

Puāwai

(Noun: To blossom or come to fruition)


"Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai - Nurture the seed and it will blossom"

Your local Horowhenua community guide

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Sun, beach, water play, strawberries and Christmas – we're celebrating all things summer in this edition of Puāwai.

Try our Strawberry Salad with balsamic vinegar recipe to taste the season and impress your friends and family at your next summer barbeque.

To feast your eyes, we've shared beautiful entries in our seasonal Capture Your Horowhenua photography competition and share the beauty of the tulips planted in Foxton in partnership with Parkinson's New Zealand.

Learn about new community assets - the Waitārere Beach Surf Life Saving Community Facility and the Jubilee Park splash pad – which will take your Horowhenua summer experiences to the next level, get good summer gardening tips in 'Gardening with Simon' and local Police Officer Bernie O'Brien shares some sensible silly season security suggestions in 'Bernie on the Beat'.

From our families to yours, have a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

We love hearing and telling stories about our local community. Send in your ideas, news, photos and feedback to

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Te Awahou's Tantalising Tulips

More than 2,400 tulips brightened Te Awahou Foxton this spring, a nod to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom's Dutch connection, and an opportunity to bring awareness to Parkinson's disease.



Planted in July in the Cultural Park behind Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, one bed was planted in the shape of a tulip, and a second flag-shaped plot was planted with bulbs in the colours of the Netherlands.

A joint effort between Council staff and contractors, and Parkinson's representatives from Kāpiti-Horowhenua, the project helps the park retain its prestigious "green flag" accreditation for the Cultural Park, one of five awarded to Council this year.

Green Flag Awards originated in Britain but are now awarded internationally for well-managed parks and green spaces that meet community needs.

It was another Green Flag recognised site, Levin's Thompson House Park, which triggered the tulip project.

Parkinson's Kāpiti-Horowhenua Action Group Chairman, Kevin Ramshaw says one of the group members saw a display of tulips in the gardens in October 2021.

"Walking in the gardens, she was greatly taken with the brave show the tulips made and she asked Council staff if the link with Parkinson's could be recognised in some way", he says.

Within six months of receiving the proposal the bulbs were planted.

"We are grateful to Council for taking up the project. From our point of view, it is a great way of raising awareness of Parkinson's – the world's fastest growing neurological disease."

Tulips were adopted as the official symbol of Parkinson's in 2005, after 20 years of informal association. In 1980 Dutch horticulturalist and Parkinson's disease sufferer J.W.S Van der Wereld developed a red and white variant. He named it 'Dr James Parkinson' in honour of the man who first documented the features of Parkinson's disease in his 1817 publication 'An Essay on the Shaking Palsy'. Today, wearing a red tulip raises awareness and shows support for people living with Parkinson's globally.

Horowhenua District Council's Parks and Property Lead (North), Sean Hester says, "The tulip beds in the Cultural Park are an excellent example of how collaboration with a community group has added an extra dimension to one of our green spaces."

"We're very pleased with the way the Cultural Park has been developing and proud to see the Green Flag flying over it. There are a number of criteria we need to meet to retain the accreditation, including how we develop this park space with the community. This project fits perfectly with our goals in this space."

Horowhenua District Council was this year awarded five Green Flags – second only in New Zealand to Auckland City for the number of flags awarded.

Kevin Ramshaw has thanked Council for agreeing to donate the tulip bulbs to Parkinson's for fundraising purposes after they have bloomed.

New bulbs will be planted in July of next year.

Bringing the surf club to the beach

Waitārere Beach is getting hotter with the construction of a new surf life saving community facility.

When visiting the beach this summer, you'll see the new surf club rise from the dunes as Homestead Construction builds the new facility which will be in use next summer.

Replacing the existing earthquake-prone building which is now run down, the new surf club structure will support surf life saving patrol, rescue operations and training. Construction began last month, with work due to be completed in November 2023.

The new facility will be built closer to the water, meaning the surf club will be able to patrol the beach more effectively, and will have easier access to emergency equipment.

Levin-Waitārere Surf Life Saving Club Chair, Andrew Parkin says, "Our club has been investigating options to construct a new building closer to the beach as we are currently more than 80 metres from the high tide mark, with the beach and surf obscured by dunes, making it difficult to patrol. The new facility has been a long time in the planning and will be something that everyone can use. We can't wait to move in."

Mayor Bernie Wanden agreed that this project has been a long time coming. "To see the aspirations of the community and in particular the Surf Life Saving community come to life, in partnership with Horowhenua District Council, is pretty exciting. The next three years will focus on delivering for Horowhenua, and having this project commencing sends a signal to that."

Features of the new fit-for-purpose building will include a patrol tower or watch room, changing rooms, toilets, showers, a first aid room, kitchen and facilities to accommodate up to 200 people for community related events.

Training and beach education rooms will be available for junior surf development and youth beach safety education, school groups, the public and members of the club.

The new surf club will also house storage facilities for rescue and training equipment.



Artist's impression of the new Waitārere Beach Surf Life Saving Community Facility from the beach perspective.

Other features include a deck, patio, BBQ area, outside rinse showers and a washdown forecourt.

The original building, built in the 1950s, was at the time about 35 metres away from the high water mark. The beach has steadily grown away from the building, moving between 1.5m to 2m each year. Seventy years since it was built, the surf club is now 80m away.

The club have not used the building while patrolling for a number of years, instead using an old caravan on the shore.

The caravan will remain in use this summer with patrols on the beach between Saturday 10 December 2022 and Sunday 12 March 2023.

One of Council's major capital expenditure projects, \$3.2M was allocated to the design and build of the new facility. Council has submitted an application to the Department of Internal Affairs as part of the Three Waters Better Off Funding Package, to contribute an additional \$400k towards upgrading public toilets and the wider public amenity surrounding the new Surf Life Saving Community Facility. The Waitārere Surf Life Saving Club has dedicated \$1M to offset Council's investment, the fit-out and pay for ongoing maintenance.

To learn more about the Waitārere Beach Surf Life Saving Community Facility visit horowhenua.govt.nz/WaitarereBeachCommunityFacility

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Horowhenua's Hot New Identity

Living in Horowhenua, we know of the special experiences, opportunities, relationships, history and fauna we enjoy while living, working, learning and playing here. A new destination brand launched in October shares these stories with the wider world, highlighting what makes Horowhenua a unique and great place.

The transformative brand narrative celebrates the unique strengths of the district, and was a collaborative project many months in the making.

The development of the Horowhenua brand, and the opportunities that follow, became a priority after the district's visitor expenditure growth per capita outshone national averages between 2016 and 2019. This largely organic growth led to a review of Horowhenua as a destination and thus the Horowhenua Destination, Development and Management Plan 2020-2030 was born.

Local businesses, community and interest groups, iwi/hapū, rangatahi (youth), elected members and tourist operators were invited to participate in a brand workshop as part of the process. Exploring the proposition 'only in the Horowhenua will you find', it was evident that our uniqueness comes from the whenua and its relationship to its people. Chief Executives

of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority, Rangitāne and Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga were also interviewed. From there, the team learnt about what makes Horowhenua so unique.

Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Chief Executive Di Rump, a member of the Steering Group, says "Horowhenua is rich in culture, history and opportunity. It has been exciting to work in partnership with Council to deliver a project that acknowledges our shared aspirations of sustainability, inclusivity and growth."

Horowhenua has the shortest distance in Aotearoa from the maunga (mountains) to the moana (sea). This unique microcosm has provided for its people and enabled them to thrive and prosper, whether that be tangata whenua, early settlers, market gardeners or the many producers and businesses that call Horowhenua home today.

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Mayor Bernie Wanden

It was a natural fit that the Horowhenua brand reflect the enduring and enriching natural elements of the whenua (land). The aim of the design was to visually represent the 'Horo' aspect of our rohe (district) name – the majestic Tararua Range, and the many puna, wetlands and varying types of wai – be that lakes, rivers, streams or ocean.

The design is closer to the shape of a coastline rather than just a river or stream, linking Taitoko (Levin), Te Awahou (Foxton), Manakau, Waikawa, Shannon, Tokomaru and Ōpiki, reflecting on Horowhenua and its place on the West Coast of the Lower North Island.

Our boundary signage has been given a refresh and the district has been advertised in neighbouring regions, encouraging people to experience all Horowhenua offers.

Local businesses, accommodation, activities and destinations feature on a new website - horowhenuanz.co.nz - which was created as part of the brand refresh. Anyone from around the world can explore the website to learn

about the district's history, culture, events and experiences and plan their visit, or move, to the district.

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The tono – or call to action – featured on destination marketing came from the idea that the district embraces and nourishes people, whether they choose to live here or simply visit: Come find yourself: Huraina tō mata. And for those already living here: Ko tēnei whenua, tōku kāinga – This land, my home.

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COME FIND YOURSELF | HURAINA TŌ MATA



Splash into Summer at our new Splash Pad

There is a new hot spot to take the grandkids for a family picnic.

On Saturday 10 December, the new Jubilee Park (affectionately known as the 'Donald Duck Park') splash pad will be open to the public for the first time.

A popular water play feature across Aotearoa, splash pads are 'zero depth' fun, which can shower, spray, mist and shoot streams of water at users. They are designed on a hard, flat surface. As the water splashes onto this surface, it is collected, filtered, sanitised and re-circulated to keep the water fun flowing in an eco-friendly way.

With an iconic playground, BBQ, picnic tables and shade areas, and now a splash pad, Jubilee Park is a great spot to take the littlies who will enjoy the original Disney look-alike characters built by the local Rotary Club.

To celebrate the addition of the new water feature, join us between 11am to 2pm on Saturday 10 December and enjoy a free sausage sizzle, photo booth, face painting, bouncy castle and more. Coffee and ice cream trucks will also be on site.

Kids of all ages will be able to splash to their heart's content after an opening ceremony at 12pm, which will include a site blessing by representatives of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority, speeches and ribbon cutting by Mayor Bernie Wanden.

Mayor Bernie Wanden says, "There was a lot of excitement when we announced the construction of the splash pad was to begin. I'm looking forward to seeing whānau enjoying the new community asset, at the opening and for years to come. Having a party to open the splash pad is the appropriate way to match the enthusiasm and excitement we received in response to the project."

Construction of the new community asset began on Wednesday 21 September and includes a new amenity block. The block features two new family changing rooms with baby changing tables, two fully accessible unisex toilets and a plant room for the operation of the splash pad, replacing the old toilet block which is no longer up to standard and has reached the end of its life.

The splash pad and changing rooms will be open each year between Labour Weekend to Easter Weekend, from 9am to 7pm. The toilets will be open from 7am to 8.30pm during daylight savings, and 7am to 5.30pm in winter time.



*Top: Current images of Jubilee Park and the construction site.
Above: Artist's impression of the new splash pad.*

As part of the draft Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2041 process, the community was consulted on the installation of a new aquatic feature in Horowhenua as the existing paddling pool at Jubilee Park was ageing and reaching its use-by date. Built in 1988, the pool had been popular with toddlers and small children, but posed a safety risk; irregular use and distance from the Levin Aquatic Centre has meant that it's not practical to have a permanent lifeguard stationed at the site.

Replacing the paddling pool with a splash pad means that there will still be a water play facility freely available to our community which will be suitable for children of all abilities and does not require supervision by a lifeguard.

Council allocated funding in the LTP to develop a splash pad and new amenity block for our tamariki and whānau to enjoy. We engaged with local rangatahi to work alongside our contractors for the final splash pad design.

Splash pad users are asked to respect the space by keeping it free of rubbish and refraining from eating or drinking while using the facility. To ensure the splash pad is a safe space for everyone, please keep skateboards, bikes, rollerblades and the like off the surface, wear appropriate swimwear, and avoid using the splash pad if you're unwell or have open wounds.

Ten years of Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

On 29 September 2022 we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō – Horowhenua’s Culture and Community Centre.



Treasured by Horowhenua residents and visitors, the community heart and hub brings together library services, and services and facilities for community, business, youth, and tourism.

Welcoming and convenient, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō is a safe, supervised and all-inclusive destination, offering quality activities and opportunities to positively engage, educate and delight all visitors.

Previously the location of a supermarket, the vacant building was purchased in 2007 by Horowhenua District Council, which had the strategic vision of creating a community centre, incorporating the Levin Library.

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō was the first of its kind. A relevant and convenient destination to complement people's lives at home, school and work, the centre is a 'third place after home or work/school'. Recreational, cultural, learning, digital and social experiences are located in one convenient, modern and accessible facility in the heart of Levin and the wider Horowhenua District.

With an innovative design to re-purpose the building, construction was undertaken by local contractors between late 2011 and September 2012, resulting in a complete transformation from an unsightly big box-type building to a dynamic-looking and inviting community centre.

Ten years on, we want to reflect on the name 'Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō' and the mana it has gifted the facility, kaimahi and our wider community.

The meaning of 'Te Takeretanga' is the dispersal of knowledge. The Takere is also the hull of the waka where treasures are kept for safety. Like the hull of the waka, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō holds many taonga for the benefit of all.

There are many meanings to the word 'kura', some are as follows:

- Red glowing light
- The hidden knowledge of our ancestors
- Taonga (treasure)
- Learning place
- Someone or something of chiefly status

The word 'hau' also has many meanings, two of which include:

- An internal energy
- Wind

Through both of these elements, knowledge is sought, maintained and dispersed.

'Pō' is the transition from the world of darkness to the world of light through knowledge.

Throughout the year, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō hosts a range of events from Friday concerts, to quiz nights, exhibitions and community events. Visit tetakere.org.nz for more information and a full event schedule.

Santa Claus is coming back to town!



Levin will be the place to be on Saturday 10 December for all things festive, with the return of the popular Christmas Parade and Christmas Carnival.

Starting at the corner of York Street at 5pm, the kiwiana-themed parade will travel along Oxford Street and conclude on Durham Street. Some roads will be closed to traffic to allow the parade to take place and enable floats to congregate before and afterwards. State Highway traffic will be diverted along Cambridge Street.

Thousands are expected to watch the parade and continue the festive fun from 5.30pm at the Christmas Carnival at the Levin Adventure Park. Among the usual playground joy, whānau can enjoy a Christmas train ride, live entertainment, giant inflatables, food trucks, amusement rides and more.

Bring a picnic to share with your whānau or buy some kai from food trucks or nearby food outlets. Some activities will be free, while others will be at a reduced price. With prizes for the best dressed adult and child, we invite people of all ages to dress to the Kiwiana theme to get into the spirit of the occasion.

It won't be a silent night, with live entertainment from kapa haka group Ngā Mātāwaka, MC Ainslee Allen and local band Peanut Slab.

Find out more about the Christmas Parade and Christmas Carnival on our Horowhenua District Council event page horowhenua.govt.nz/christmascarnival and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more updates.

Harvey Bowler Christmas Avenue of Trees

A big few days for Horowhenua Christmas lovers, the Harvey Bowler Christmas Avenue of Trees is on during the same weekend. The annual event will be held at the Levin Memorial Hall this year on:

Friday 9 December 6pm to 8.30pm

Saturday 10 December 4pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 11 December 6pm to 8.30pm.

Entry is by way of a donation of non-perishable food which will go to local food banks.





Capture Your Horowhenua

Capture Your Horowhenua is a seasonal photo competition, where we ask residents to submit photographs they have taken in our district, set to the season's theme.

The theme for the spring months was 'fresh'. Congratulations to winner Lael Marshall who received the most votes and took home a goodie bag full of delightful local treats.

Follow us on our Facebook page facebook.com/HorowhenuaDC for the latest Capture Your Horowhenua updates, entry details and upcoming competition themes.

1 by Bri Billaney

6 by Maria Moxham

10 by Patrice Butler

2 by Sharon Makin

7 by Tracey MacDonald

11 by Lael Marshall

3 by Heather Manners

8 by Joeleen Bartlett

12 by Andrea Glover

4 by Marian Cherry

9 by Kirsty Adele Bennett

13 by Linda Adams

5 by Terry Oliver-Ward

Bernie on the Beat

Safety tips for the Festive Season

'Tis the season to be mindful! Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year; make sure it's one you remember for all the right reasons.

All I want for Christmas is a safe one for all. Follow these tips to avoid any unwanted surprises this year.

- Don't invite criminals to Christmas. Make it hard for any unwanted visitors to enter your property by investing in window stays. They're affordable, effective and even this Police Officer found them easy to install.
- Take photos of serial numbers of any big items and break down boxes before putting them in your recycling bin – you don't want to advertise new items which could tempt would-be thieves.
- Keep your doors locked. A lockable screen door is a great choice if you want to air the house while you're in the yard or garden.
- Twinkling lights and Christmas decorations are good attention grabbers – don't let them distract you from protecting your belongings when you're out shopping. Keep your bags zipped up and close, and don't leave purchases alone in your car.

- If you're heading away for the silly season, have someone regularly check your property. Ask them to collect mail and tidy the garden to make your home looked lived in. Leave the spare key with someone you trust – thieves know all the best places to find hidden spare house keys.

Santa shouldn't be the only one watching who's naughty or nice. Call us on 111 if you notice any odd behaviour and record vehicle registration numbers if you notice anyone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Be careful on the road, remembering to stick to speed limits, wear your seatbelt and get a ride if you've had too much to drink. If you're heading to the beach stick to the 30km/h limit to keep other beach users and the environment safe.

Stay safe.

Bernie



Gardening with Simon

Growing succulent summer strawberries

Juicy red strawberries are the taste of summer. Whether by themselves, sprinkled with icing sugar, dipped in chocolate sauce, shining bright on top of a pavlova, or made into a sauce or jam, strawberries make a great addition to any festive feast.

They make a great addition to your garden too!

Strawberries are easy to grow and can be planted in many different areas of your garden but are most commonly established in raised garden beds. They like a well worked soil and being planted in a mound, covered with black polythene or pea straw.

Remember to check on them daily so you get to enjoy the delicious red beauties before the birds do! There is nothing more demoralising than putting in the effort of bringing them up to picking stage than to come out one morning and the birds have beaten you to them.

An innovative way to grow strawberries is to use old roof guttering. All you do is connect it on the top rail of your boundary fence, fill it with compost and soil mixed with some sheep and chook pellets, and plant your strawberry plants in there.

Birds do not like to eat strawberries while flying so netting is optional.

Strawberries aren't the only edible summer treats that you can enjoy fresh from your garden. Spring vegetable crops are ready to harvest, and you'll be enjoying fresh salads throughout the barbecue season if you've done the work during the past few months.

What to plant in Summer

While enjoying the fruits of your labour this season, don't forget to think ahead about what to grow so you can continue to eat your garden as the weather starts to change.

December and January are good months to plant:

- Beans
- Beetroot
- Capsicum
- Courgettes
- Cucumber
- Kumara
- Lettuce
- Pumpkin

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Celebrating 20 years of Waitārere Beach Wardens

If you're heading to Waitārere Beach this summer, give a friendly wave to the dedicated Beach Wardens as they celebrate their 20th anniversary patrolling the area.

Acting as kaitiaki/guardians of the coastline, Waitārere Beach Wardens have been protecting the summer hot spot since 2002.

While thousands flock to the beach for swimming, fishing, or a day out, the wardens spend their time keeping the beach a safe space for visitors to enjoy. Working with police and operating under a Warrant of Appointment as officers of Horowhenua District Council, the volunteers ensure Council bylaws are observed.

"Beach Wardens work closely with all emergency services," says Beach Warden Coordinator Craig Dyson. "Using the Beach Warden 4WD vehicle to ferry emergency staff and equipment to an accident site, the wardens assist in emergency situations and have been used in Search and Rescue operations. During the popular Big Dig community event held annually on 2 January, the wardens work alongside Levin Police to ensure safe driving and parking in designated areas on the beach."

The group was formed after a chaotic Labour Day weekend when boy racers caused havoc on the beach. The Waitārere Beach Progressive & Ratepayers Association vowed to reclaim the beach for the enjoyment of all.

A few months later, on 11 December 2002, with the support of Horowhenua District Council, seven volunteers were accredited as warranted traffic control and litter wardens for the beach. The group has continued to evolve since.

The Waitārere Beach Warden model was a first in New Zealand, with many other areas adopting the initiative. A similar group at Foxton Beach has also been established.

The 20-strong Beach Warden team monitor traffic speed and potential hazards, prevent rubbish dumping and littering, help enforce fire and liquor bans, and promote safe and responsible fishing and shellfish gathering.

They also provide helpful information to beach goers. From current hazards or dangers, safety messages, potential upcoming beach



Waitārere Beach Wardens.

closures or bylaws, wardens are equipped with the knowledge and drive to keep beach life blissful. They're also known for helping to tow vehicles that have gotten stuck in the sand, and delivering first aid.

The wardens love to share their knowledge with visitors. They aren't afraid to remind beachgoers on driving, kontiki and beach etiquette. The Beach Warden 4WD vehicle has newly-installed security cameras which record and download video footage, which can be accessed by Levin Police on request should an incident occur. This information integrates with the Waitārere Community Cameras system currently operating at all beach entrances/exits.

The team welcome new faces who share a similar drive to keep the beach safe and enjoyable for all who use it. Volunteers need to be residents of Waitārere Beach, be of good character and have an ability to positively interact with all beach users. They're expected to be available to patrol three to four times between December and April.

If you are interested in becoming a beach warden, contact Craig Dyson on 100cdyson@gmail.com

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Craig Dyson

Let's Cook...

Strawberry Salad with balsamic vinegar



Nothing says summer like strawberries, and Horowhenua is home to some incredible growers.

Whether you get your strawberries from local growers such as Shirley's Strawberries or Lewis Farms, or you pick them fresh from your own garden, this recipe will shine on the Christmas dinner table, or your next summer barbeque.

Ingredients

Balsamic vinegar	1/4 cup
Horowhenua strawberries	1 cup sliced
Cherry tomatoes	1 cup halved
Mini mozzarella balls	1 cup halved
1 ripe avocado	
Pecans*	1/3 cup
Basil leaves	1/3 cup loosely packed and torn
Extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling	
Salt and pepper	

Method

1. In a small saucepan, bring the balsamic vinegar to a high simmer over medium heat. Stir, then reduce the heat to low and simmer until the vinegar has thickened and reduced by half. This should take about 8 to 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.
2. Place the strawberries, cherry tomatoes, mozzarella, avocado, pecans and basil in a shallow bowl or platter. Drizzle with olive oil, and season generously with salt and pepper. Gently toss. Drizzle with the reduced balsamic.

** Or any other nuts you prefer.*

Puzzle Corner

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Summer time

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Summertime
Festive
Christmas
Kiwiana
Presents

Santa
Pōhutukawa
Beaches
Jandals
Strawberries

Barbecue
Sizzle
Holidays
Air conditioner
Ice-cream

Lifeguard
Surfing
Swimming
Sunblock
Togs

SUDOKU

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Volunteer Horowhenua



A list of volunteer opportunities to get involved in our community.

Group Secretary

Levin

Role #2176

Arrange meetings and agendas, take minutes and issue drafts promptly after meetings.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: As required/ negotiated with the committee.

Community Ambassador

Rural Horowhenua or online

Role #2191

Promote free reading and writing services to teenagers and adults by networking and distributing posters and leaflets.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Flexible.

Children & Vulnerable Persons Protection Officer

Levin

Role #2178

Record keeping and ensure compliance with policy. Empathy, people skills, reliability, confidentiality and negotiating skills required.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: As required, but minimal.

Lawn Mowing Volunteer

Levin

Role #2201

Mow lawn areas around a charity building.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Flexible.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Volunteer Central.

☎ (06) 354 6027

✉ info@volunteercentral.nz

🖱 volunteercentral.nz/horowhenua

Van Maintenance Person

Levin

Role #2198

Help regularly check and clean two vans inside and out. Vans on-site and cleaning material provided.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Two hours per week.



Join in the all-ages festive fun!



Saturday 10 December 2022

Christmas Parade

5pm – Oxford Street, Levin (State Highway 1)


Christmas Carnival



5.30pm – Levin Adventure Park

Food Trucks | Live Entertainment | Inflatables
Amusement Rides | Christmas Train | And More!



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