wednesdays, 1:30pm to 2pm, Shannon Library
Free.

Lego Hour

- Thursday 1 October, 3:30pm to 4:30pm, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
- Thursday 8 October, 3:30pm to 4:30pm, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
- Thursday 15 October, 3:30pm to 4:30pm, Shannon Library
Free.