

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who joined us to commemorate ANZAC Day at one of the services across the district.

Attendance numbers show that the tradition and significance of ANZAC Day continues to be held in high regard. It was heart-warming to see so many members of our community, both young and old, there to honour and remember the sacrifices of the men and women of generations past.

As part of our consultation on the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment (LTPA) and Annual Plan 2023-2024 (AP), Council looked at additional ways of engaging with our community. We have been conscious of the need to engage other than through the traditional submission process. We initiated a number of new ways of connecting with the community such as Facebook Lives, a Citizen's Panel, Cuppa with a Councillor and Let's Korero Horowhenua, and arranged a bus tour of some of our infrastructure facilities. Feedback on the community engagement events has been positive, and I hope these engagement initiatives have helped the community with making the submission process easier to navigate.

The LTPA and AP consultation closed on 1 May. We have had some robust conversations with our community on the rates review where we are looking at a fairer distribution of rates, the future of the Levin Landfill and the need to bring forward our water infrastructure programme. Thanks to everyone who engaged with us. We received 414 submissions and I would like to acknowledge those

who took the time to submit their views on the direction of the district. The next step will be the hearing of submissions scheduled for next week and the deliberations at the end of the month, prior to the adoption of the final LTPA and AP, and the setting of the rates in late June.

The 10th Annual Big Dutch Day Out at Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park was again a huge success. This event is a highlight on the Horowhenua event calendar, attracting a wide range of visitors. It was great to host the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and other special guests. Attendees were able to participate in a clog art competition, try out Dutch food and visit the Rozengeur - Smells like Roses scented art exhibition.

May will be another busy month on the events calendar. We are marking the Coronation of King Charles III, on Saturday 6 May. Join us for a tree planting and community volunteer recognition event at Thompson House Park at 11am. This is an opportunity to recognise the coronation of King Charles III, and to acknowledge some of our community organisations who continue to serve our community.

New Zealand Sign Language Week commences on Monday 8 May and in preparation I visited Tararua Educare, where clever pre-schoolers shared their sign language learning with me. This year's theme is 'Together we can make New Zealand Sign Language thrive.' I look forward to sharing some of my learnings with you on social media.

Till next time, stay well.

Mayor Bernie Wanden



Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment (LTPA) & Annual Plan 2023/2024 (AP)

- 1 May 2023**
Community Consultation closed.
Council received 414 submissions to date
- 10 & 11 May 2023**
Hearing of Submissions on the LTPA & AP
- 31 May & 1 June 2023**
Deliberations on the LTPA & AP
- 28 June 2023**
Adoption of the final LTPA & AP

HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



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Coronation Day Tree Planting & Community Volunteer Recognition Event



Saturday 6 May 2023
11am to 12.30pm
Thompson House Park



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#CaptureYourHorowhenua

Congratulations to Janette Webb – the winner of our autumn 2023 #CaptureYourHorowhenua competition.

The quarterly photo competition encourages Horowhenua residents to share what they love about their district. Competition finalists have their work displayed at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō and the winner is chosen by public vote.

The theme for the autumn season was 'reflection', captured spectacularly in Janette's shot of Lake Horowhenua. Keep an eye on facebook.com/HorowhenuaNZ for when the next competition opens.

EVENTS WORKSHOPS

MAKING THE EVENT PLANNING PROCESS EASIER

Planning an event in Horowhenua? We're here to help!

Learn more about the event planning process, with Council staff and event coordinators on hand to share advice and answer any questions you have.

For more information, or to register your interest, email chloew@horowhenua.govt.nz

FREE

5:30pm

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Wednesday 17 May 2023
Events Overview & Promotion

Wednesday 24 May 2023
Event Grants & Funding

Wednesday 31 May 2023
Traffic Management, Security, Māori Wardens & Using Council Parks and Facilities

Wednesday 7 June 2023
Food Permits, Amusement Devices & Alcohol Licencing

Wednesday 14 June 2023
Health and Safety & Emergency Management

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Council Meetings



Extraordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 10 May 2023, 1pm to 2pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
(Live streamed)



Council Meeting - Hearing of Submitters LTPA

Wednesday 10 May 2023, 2pm to 6pm

Thursday 11 May 2023, 10am

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
(Live streamed)



Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Public Forum

Monday 15 May 2023, 5.30pm to 6pm

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

Public Forums are held prior to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting, to provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise any matters of concern directly to Community Board members. If you wish to speak at the Public Forum, there's no need to request speaking rights - you may just attend and share your point of view.



Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting

Monday 15 May 2023, 6pm

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



Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 1pm to 3pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
Please note that this meeting is not open to the public (LGOIMA s.7 (2) (a) – privacy).



Risk and Assurance Committee

Wednesday 31 May 2023, 10am

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

(Live streamed)



Council Meeting - LTPA Deliberation

Wednesday 31 May 2023, 1pm to 6pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
(Live streamed)

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