

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua

We have been very fortunate to have missed the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle, but many districts around the North Island did not and are now

in the position of having to recover and rebuild. We are helping where we can with resources and support and will continue to do so in the coming months as they try to get back to some sort of normality. To further support the Hawkes Bay and Tairāroa Districts we are having 'The Black Out'. On Friday 31 March we are encouraging all Horowhenua businesses, schools and residents to show their support for our fellow countrymen, wear black and donate to the Mayoral Relief Fund.

To support that kaupapa, an evening auction will be held on Saturday 1 April at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, showcasing the district's producers and businesses. A huge thank you to all those who are contributing to this effort, it is greatly appreciated by all those who will

receive that help.

Showing heart is one of the things Horowhenua does best. Since the last Community Connection there have been several events which have showcased how special this community is – Children's Day, International Women's Day and Pasifika Celebration Day have all been fantastic events and I want to acknowledge and thank all those that have played a part in making them happen. The 'ava (kava) ceremony that I participated in at the Pasifika Celebration Day was certainly a highlight and an honour to be part of.

Tomorrow, Saturday 18 March is Neighbours Day and I would encourage you to visit the celebrations at Levin's Village Green and Gladys Taylor Park.

Last weekend the NZ Rural Games was held in Palmerston North and Horowhenua proudly showed off the many good things that we produce here and highlighted the many attractions, reserves and beaches that continue to draw visitors and new residents alike.

One of the special occasions that we hold at Council is Citizenship Ceremonies. This week we were able to acknowledge and celebrate with 30 new New Zealand citizens. It was wonderful to see the cultural diversity

and vibrancy of those taking the oath or affirmation to now make New Zealand their home.

The focus for Council in the coming months will be our Long Term Plan Amendment. We are seeking your views and opinions on some key topics – a rates review, the future of the Levin Landfill and upgrades and investment to our water infrastructure. It is vital that we understand what the community views are before we make those critical decisions. Expect to hear from us as we head into the formal consultation period. Have a look out for further information through Council's website, social media channels, radio and newspaper.

Mayor Bernie

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The account details to donate are:

Horowhenua District Council

02-0668-0070607-002

Reference: 'Mayoral Relief Fund' OR 'Cyclone Gabrielle'

In the Works

Manakau School Safety Improvements

Work has begun to make Manakau School safer. We're improving car parking and installing a raised safety platform around the front entrance of Manakau School, as well as improving the footpaths outside the Manakau Bowling Club.

Works will be undertaken in three stages by our contractors, Higgins Contractors Levin, and are expected to be completed in mid-April.

Please be mindful of works being carried out and follow the temporary traffic management signs and cones each day while work is being completed, as these may be altered for traffic flow and safety as work progresses.

Cousins Avenue, Foxton Beach Drainage upgrades

Flooding has been an issue for Cousins Avenue West residents and we're keen to address this as soon as possible. Existing culverts are being replaced and the drains are being widened to allow a higher volume of water to be captured, to help alleviate water pooling on the surface of the berm. The new culverts will have an apron on either end to improve water capture and flow, allowing water to travel more effectively. The apron also provides a concrete surface that keeps weeds from growing around the inlet and outlet. Work is due to be completed by **Friday 24 March 2023**.

- **Work is underway on the new drain** progressing west along Foxton-Shannon Road, Foxton.
- **A sleek new asphalt footpath** has been laid around Levin's Winchester Store & Dairy.
- **A new shared path is now open** along Queen Street East, Levin.
- **The redevelopment of Foxton Pools** is going well. Last week our Councillors and members of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board visited the Foxton Pools site to check on the progress being made. Demolition is underway with more structural demolition to start soon.
- **Hōkio Beach Road**, Levin has been milled, paved and membrane sealed.



Panels and services are being installed at Waitārere Beach Surf Life Saving Community Facility.



There is a new shared pathway in Shannon linking Graham Street to Vogel Street.



The Donnelly Park netball courts have been resealed and the fence replacement is underway.

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Fundraising for cyclone relief efforts



Green Flags

Horowhenua is only one behind Australia when it comes to Green Flag Awards.

The prestigious international accreditation rewards parks which provide high quality and innovative recreational experiences for communities, and with five in our district we only have one less Green Flag than the whole of Australia.

The award is maintained by a rigorous annual re-awarding application process, and all Horowhenua parks which have previously received a Green Flag were reawarded in 2023.

The five parks are:

- Thompson House Park, Levin
- Holben / Te Wharangi Reserve, Foxton Beach
- Driscoll Reserve, Manakau
- Te Maire Park, Shannon
- Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park, Foxton



Important Notices

Temporary Road Closures

We're planning a number of road closures in the coming weeks.

Tararua Road, Levin

A section of Tararua Road, Levin between Garth Road and Arapaepae Road (SH57) is temporarily closed in both directions until approximately **Friday 14 April 2023** (weather permitting) as a new wastewater main is being installed across the Tararua Road/SH57 intersection as part of the Tara-Ika future growth project. The entrance into Tararua Road heading west from SH57 will be closed. The only access to Tararua Road west of SH57 will be via Cambridge Street. Residents will be able to reach their properties via Meadowvale Drive or Queen Street.

Kawiu Road, Levin

A carriageway on Kawiu Road, Levin is being reconstructed and the road improved. A section of Kawiu Road, Levin between Kawiu Marae and Lindsay Road will be closed from **Tuesday 28 March** for approximately three weeks to complete the work. Residents will be given access as needed.

South Manakau Road

The bridge approaches and road on the one-lane bridge on South Manakau Road, Manakau, north of the Corbetts Road intersection are being improved. To do the work, a section of South Manakau Road, Manakau, between Mountain View Drive and Corbetts Road will be temporarily closed between **7am and 5pm on Tuesday 11 April to Friday 21 April**. Residents will be given access as required.

As the work is weather dependent, the start and completion dates are subject to change. If needed, we will advertise alternative dates on horowhenua.govt.nz/PublicNotices.

Further work outside these dates will be undertaken under a Stop/Go system.

Water restrictions lifted

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts in helping to reduce water usage during the water restrictions. With the increased flow in the Ōhau River and reduction in water demand, water restrictions for Levin and Ōhau have been completely lifted, effective immediately.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day commemorates those we've lost to war and honours returned servicemen and women. On **Tuesday 25 April 2023** the following roads will be temporarily closed for ANZAC Day commemorations.

Levin Dawn Service

5:00am - 9:00am - Devon Street from Oxford Street to Bristol Street

5:00am - 12:00pm - Cambridge Street from Queen Street and Bath Street

5:00am - 12:00pm - Kent Street from Cambridge Street to Winchester Street

Levin Civic Service

9:15am - 12:00pm - Bath Street from Oxford Street to Salisbury Street

Foxton Dawn Service

5:00am - 8:00am - Duncan Street from Ladys Mile to Ravensworth Place

5.00am - 8.00am - Ravensworth Place from Liddell Street

Foxton Civic Service

9:00am - 10:30am - Wharf Street from Main Street to Harbour Street

Shannon Civic Service

10.30am - 1:00pm - Ballance Street (SH57) from Vogel Street to Plimmer Terrace

10.30am - 1:00pm - Plimmer Terrace (SH57) from Vance Street to Grey Street

Road closures apply to all vehicular traffic, with the exception of emergency service vehicles or vehicles directly involved with the events. 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:

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@ enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz

Council Meetings



Extraordinary Horowhenua District Council Meeting
Wednesday 22 March 2023 from 11am

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Public Forum
Monday 3 April 2023 from 5.30pm to 6pm

Foyer of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton



Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting
Monday 3 April 2023 from 6pm

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



Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting
Wednesday 5 April 2023 from 10am to 12pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Council Public Forum
Wednesday 26 April 2023 from 12.15pm to 12:45pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Horowhenua District Council Meeting
Wednesday 26 April 2023 from 1pm to 6pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Extraordinary Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting
Wednesday 26 April 2023 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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