



David Clapperton

## Message from the Chief Executive

In October this year, local elections will be held in Horowhenua and throughout New Zealand. If you are not yet on the electoral roll, I encourage you to enrol so you can vote and have a say in the future of our district. Information about the elections is available on the Your Council page of Council's website, and this issue of the Community Connection introduces you to two of the key players who help to ensure our elections run smoothly and properly. You may notice some changes to the Community Connection as part of Council's commitment to remain neutral during the election period. It will be back to normal after the election.

Council has recently implemented an improved kerbside recycling service as part of our Waste Minimisation and Management Plan. The feedback you gave us on the plan during public consultation last year told us you wanted us to make it easier to recycle, and we're putting that into practice.

An exciting initiative Council is currently inviting you to get involved in is developing Community Plans. These plans involve Council working closely with communities to identify their goals and aspirations, and how these will be achieved. We are initially developing Community Plans for Waitāreke Beach, Manakau and Ōhau. If you live in these communities, please do have your say.

*DM Clapperton*

## Your new kerbside recycling service

Horowhenua District Council has introduced an improved kerbside recycling service. The new service will increase recycling, reduce waste sent to landfill, and reduce health and safety risks for workers who collect and process recycling.

### What's different?

- Glass needs to be separated out from other recycling.
- Your recycling will be collected every two weeks. Your rubbish will continue to be collected every week.
- Your recycling collection day stays the same, and your recycling wheelie bin will be collected on the same day as your recycling crate.

### When is my collection date?

Your collection date depends on where you live. To check the date of your next recycling collection, visit:

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



### What goes where?



#### New recycling wheelie bin



#### Paper and cardboard:

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



#### Tins and cans:

Aluminium drink cans, steel food tins, metal jar and bottle lids, metal aerosol cans



#### Hard plastics:

Plastic bottles, plastic containers



#### Green recycling crate



#### Glass bottles



#### Glass jars

### Please don't recycle ...

- X Soft plastics:** Plastic bags, bread bags, food wrappers
- X Polystyrene**
- X General rubbish**
- X Food and garden waste**
- X Electrical and electronic waste**
- X Hazardous waste**
- X Light bulbs**
- X Window and mirror glass**
- X Pyrex and heatproof bakeware**
- X Drinking and crystal glasses**
- X Broken glass**

For further information and enquiries:

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

[enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz)

06 366 0999

# Have your say on the future of your community

The community is being invited to get involved as Council starts facilitating the development of Community Plans for three of the district's settlements.

Over the next month Council will hold drop-in sessions at Waitāre Beach, Manakau and Ōhau, for those who live, work, play, or have a connection to those areas.

Community Plan Programme Manager Ashley Huria says every neighbourhood and community is different; each with its own unique identity and special characteristics.

"We want to know what each community thinks is most important and what people see as the future of their community," she said.

The drop-in sessions will allow for those who want to share their ideas, to 'drop-in' and get involved by giving their ideas or supporting what others have contributed.

"At this stage we are gathering as much information, data and ideas as possible. To do this, the drop-in sessions are informal, allowing people to participate for as long as they want and in a way that suits them," Mrs Huria said.

An online survey will be available for residents who are unable to attend the drop-in sessions.

Feedback has already been provided by the students from Poroutawhao and Manakau Schools and will be displayed at the relevant drop-in sessions. Parents, grandparents and interested residents will be able to come along and see the students' ideas.

"As we're looking at the future of our communities it made sense that we asked our future residents what they want for their community both now and in 20 years' time. It was a very rewarding exercise," Mrs Huria said.

The drop-in sessions will be held at:

- Waitāre Beach – drop-in anytime between 10am and 1pm on 20 July 2019 at Scout Hall, Waitāre Beach Rd
- Manakau – drop-in anytime between 1pm and 3.30pm on 28 July 2019 at Manakau Community Hall
- Ōhau – drop-in anytime between 2pm and 4pm on 3 August 2019 at Ōhau Community Hall

You can find out more information on Council's website at [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/communityplans](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/communityplans)

# Heritage Fund open for applications

Horowhenua District Council's Heritage Fund is open for applications.

The Heritage Fund is for projects that conserve or restore the heritage value or character of a property recognised under the Horowhenua District Plan for its historical significance. The Fund is open for applications during July and August and has \$30,000 to distribute.

Owners of property listed in Schedule 2 of the Horowhenua District Plan, or of property in the Town Centre Heritage and Character Areas of Foxton and Shannon, are eligible to apply.

Horowhenua District Council Project Coordinator Ashley Huria said eligible projects include conservation and restoration work; strengthening of earthquake-prone buildings; emergency building work; specialist advice; conservation plans; and possibly relocation of a heritage building.

**Applications are open until 5pm on Friday 16 August 2019.**

For further information and to make an application, visit the [Heritage Fund page of Council's website, www.horowhenua.govt.nz/HeritageFund](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/HeritageFund)



*Sunnyside Cottage has been almost completely restored, with the help of a Heritage Fund grant last year.*

# Reduced rates income increase as Annual Plan adopted

Horowhenua District Council's Annual Plan 2019/20 includes a drop in Council's rates income increase from 5.9 per cent to 4.6 per cent, and a drop in the general rate increase from 16.8 per cent to 8.8 per cent.

Council's Chief Financial Officer Doug Law said the rates income represents a rise in Council's total income from rates and is not an average increase in rates across the district.

He said the general rate makes up part of the overall rates paid by each property. It covers services and facilities that benefit the whole district.

The changes were made in response to submissions received during public consultation on the Draft Annual Plan 2019/20.

Mr Law said the reduced rates income increase had been made possible by lowering assumed interest rates, revising budgets for capital expenditure, increasing targets for non-rate revenue and reducing the budget for employee benefits. However, levels of service would stay the same, he said.

The Annual Plan 2019/20 was adopted at the Council meeting of 26 June. Some key areas of focus for the coming year include developing Master Plans for the district's growth areas, community plans, planning for transportation needs, starting to implement the Foxton Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and the transformation of Levin's Town Centre, and improving the kerbside recycling collection service. Council will also carry out feasibility studies for a community centre in Shannon and extending reticulated water services in Ōhau and Waitāre Beach, and wastewater services in Ōhau.

# Who's who in local elections

Local elections take place in October this year. Let's meet two of the key players who help ensure the electoral process runs smoothly.

## [electionz.com](http://electionz.com)

electionz.com is New Zealand's leading election management company. It has managed more than 3,500 elections and processed almost 100 million postal and online votes in New Zealand and Australia since 2000.

The company is contracted by 42 councils, four regional councils and ten district health boards in New Zealand to carry out their three-yearly local body elections. Other clients include organisations such as Fonterra, lawyers, accountants, doctors, teachers, engineers, school boards, unions, iwi, private companies and many other groups that require elections.

Based in Christchurch, electionz.com focuses on making participating in the democratic process as easy as possible. The company's integrated database and vote processing systems have been independently certified.

*You can contact electionz.com by calling 0800 398 683 or emailing [info@electionz.com](mailto:info@electionz.com)*

## **Electoral Officer Warwick Lampp**

Warwick Lampp is the Chief Returning Officer for electionz.com, an independent company that helps its clients hold elections.

Mr Lampp has been involved in local body elections for over 30 years. Born in Marton in Rangitikei, he completed a business studies degree at Massey University before moving into a local government career, then election management.

Now a resident of Tauranga, he travels New Zealand helping councils, including Horowhenua District Council, to manage elections. Warwick is also Electoral Officer at Rangitikei, Manawatū, Palmerston North City and MidCentral District Health Board, to name a few.

*You can contact Mr Lampp by emailing [wlampp@electionz.com](mailto:wlampp@electionz.com) or calling 0800 398 683*

**Nominations open 19 July. Nomination forms will be available from [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Your-Council/Elections2019](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Your-Council/Elections2019)**



*Electoral Officer Warwick Lampp*

# Dog registration fee refunds up for grabs

Horowhenua dog owners who pay their dog registration by Saturday 13 July will be in the draw to win a full refund of their dog registration fee.

Horowhenua District Council is again offering 10 refunds that will be drawn in the annual promotion to encourage owners to register their dogs early.

Compliance Manager Vai Miller says Council is taking dog registration out into the community this year.

"Council officers will be available at Kowhai Park between 1pm and 3pm on Wednesday 10 July and Friday 12 July to take dog registrations," she said. For safety and technical reasons, owners who want to register their dogs at the park will need to pay by EFTPOS.

Mrs Miller said registration fees for most classes of dogs have increased by between \$2 and \$8 this year, but they are necessary to cover the costs faced by Council so it can meet its obligations under the Dog Control Act. The fees cover about three-quarters of the cost to run Council's Animal Control department, as well as action complaints, pay for education programmes and material, pound facilities, and legal costs. The balance is covered by Council.

Dog registration fees range from free (for a disability assistance dog) to \$120 for an entire dog, with the standard fee for a de-sexed pet dog being \$72.

Following a successful trial of strap tags last year, Council is offering dog owners a choice between strap tags and round tags when they register their dog.

Mrs Miller says any dog owners who believe they may have difficulty in paying their dog registration fees are encouraged to contact Council now on 06 366 0999 and discuss possible options.

"We'd rather talk with people now and perhaps arrange a payment plan to avoid the risk of them receiving a \$300 infringement fee," she said.

Payments can be made online by visiting Council's website, [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/pawsonline](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/pawsonline), and details of how to do so can be found on the dog registration renewal notices. Alternatively, payment can be made in person at Council's office in Levin, at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton or at the Shannon Library.

Registration payments are due by Wednesday 31 July 2019. A late penalty of the registration fee plus 50 percent will apply for registrations paid after 31 July.

Detailed information on dog registrations, as well as the full schedule of fees and charges for dog registration and animal control, is available on the Animal Control page of Council's website.



## Building consents hit \$100 million milestone

The total value of building consents issued by Horowhenua District Council in the 2018/19 financial year has passed \$100 million for the first time in the district's history.

By the end of June 2019, Council had issued \$113,831,925 worth of building consents. The previous record was in 2017/18, when the total value of building consents issued over one financial year was \$97,306,905.

Horowhenua District Council Chief Executive David Clapperton said the value

of building consents has been growing year on year.

"This demonstrates the growth that is occurring in our district, as more people move here to enjoy the economic and lifestyle benefits our district has to offer," he said.

"I'm proud of the high level of service we've been able to deliver for customers, despite processing more building consents than ever before."

## Council adopts speed limit changes

Speed limits on most rural and rural residential roads in Horowhenua are set to drop following Horowhenua District Council's adoption of proposed speed limit changes at its meeting on 12 June.

The changes reduce speed limits on most rural roads to 80 kilometres per hour (km/h) and on most rural residential and unsealed roads to 60 km/h. The 50 km/h speed limit zone will be extended in some areas.

In addition, new variable speed school zones will apply around Levin East School and Waiopahu College; Fairfield School; Levin North School; and Levin School and Levin Intermediate.

Council adopted the changes following public engagement between January and

March this year on a district-wide review of rural road speed limits.

The new speed limits come into effect following formal ratification of the updated speed limit schedules in the Land Transport Bylaw 2017 at the Council meeting on 14 August.



## Council Meetings

### Council (Extraordinary meeting)

**10** Wednesday 10 July at 4pm, Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

### Foxton Community Board

**29** Monday 29 July at 6pm, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton.

### Finance, Audit and Risk Subcommittee

**31** Wednesday 31 July at 4pm, Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

SOUTH PACIFIC YOUTH FUSION

# SPYFUSION

Celebrate vibrant cultures. Free activities for young people. **2019**

All activities are free. (No bookings required)

- Weaving
- Lei making
- Tapa cloth printing
- Cloth making
- Traditional stick games
- Dance, poetry, music and skits
- Sports
- Cooking

**Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July**

**9.30am to 3pm daily**

Youth Space, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Horowhenua Culture & Community Centre Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

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## What's happening

### All month

#### Te Marama Puta – Emerging Light

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. Exhibition of contemporary weaving by weavers from Te Kokiri Development Consultancy Inc.

### All month

#### Toi Whakarākau – Indigenous Fashion

Gallery, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. Intricate works created by tohunga, or masters, and students of the weaving and carving schools of Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

#### **6** Saturday 6 July AquaFloat Taster Class

9am to 11am at Levin Aquatic Centre. Have a free 10-minute trial of the latest trend in fitness – AquaFloat – with a qualified instructor.

#### **8** to **12** Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July SPYFusion

9.30am to 3pm daily. Youth Space, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. Celebrate vibrant cultures with free activities for young people.

#### **10** Wednesday 10 July Midwinter Christmas Pop-Up Eats

4pm to 7:30pm at Levin Aquatic Centre. Live entertainment, great food and aquatic fun.

#### **27** to **4** Saturday 27 July to Sunday 4 August Harry Potter's Most Magical 21st Birthday

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō. Enjoy a magical programme of events to celebrate Harry Potter's 21st birthday. For more information please visit: [www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities](http://www.tetakere.org.nz/Events-Activities)

#### **30** Tuesday 30 July AquaTots

11am to 12 noon at Levin Aquatic Centre. A taste of learning to swim for littlies aged six months to three years. \$2.50 per entry.

For further details and events visit [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/events](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/events)

## Ready for the local elections?

Enrol, check or update your details now.



Enrol by 16 August to make voting easy.

To get an enrolment form:

- Visit [vote.nz](http://vote.nz)
- Freephone 0800 36 76 56
- Go into any PostShop

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