



David Clapperton

Message from the Chief Executive

Horowhenua District Council acknowledges and applauds all local

businesses rising to challenges and being innovative, productive, and sustainable.

This is one reason we are proud to have once again supported the annual Kapiti Horowhenua Electra Business Awards, which recognise the outstanding efforts of local businesses. This year's awards took place a week and-a-half ago.

Business of the Year was GJ Gardner Homes Kapiti/Wellington, but Horowhenua businesses were also among the winners. Horowhenua Masonic Village took out two awards; the Medium-Large Business of the Year and Employer of Choice Achievement Award. Regular Thursday Night Street Feast food truck Dutchy's Burger Joint took out the Customer Choice Award. And, Lucy's Bins was a finalist for the Emerging Business Award. Well done all!

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Post your local elections voting papers today

Today, Wednesday 5 October, is the last day people can post their Local Elections voting papers for NZ Post to deliver them to the Electionz.com processing centre in Christchurch in time to be counted.

Otherwise, people will need to place their vote in the ballot box in the customer services area at Council's Levin office at 126 Oxford Street, Levin, before polls close at 12noon this Saturday 8 October.

The office will also open on Saturday from 9:00am to 12noon to receive ordinary votes and issue special votes. Common reasons for needing a special vote include enrolled voters who have not received their voting papers; or those who have misplaced their voting papers.

People who do not have not voting papers can still make a special vote right up until 12noon on Saturday. Common reasons for needing a special vote include enrolled voters who have not received their voting papers; or those who have misplaced their voting papers. Special voting papers are available from Council's office in Levin and can be completed there or taken away and returned.

People who are not on the electoral roll can still enrol and cast a special vote, provided they are at least 18 years old, are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and have lived at their current address for at least one month.

Deputy Electoral Officer Ian Tate said the local government elections are a one-in-three-year opportunity.

"It is important to participate in the selection of the people who will make decisions that affect most people's lives on a daily basis in Horowhenua. Local government shapes the place that you live. It's the pavements you walk on, the roads you drive on, the water in your shower, and

the parks, libraries and swimming pool where you take the kids," he said.

This year LGNZ (Local Government New Zealand) has run the Vote2016 campaign, which aims to lift voter turnout nationwide to more than 50% for the first time since the 1980s.

On the Electionz website, there is a page showing the voting paper returns to date in Horowhenua. It shows:

- The number of voters per ward
- The number of returns per day by ward
- The percentage of returns against voter numbers
- Returns for the last three elections

A link to the webpage can be found on the Elections page of Council's website, or visit http://electionz.com/2016lgereturns/ELT42HO16_returns.htm

At the end of last Friday, 7045 voting papers from Horowhenua's enrolled voters had been returned (31.08%).



Get Ready Week Next Week

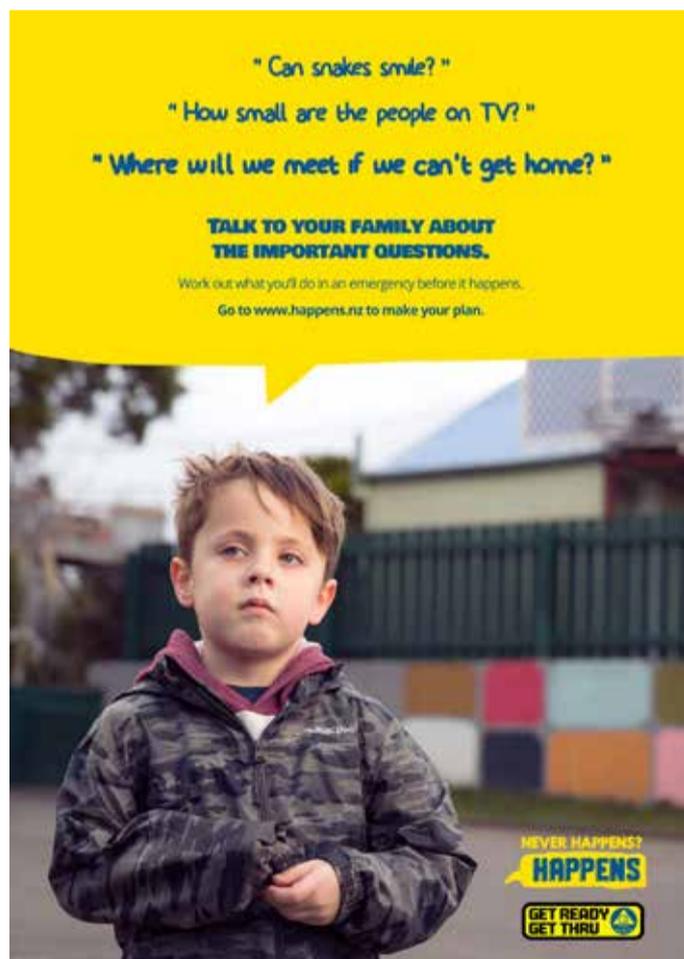
Get Ready Week is held every year to mark the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction on 13 October.

The theme for the week is Prepared Kids. When children are involved in preparing for emergencies and learning about natural hazards, they encourage their families to be more prepared, as well as playing a more active role in responding to and recovering from emergencies.

As part of Get Ready Week 2016, the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management has launched a redeveloped resource What's the Plan Stan? It helps schools update their emergency preparedness plans and educate students about preparedness, as well as encourage families to create, review or update their household emergency plans.

Get Ready Week resources can be found online at www.civildefence.govt.nz or from www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz from next Monday. For more information and resources to help you, your family and workplace prepare for a natural disaster, visit www.getthru.govt.nz

The New Zealand Shake Out nationwide earthquake drill, which last year saw over 1.36 million people participate, is not being held in 2016.



"Can snakes smile?"
"How small are the people on TV?"
"Where will we meet if we can't get home?"

TALK TO YOUR FAMILY ABOUT THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

Work out what you'll do in an emergency before it happens.
Go to www.happens.nz to make your plan.

NEVER HAPPENS? HAPPENS
GET READY GET THRU



Read this online at www.horowhenua.govt.nz

Redeveloped Levin Aquatic Centre proves popular

The Levin Aquatic Centre has reopened following its \$1.68 million redevelopment over winter.

To celebrate, the Community Fun Day on Saturday 24 September attracted several thousand people to the fun activities on offer and a first-look at the new-look facility. The gold-coin entry donation raised \$981 for the Levin Arthritis Support Group, which will use the money towards a wheelchair hoist for the new hydrotherapy pool.

Since then, the changing rooms received their finishing touches and the main entrance and reception area upgrade was completed.

The redevelopment also saw the north side upgraded to include a conservatory area with large sliding doors leading to a landscaped outdoor area, new tiered spectator seating, and the social and storage space extended. A new hydrotherapy pool and conservatory area replaced the two old spa pools.

Behind the scenes, the filtration and chlorine systems serving the Centre's three swimming pools was upgraded for operational efficiency.

The Foxton Pools facility is now closed to allow remedial works to take place, ready for the summer season opening in December. The work will include additional ventilation to allow the interior air temperature to be more consistent and comfortable. The heated pools facility had remained open over winter while the Levin Aquatic Centre was redeveloped, with the trial allowing Council staff to identify usage patterns and identify further enhancements necessary to operate it all-year-round.

In addition, Council has engaged an engineer to report on the structural and mechanical works required to the building to run a successful year-round operation. Results will be presented to the Foxton Community Board and Council early next year before a decision can be made, based on the potential costs and work required.



Expo promotes positive ageing

Nearly 700 people visited the Age on the Go Expo at the Horowhenua Events Centre in Levin last Friday.

The annual expo provides information, education and entertainment, promoting positive ageing by showcasing activities and services that focus on good health, fun and support for older people in Horowhenua. There were 60 exhibitors including community organisations, sports clubs, support and service agencies and businesses.

Further discussions to happen before decision made on Foxton Cenotaph

Further consultation between Horowhenua District Council, iwi and other stakeholders including the RSA, businesses and community members will be held over the next few weeks before a decision is made about the relocation of the Foxton Cenotaph and final design of the area.

The agreement to further consult was reached following a meeting between the Council and iwi in Foxton last week.

Council Chief Executive David Clapperton is committed to achieving a positive resolution following last week's peaceful community action at the Foxton Cenotaph. This included a petition with 1000 signatures from iwi, RSA and community members opposed to moving the Cenotaph.

"Following Monday's meeting we acknowledge that Council needs to consult more broadly and apologise that we didn't achieve this," Mr Clapperton said.



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Iwi spokesman Robert Ketu is pleased that Council has agreed to continue consultation on the location of the Foxton Cenotaph and the design of the area, which has significant ancestral history for Maori and members of the RSA and community.

The overall aim of the Foxton Main Street upgrade is to improve the safety, quality and ambience of the town centre.

Horowhenua's tastiest event launched

The District's event calendar just became a bit tastier, with the announcement of the inaugural Horowhenua Taste Trail.

To be held on Saturday 12 November, the free Taste Trail will showcase nine local specialist food producers and offer a farm tour.

Event co-organiser Catherine Lewis says Horowhenua boasts some excellent food producers and that for years there has been a desire to create an event to showcase them.

The Taste Trail will include RJ's Licorice, Woodhaven Gardens, Tendertips Asparagus, Genoese Pesto, Turks Poultry, Ohau Wine, Woodys Free-Range Farm, Levin Eels, and Country Treats.

At each stop, visitors will be taken through an experience which showcases the produce and shows the journey that the food takes, from paddock to plate, or factory to supermarket.

Mrs Lewis says the event is bound to appeal to local people, but they are also expecting families and groups from throughout Manawatu, Kapiti and Wellington.

"Horowhenua can only benefit from all these people seeing and experiencing what a wonderful lifestyle our District can offer. That's what Horowhenua Taste Trail aims to do - surprise, delight, and inform," she said.



"Horowhenua offers some of the best produce in the country and we want to share it and show it off. Make sure you start the trail with an empty stomach!"

The event is free and family-friendly. More information and updates can be found at www.tastetrail.co.nz

Tertiary students encouraged to apply for Education Scholarships with Council

Applications for Horowhenua District Council's Tertiary Education Scholarships have opened for the 2017 study year.

Each year the Council awards up to three scholarships, with each recipient receiving \$2500 towards their tertiary study fees, plus 10 weeks' paid employment with Council.

Applications are invited from Year 13 students currently studying at a secondary school in Horowhenua, or students who have previously studied at a Horowhenua secondary school and are now in their first or second year of tertiary study.

Students must also be planning to study or currently studying for a qualification in a Council-relevant field. HDC's three priority areas for the 2017 scholarships are strategic planning, graphic design and aquatics project management.

Applications for the 2017 study year close on Friday 21 October 2016. Further details and application forms can be found on the Youth page of Council's website www.horowhenua.govt.nz.

For more information, contact Events Support Officer Emma Childs on 06 366 0999 or emmac@horowhenua.govt.nz





What's happening

For further details and events visit www.horowhenua.govt.nz/events

7 Friday 7 October RJ's Licorice 21st Birthday

6:00am - 1:00pm at 5 Tiro Tiro Road, Levin. The iconic Kiwi brand has 'all-sorts' of fun planned for its milestone 21st birthday. At its historic Levin factory, the festival style event will include a Guinness World Record-breaking attempt to create the world's largest licorice all sort, as well as free samples and giveaways, food, music and fun activities for kids of all ages. RJ's has chosen the Levin branch of the Salvation Army as its charity partner for the day and leftover pieces of the giant all sorts will be distributed by the charity to people it supports throughout the district. The Levin Salvation Army is currently raising money for an Emergency Service Community Trailer which will enable the organisation to respond in the event of an emergency. More information and updates can be found on the RJ's Licorice page on Facebook.

15 Saturday 15 October Ohau Monthly Market

9:00am - 1.00pm at the Ohau Hall, Muhunua Road West, Ohau. More than 40 stalls including arts, crafts, baby knits, baking, giftware, plants, pickles, jams and locally-grown vegetables. To have a stall, they cost \$16 for inside the hall or \$11 for outside. If you are a musician, craftsperson, fundraising, have a certified food or coffee truck, contact the market manager Nadia Watson on 022 068 7861 or oliveapple@gmail.com

18 Tuesday 18 October UCOL HLC Open Day

10:00am - 3:00pm at HLC, 152 Bath Street, Levin. The range of tertiary study choices that lead to employment or further study is increasing in the

Horowhenua, with 10 new qualifications being offered through an expanded HLC and UCOL Partnership. The new courses include: National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (L3), NZ Certificate in Business (Administration & Technology) (L3 & L4), NZ Certificate in Business (First Line Management) (L4), NZ Certificate in Health & Wellbeing (Support Worker) (L3), Certificate in Exercise & Sport Performance (L4), NZ Certificate in Food & Beverage Service (L3 & L4), NZ Certificate in Cookery (L4), National Certificate in Security (Site Security) (L3). For more info, contact HLC on 0800 368 1095 or enquiries@hlc.ac.nz or visit www.hlc.ac.nz.

20 Thursday 20 October Thursday Night Street Feast

5:00pm - 9:00pm in the Levin Mall carpark in front of Te Takere. A variety of gourmet dishes available from a selection of high-end food trucks. This monthly pop-up global food village demonstrates the power of food to bring a community together. All welcome.

23 Sunday 23 October Foxton Spring Fling

9:00am - 3:00pm at Main Street, Foxton. The biggest event in town, attracting over 10,000 people last year. Browse more 200 stalls and enjoy the sights, tastes and sounds along Main Street. Take the kids for a horse-drawn tram ride, plenty of entertainment right throughout the day. Huge range of food stalls, crafts and rides. Entry \$2 per person. Children under five free. For more info, contact organiser Debbie on 0204 006 4314 or debbie@strictlymedia.co.nz

Council Meetings

Horowhenua District Council

5 The next meeting is on Wednesday 5 October at 4:00pm in Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin. All welcome.

26 Wednesday 26 October at 4:00pm in Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin. All welcome.

Foxton Community Board

21 Monday 21 November at 6:30pm in the library at Manawatu College, 18 Ladys Mile, Foxton. All welcome..

Horowhenua District Councillors



Brendan Duffy (Mayor) **Garry Good** (Deputy Mayor) **Wayne Bishop**



Ross Brannigan **Ross Campbell** **Michael Feyen**



Victoria Kaye-Simmons **Jo Mason** **Christine Mitchell**



Tony Rush **Piri-Hira Tukapua**

Foxton Community Board



Janine Smart (Chair) **David Roache** (Deputy Chair) **Tricia Metcalf**



Amanda Street **Basil Vertongen**