

# Community Connection

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Bernie Wanden

## Message from the Mayor

### Kia ora Horowhenua

It's heart-warming to see how Aotearoa has turned up for each other over the last few weeks. The regions affected by Cyclone Gabrielle have been inundated with your generous donations and offers of help.

It's been humbling to see Council staff offer to help with the response. Within 24 hours we deployed staff to help with logistics, operations and welfare in the Hawkes Bay. In addition to those that have already been deployed, there is a list of 31 people who have indicated they want to help. Horowhenua District Council has also provided support by arranging three water tankers, five water bladders that hold 1,000 litres of water each and approximately 1,000 bottles of water, many of which were kindly donated by Levin Countdown. We will continue to provide support where needed and have put our hands up to "Adopt a Community" that's been affected. Our council has been matched with the Tararua District Council and we're looking forward to offering support. We'll share more details in the coming weeks.

Shifting our focus closer to home, on Tuesday we held a dawn blessing and opening ceremony to mark the completion of the Gladstone Road Realignment Project. The realignment of Gladstone Road was required after two major slips blocked the road during the June 2021 flooding event. It's a significant project that has been many years in the making, so it's exciting to see its completion. Shortly we will be undertaking our Long Term Plan Amendment (LTPA), where we'll address topics like the future of the Levin Landfill and whether rates are distributed fairly and equitably across the district. Council is due to adopt the Consultation Document on 15 March. You will see us ramp up our communication around the key topics shortly, so that come the formal consultation period, you should all feel well informed and able to contribute your submission to the process, and aid myself and fellow elected members with our decision-making. To make Council meetings more accessible and understandable, after each Council meeting I'll be summarising what was discussed and decided at the meeting in a short video to bring you up to speed. If you prefer a more detailed report on how Council is performing, you can read the Horowhenua Council Organisation Performance Report which is prepared for every full Council meeting.

Until next time.

Finally, it was great to be able to watch the Hurricanes win over the Crusaders last Friday night. The presentation of the Levin Domain was awesome and it was fantastic to see such a big crowd turn up. A huge thanks to all involved, especially the Horowhenua-Kāpiti Rugby Union and our parks contractors and Council Recreational Services for making it a very special night. We're also pretty excited to be hosting the first Sky Super Rugby Aupiki game on Saturday 25 February at 2pm - Hurricanes Pua vs Chiefs Manawa at the Levin Domain.

Until next time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernie Wanden".

Bernie Wanden

### The best way to support our adopted community is to donate to their Mayoral Relief Fund.

The account details for the Mayoral Flood relief are:

Tararua District Council  
03-0614-0088406-01  
Reference code: 560 OR Flood Relief



## Community Grants and Funding

Open now. Closing midnight Sunday 12 March 2023

### Do you need funding for your community organisation or a programme, project or event that will benefit and enrich the lives of our community?

If you're a Horowhenua-based not-for-profit or voluntary organisation, get your application in before midnight on Sunday 12 March 2023.

The following grants are open:

#### Creative Communities Scheme

Got an exciting idea for an art project to take place in the Horowhenua? Both individuals and organisations can apply.

#### Vibrant Communities Fund

Supports one-off celebratory, educational, competitive, commemorative or exhibitive projects and events that help community groups to celebrate their identity and share them with the wider community.

#### Community Development Fund

Community and Social development programmes that support innovative solutions to community driven needs.

#### Rural Halls Fund

Support for Horowhenua Rural Hall, building and maintenance projects.

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

## CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR

### Join us for a cuppa and a chat about local topics that matter to you.

We'll be boiling the kettle for anyone who wants to come along and discuss Council-related topics that are important to them.



Thursday 9 March 2023

#### Venues:

- Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō;
- Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom; and
- Shannon Library

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Cuppa with a Councillor is scheduled for the second Thursday of each month.

## Important Notices

### Road Closures

**We're planning three temporary road closures in the next few weeks.**

**25** **Salisbury Street, Levin**  
**Saturday 25 February 2023**  
**between 12.15pm and 4.30pm**

A part of Salisbury Street, Levin will be closed on Saturday 25 February 2023 between 12.15pm and 4.30pm for the opening match of the 2023 Super Rugby Aupiki competition between the Hurricanes Poua and Chiefs Manawa at the Levin Domain.

During this closure, Salisbury Street will be closed between Bath Street and the Levin Mall car park entrance to make it safer for people to cross the road to enter the venue, and to allow space for food trucks outside the event.

The Mall car park will be open during this closure and vehicles will be able to enter via the usual Salisbury Street and Queen Street West entrances.

**18** **Salisbury Street, Levin**  
**Saturday 18 March 2023**  
**between 7.30am and 3pm**

To make it safer for pedestrians to cross the road between Levin's Village Green and Gladys Taylor Park for Neighbours Day celebrations, we're proposing to temporarily close a section of Salisbury Street on Saturday 18 March 2023 between 7.30am and 3pm.

During the closure, the street will be closed between the Queen Street West roundabout and the Levin Mall car park entrance.

To object to this proposal, please send your reasons to Horowhenua District Council, Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540 or enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz by 5pm on Monday 27 February 2023.

The Mall car park will be open during this closure and vehicles will be able to enter via the usual Salisbury Street and Queen Street West entrances.

**11** **Mangahao Road, Shannon**  
**Saturday 11 March from 7am to 6pm**

For the upcoming Levin Car Club Sprint rally we're proposing to close Mangahao Road, from the east of the Mangahao Power Station from 7am to 6pm on Saturday 11 March.

Residents will have access to and from their properties between runs, but there might be a short wait to use the road.

To object to this proposal, please discuss your reasons with Justin Murray of the Levin Car Club on 021 185 0184.

Road closures apply to all vehicular traffic, with the exception of emergency service vehicles, vehicles directly involved with the events or those otherwise specified. Any detours will be clearly signposted.

**These closures are made in accordance with the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.**

We apologise for any inconvenience.

**For any enquiries, please contact Council on:**

☎ 06 366 0999

@ enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz

NEIGHBOURS  
AOTEAROA

FREE WHĀNAU EVENT



**SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023**

**Neighbours Day 2023**

**10AM - 2PM**  
**VILLAGE GREEN AND**  
**GLADYS TAYLOR PARK, LEVIN**

Music, entertainment, food, drinks, games, community safety displays, facepainting



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## Out and About



The Gladstone Road Realignment Project is now completed, the entire site has been sealed and both bridges are up and operational. The only remaining work is to finish the traffic signs, guard rail, fencing and line marking, which should be completed shortly.

A dawn blessing and opening ceremony was held on Tuesday 21 February to mark the completion of the project. The realignment of Gladstone Road was required after two major slips blocked the road during the 2021 June flooding event. It was a significant project that had been in the making for many years.

## Council Meetings



**Chief Executive Employment & Performance Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 1 March 2023, 10am**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

*Please note that this meeting is not open to the public (LGOIMA s.7 (2) (a) - privacy).*



**Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 1 March 2023, 1pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.



**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 15 March 2023, 1pm**

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

FREE

# HERSTORY OF WOMEN'S RUGBY.



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## An exhibition charting the rise of women's rugby in New Zealand

**24** Friday 24 February  
9am - 5.30pm

**26** Sunday 26 February  
1pm to 4pm

**25** Saturday 25 February  
10am - 4pm

**27** Monday 27 February  
9am - 5.30pm

**To coincide with the opening match of the 2023 Super Rugby Aupiki competition between the Hurricanes Poua and Chiefs Manawa at the Levin Domain on Saturday 25 February, Horowhenua will host an exhibition exploring the untold story of women's rugby in Aotearoa.**

The Herstory of Womens Rugby exhibition from the New Zealand Rugby Museum charts the rise of women's rugby in New Zealand, from the

first flickers of interest in 1888 to the World Cup victories of the Black Ferns. It chronicles the sport from its beginnings to modern day popularity with video interviews, an interactive touch screen, selfie backdrops, and more.

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō will host the exhibition from Friday 24 February to Monday 27 February 2023 during the community centre's usual opening hours.

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