

**Te rārangi o ngā ratonga me ngā tūwāhi
o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Horowhenua**

Your guide to Horowhenua District
Council services and facilities

Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL 

Tō Kaunihera Your Council





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Te kōrero o te Koro Matua

Mayor's Message



Bernie Wanden

Bernie Wanden
Mayor

Haere mai ki Horowhenua! I am delighted to welcome you to Horowhenua.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge our Iwi partners, Muaūpoko - Ngāi Tara o Mua Ūpoko o te Ika a Maui and Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga.

Our district covers over 1,000 square kilometres, stretching from just south of Himatangi to just north of Ōtaki. It comprises nine townships, including our three main centres, Levin | Taitoko, Foxton | Te Awahou and Shannon | Otāuru. Geographically, we're fortunate to have the majestic Tararua Range in the east and long sandy beaches along our western coast, as well as some of New Zealand's most productive agricultural land.

It's an exciting time to be here. Horowhenua is growing rapidly with a diverse population of just over 36,000. Our district's diversity makes

Horowhenua a vibrant place to live, and there's always a lot going on here. I encourage you to enjoy our many events and activities, get involved with local clubs and groups that interest you, and become a true part of your local community.

Whether you have just moved here or lived here your whole life, this guide will help you get the most out of your Council and connect with your wider community.

It provides much of the practical information you'll need to make our district your home, as well as plenty of helpful pointers to further information resources about Council services and facilities.

I trust you'll find it useful. If you have questions, would like more information or need any further assistance, you'll find a friendly team ready to help at any of Horowhenua

District Council's customer service centres. Our contact details are listed on the next page.

How to use this guide

Horowhenua offers a relaxed lifestyle with multiple beaches, forest parks and rivers all within a 20-minute drive.


There's lots to explore here and many people and places to connect with. In this guide, you'll find key information on our facilities, elected representatives, scenic spots and community groups.


We've also compiled 'need to know' information for day-to-day living in Horowhenua. Learn where to go to access key services, when to put your rubbish out, what hours our community centres are open and more.

Te whakapā mai ki Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Horowhenua

Contacting Horowhenua District Council


Our friendly team are here to help. There are a number of ways you can contact us:


 enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz


 06 366 0999 (24 hours)


 Freephone: 0508 949 4949 (Tokomaru residents only)


 Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540

 126 Oxford Street, Levin 5510, New Zealand

 horowhenua.govt.nz

 HorowhenuaDC

 [horowhenuadc](https://www.instagram.com/horowhenuadc)

 [Horowhenua District Council](https://www.linkedin.com/company/horowhenua-district-council)

We have four Customer Service Centres:

Levin

Civic Building

126-148 Oxford Street, Levin

9am to 5pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am to 5pm Wednesday. Closed public holidays

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

10 Bath Street, Levin

9am to 5:30pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10am to 9pm, Wednesday

10am to 4pm Saturday, 1pm to 4pm, Sunday

Foxton

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

92 Main Street, Foxton

9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, weekends

Shannon

Shannon Library

Plimmer Terrace, Shannon

10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday



Ngā māngai pōti
Elected representatives

Horowhenua has two elected bodies. Horowhenua District Council has thirteen elected members made up of the mayor and twelve councillors from five wards: Levin, Waiopahu, Kere Kere, Miranui and the Horowhenua Ward (Māori Ward). There is also one elected community board in Foxton. Councillors are elected on a Ward basis and the election for Mayor is conducted over the whole district.

Horowhenua District Council

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Te Awahou Foxton Community Board

Te Awahou Foxton Community Board represents the Foxton area and advocates on the residents' behalf on local issues, activities, and facilities.

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Council meetings

You can find meeting schedules, minutes and agendas, and live-streamed Council meetings on the 'Your Council' page of our website horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Your-Council

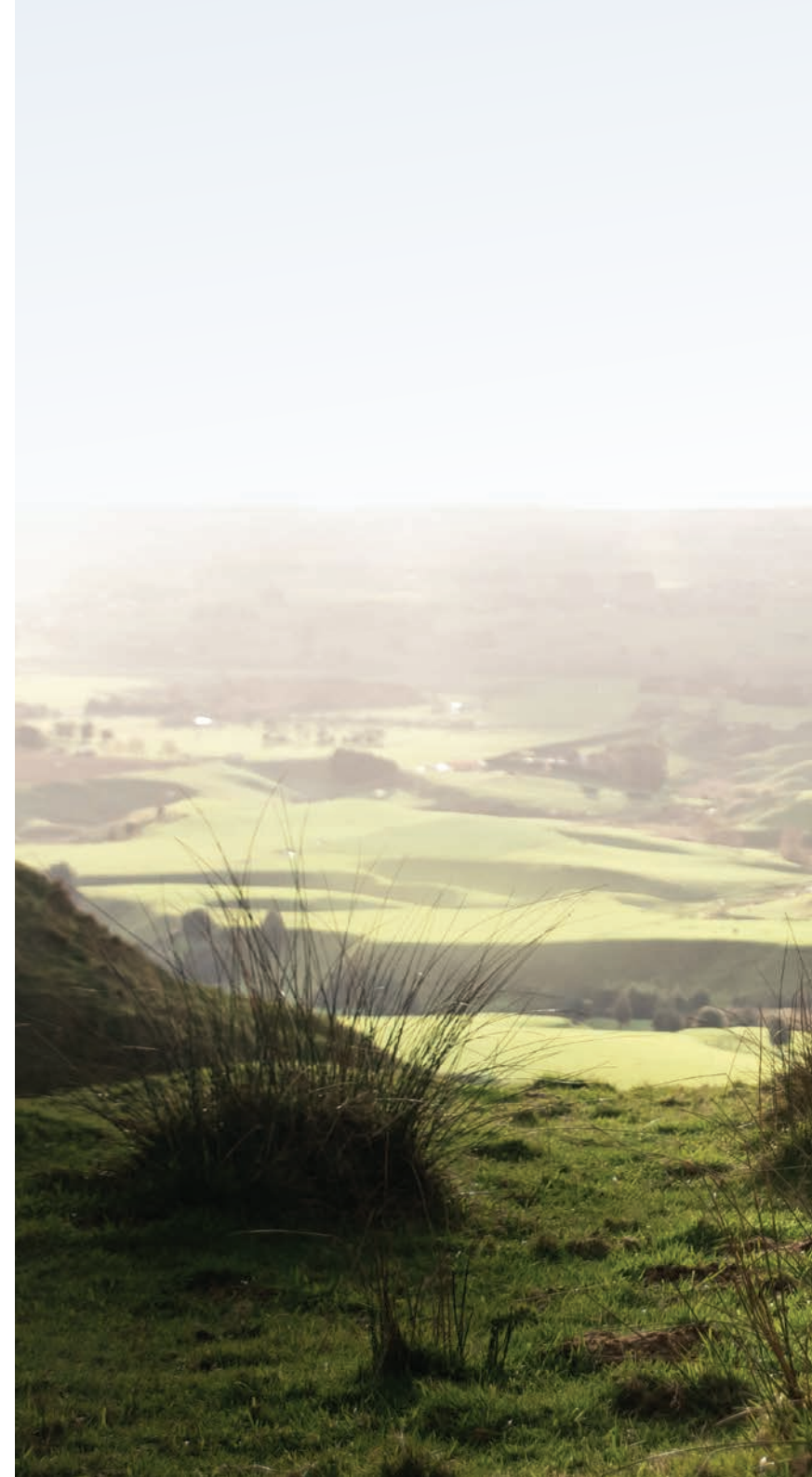
We publish meeting notices in the Horowhenua Chronicle, on the Public Notices page of our website and on Council's Facebook page.

Printed meeting agendas are available from Council's customer service centres at the Civic Building or Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō in Levin, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton, and Shannon Library.

Have your say

We often ask our community for feedback on plans and strategies, how we manage community assets, bylaw changes, Council services and lots more. Let's Kōrero has all the current consultations and is the place to go to help shape the decisions that affect the future of Horowhenua.

 letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz





Our community map

Parks, reserves, playgrounds & rivers

LEVIN

- 1 **Adventure Park**, 93 Oxford Street
- 2 **Donnelly Park**, Adkin Avenue
- 3 **Kimberley Reserve**, Kimberley Road
- 4 **Kohitere Trig Walkway**, 30 Denton Road
- 5 **Kowhai Park**, 191 Queen Street West
- 6 **Lake Papaitonga Scenic Reserve**, End of Buller Road
- 7 **Muaūpoko Park (Lake Horowhenua)**, End of Queen Street West
- 8 **Remembrance Park/Thompson House Gardens/Levin Courthouse and Nola Simpson Rose Gardens**, Corner Cambridge and Bath Streets/Kent Street/Cambridge Street

FOXTON

- 9 **Paretao/Seaview Gardens**, Corner of Union and Harbour Streets
- 10 **River Loop Reserve**, Harbour Street
- 11 **Cousins Reserve**, Cousins Avenue
- 12 **Holben Reserve**, Corners of Seabury Avenue, Holben Parade and Nash Parade

SHANNON

- 13 **Mangahao White Water Park**, End of Mangahao Road
- 14 **Shannon Domain**, Ballance Street
- 15 **Te Maire Park**, Plimmer Terrace

WAITĀRERE

- 16 **Waitārere Domain**, 627 Waitārere Beach Road
- 17 **Waitārere Fairy Garden**, Rua Ave

TOKOMARU

- 18 **Horseshoe Bend Reserve**, 186 Tokomaru East Road

MANAKAU AND WAIKAWA BEACH

- 19 **Driscoll Garden**, Cnr Mokena Kohere and Honi Taipua Streets, Manakau
- 20 **Hank Edwards Park**, Waikawa Beach Road, Waikawa Beach

Community Centres and Libraries

- 21 **Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-po**, 10 Bath Street, Levin
- 22 **Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom**, 92 Main Street, Foxton
- 23 **Shannon Library**, 62 Plimmer Terrace, Shannon

Sports clubs and Swimming pools

- 24 **Levin Aquatic Centre**, Corner Queen and Salisbury Streets
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Learn more about great spots to enjoy in Horowhenua by visiting

 horowhenuanz.co.nz





Foxton Beach

Waitāreke Beach

Hōkio Beach

Kuku Beach

Waikawa Beach

Foxton

Shannon

Tokomaru

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**Ngā papa rēhia me
ngā whenua tāpui**
Parks and reserves

KEY

-  **Toilets**
-  **Playground**
-  **BBQ**
-  **Sports facilities**
-  **Skate park**
-  **Changing rooms**
-  **BMX track**
-  **Camping**
-  **Walking trails**
-  **Designated dog area**
-  **Natural heritage**
-  **Picnic tables**
-  **Arts and culture**
-  **Café**
-  **Mountain biking**

Levin

Adventure Park

93 OXFORD STREET

A family park with play equipment for all ages – including tumbling drums, ropes course, climbing wall, fitness trail, mini-ball court, skating area, sand volleyball court, disability swing, Bocce courts and a separate dog rest/exercise area. No dogs except in dog exercise area.



Donnelly Park

ADKIN AVENUE

One of our premier sports parks, Donnelly Park has grass and artificial fields, cricket wickets, netball courts, soccer fields and a private hockey stadium. A popular spot for sports tournaments, training and other events. No dogs.



Jubilee Park

CORNER BATH AND PARKER STREETS

Known by locals as the 'Donald Duck Park' after its Disney-lookalike characters, Jubilee Park is a great spot to take children, with a playground, splash pad, BBQ and shady trees. No dogs.



Kimberley Reserve

EAST KIMBERLEY ROAD

Nestled in a bush setting next to the Ōhau River with swimming holes and walking tracks nearby. Enjoy a picnic, play cricket, touch rugby or take the dog for a walk. Dogs allowed off leash but must be under control and kept away from swimmers/bush. Closes for winter.



Kohitere Trig Walkway

30 DENTON ROAD

Features walking and mountain biking tracks and access to Tararua Forest Park. The top ridge trig offers outstanding views on a clear day. Closed until mid 2024 for forestry work*. Alternative access to the summit of Trig is available via the Grey Bush Track on Gladstone Road.

*date accurate at time of printing.



Kowhai Park

191 QUEEN STREET WEST

A popular off-leash dog exercise spot known locally as 'the dog park'. It's also the site of a native bush restoration project. Large open areas, short walks and sheltered spots.



Lake Papaitonga Scenic Reserve

END OF BULLER ROAD

A dune lake rich in cultural and natural history, surrounded by 135 hectares of wetlands and coastal forests. Managed by the Department of Conservation, this reserve is a refuge for birds. No dogs.



Muaūpoko Park (Lake Horowhenua)

END OF QUEEN STREET WEST

Offering great views over Lake Horowhenua (Punahau), Muaūpoko Park is a landscaped area of parkland with a playground. A variety of bird life visits the lake. Dogs only allowed in designated Agility/Obedience Club areas. No swimming or boating. Closed between sunset and sunrise.





**Remembrance Park/
Thompson House Gardens/
Nola Simpson Rose Gardens
and Levin Courthouse**

CORNER CAMBRIDGE AND
BATH STREETS/KENT STREET/
CAMBRIDGE STREET

These three neighbouring parks each have special significance. Remembrance Park is the home of Levin’s war memorial Cenotaph and commemorative ‘poppy boxes’, which light up at night. Walk through to Thompson House Gardens, a Green Flag award-winning park containing historic Thompson House. Across Cambridge Street you’ll find the aromatic Nola Simpson Rose Gardens, which house the historic Levin Courthouse. Dogs permitted on leash in Thompson House Gardens and Nola Simpson Rose Gardens. No dogs in Remembrance Park.



Village Green Levin

CORNER OF QUEEN AND
SALISBURY STREETS

This park in the heart of Levin is adjacent to the Levin Skate Park and Levin Memorial Hall. There are cafés nearby in the surrounding shopping area and public toilets across the road. Dogs on leash, outside shop trading hours only.



Waiopehu Reserve

1154 QUEEN ST EAST

Native podocarp bush reserve with some large old rimu trees and a meandering stream, just five minutes’ drive from central Levin. No dogs.



Foxton

Paretao/Seaview Gardens

CORNER OF UNION AND HARBOUR
STREETS

Historic, elevated garden with walkways up to Foxton’s landmark 1923 water tower. The park boasts short walks and views up Foxton Main Street and out to the Manawatū Estuary. Dogs on leash, outside shop trading hours only.



River Loop Reserve

HARBOUR STREET

Situated at the site of Foxton’s old port, this reserve runs along the Foxton River Loop with walkways at either end, a playground and information boards about the area’s history.



**Te Awahou Riverside
Cultural Park**

MAIN STREET

The Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park surrounds Foxton’s community hub, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, which houses Maōri and Dutch museums, galleries, library and café. The park also boasts de Molen, a working full-size Dutch windmill, the Flax Stripper Museum, Whare Manaaki Māori Gallery and Workshop, Foxton’s horse drawn tram and the Dutch Oven Café. Dogs on leash, outside shop trading hours only.



Foxton Beach

Cousins Reserve

COUSINS RESERVE

An old plantation forest with walking and mountain biking tracks, trails through the rear dunes and open grassed areas. A short walk from the beach.





TIPS FROM THE LOCALS

There are many hidden gems around Horowhenua. Always allow more time than you think you'll need to enjoy our parks and reserves and immerse yourself in your surroundings.

Jubilee Park (affectionately known as the 'Donald Duck Park') is fully fenced and very popular with locals – even more so since late 2022 when a splash pad and new changing rooms were added.

Levin's Adventure Park caters to a range of ages – there's dedicated areas for pre-schoolers, dogs, older children, plenty of seating, a miniature train which runs during the school holidays and weekends, BBQs and a kiosk pavilion that provides instant hot water for hot drinks, a microwave for heating food, and tables and chairs inside.

Kowhai Park at 191 Queen Street, Levin is a popular spot for dog lovers. Enjoy a view of the lake while walking your dog. There are large open areas as well as short walks and more sheltered spots for off-leash fun.

Visit horowhenuanz.co.nz/things-to-do to find more places to explore in the district.

Waikawa Beach

Hank Edwards Reserve

WAIKAWA BEACH ROAD

A perfect family picnic spot by the Waikawa Stream, Hank Edwards Reserve has picnic tables, a basketball hoop, a BBQ, playground, changing rooms and an outdoor shower for after a swim. Dogs must be on leash in the reserve, but can run free on the beach.



Manakau

Driscoll Reserve

CORNER MOKENA KOHERE AND HONI TAIPUA STREETS

A pretty spot just off the State Highway, this Green Flag awarded reserve has shade trees, camellia gardens, seating and small but beautifully kept gardens and lawns. Driscoll Reserve is the perfect place to stop for a stretch and a cuppa.



Holben Reserve

CORNERS OF SEABURY AVENUE, HOLBEN PARADE AND NASH PARADE

Holben Reserve offers ponds, a playground, a bike skills area, a pump track, skate park, basketball hoops and picnic spots. The reserve is an easy walk to the Ramsar-protected Manawatū Estuary, which offers some of the best bird-watching in the district. No dogs.



Shannon

Mangahao White Water Park

END OF MANGAHAO ROAD

Mangahao White Water Park is a world class kayaking venue. The area is also a gateway for mountain biking and hiking in the Tararua Forest Park.



Shannon Domain

BALLANCE STREET

An extensive sports ground with grandstand, public hall, skate park and courts, Shannon Domain is regularly used for both winter and summer sports. No dogs.



Te Maire Park

PLIMMER TERRACE

Te Maire Park is more than 100 years old. The Shannon Railway Station Museum and a whare taiao (information kiosk) are situated in the park, as well as the Shannon Cenotaph, memorial garden and a monument to a local soldier. Dogs on leash, outside shop trading hours only.



Waitarere Beach

Waitāre Domain

627 WAITĀRERE BEACH ROAD

Offers tennis courts, playground and a modular skate park. There is space to play sport and a community hall, public BBQ and toilets. No dogs.



Tokomaru

Horseshoe Bend Reserve

186 TOKOMARU EAST ROAD

Horseshoe Bend is a popular swimming spot. There are bush walks and swimming holes, and established trees make this a good spot to enjoy a picnic. Closed in winter. No dogs.





Ngā tāhuna Beaches

Waitārere Beach

Waitārere Beach is a wide, sandy beach about 10 minutes' drive north of Levin. It's a good spot for swimming, fishing, walking and other beach activities such as horse riding and land yachts. Explore the site of the Hydrabad shipwreck or visit the charming community of Waitārere Beach, and enjoy the hospitality on offer. The beach is patrolled by Surf Lifesavers in summer, and toilet facilities are available. A new Waitārere Beach Surf Life Saving Community Facility is set to open in late 2023. Dogs are allowed off leash in most areas.

Foxton Beach

Foxton Beach is five kilometres west of Foxton. It's the largest coastal community in Horowhenua and there's plenty to do including fishing, kite sports, land yachting, surfing, paddle boarding and swimming. The Ramsar-protected international wetland at the Manawatū River estuary regularly draws birdwatchers. There are also nearby walkways, cycleways, cafés, parks and reserves to enjoy. Toilet facilities are available. Dogs are allowed off leash in most areas.

Hōkio Beach

Hōkio Beach is a sandy beach nine kilometres from Levin. It offers expansive views north and south and you can see Mt Ruapehu and Mt Taranaki on a clear day. Walk up the coast to Waitārere Beach, or enjoy the playground, picnic area and barbeque in the park at the entrance to the beach. Toilet facilities are available. Dogs are allowed off leash except in fenced play areas.

Waikawa Beach

Waikawa Beach, situated 15 minutes south of Levin, is the perfect place for kayaking, swimming and horse riding. The nearby Hank Edwards Reserve offers picnic spots and a children's playground. Dogs must be on a leash in the reserve, but are allowed off leash on the beach.



Accessibility

Horowhenua has a number of disability accessible playgrounds, with a wheelchair swing at Levin Adventure Park. Of the 28 stand-alone public toilets in Horowhenua, 21 are accessible. Our aquatics facilities provide wheelchairs, a chairlift which can provide access into the pool via a seat, sling or hoist for the aqua wheelchair, and changing rooms for people with

disabilities. Horowhenua also has a wheelchair accessible splash pad.

Two Hippocampe all terrain beach wheelchairs, two Sandcruiser beach wheelchairs and two WheelEEZ® all terrain rollators are available to people with disabilities to use for free so they can explore our beautiful parks and beaches. Contact Levin Aquatic Centre for more information and booking enquiries.

A photograph of a modern community centre building with a corrugated metal facade and large glass windows. The building is named 'Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom'. A yellow section of the building features the text 'We all connect to this place and from this place we thrive'. People are seen walking and sitting at tables outside the building. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Ngā pokapū hapori Community centres

We all connect
to this place and
from this place
we thrive

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō is Levin's community centre and library, which offers an extensive collection of books, magazines, jigsaws, audio-visual material, special collections, e-newspapers, e-books, and online databases. Library membership is free for Horowhenua residents.

The community centre also houses the Youth Space, a versatile space for young people aged between 12 and 24 to hang out and enjoy a variety of youth-oriented events, activities and programmes. Youth Space has plenty of things to enjoy, including a basketball hoop, games, a multi-sport interactive wall, a recording studio and more. Youth Space is a safe and supportive environment for young people.

AA driver and vehicle licensing services are available, and an i-SITE in the centre is a great place to go for current event information and local insights. The i-SITE also often arranges day trips to special events and exhibitions outside the district.

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō is the heart of the Levin community, with a busy programme of special events, concerts, presentations, activities, workshops and exhibitions.

The centre offers free Wi-Fi and bookable meeting spaces.



Opening hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am to 5:30pm

Wednesday: 10am to 9pm

Saturday: 10am to 4pm

Sunday: 1pm to 4pm

Contact us

📍 10 Bath Street, Levin

🌐 tetakere.govt.nz

📘 [te.takere](https://www.facebook.com/te.takere)

📷 [tetakere](https://www.instagram.com/tetakere)

✉ info@horowhenua.govt.nz

☎ 06 368 1953

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

The award winning Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom is at the heart of Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park. The multicultural community and visitor facility is dedicated to the preservation and development of the cultural, social and economic heritage of Horowhenua. Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom houses a museum that tells the stories of Mana Whenua, Aotearoa's national Dutch Immigrants museum, an art gallery with exciting exhibitions, a library,

Council's customer service centre, an i-SITE visitor information centre, and bookable meeting rooms. A serene gateway to attractions, art and heritage in a beautiful natural setting, our Cultural Park also features a flax stripper museum telling the story of Foxton's illustrious past, two cafés, a 30m high operational Dutch windmill De Molen (which has a Dutch Deli and is open for tours), and connects to the Foxton River Loop leading to BBQs and a playground.

Opening hours

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10am to 4pm

Contact us

📍 92 Main Street, Foxton

🌐 teawahou.com

📘 TeAwahouNieuweStroom

📷 [teawahou_nieuwe_stroom](https://www.instagram.com/teawahou_nieuwe_stroom)

✉ enquiries@teawahou.com

☎ 06 363 5571





Shannon Library

Shannon Library has been a stalwart of the Shannon community for just over five decades. It provides library services, programmes, exhibitions as well as council services.

Opening hours

Monday - Friday: 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to 12pm

Sunday: Closed

Contact us

📍 62 Plimmer Terrace, Shannon

✉ enquiries@tetakere.org.nz

☎ 06 362 7030



The Mahi Space

A modern conference room and co-working facility suitable for small business groups and individuals, you can book The Mahi Space's conference room, have a small meeting around one of the tables, or book your workstation at a hot-desk Pod in this 'home-office away from the home-office' environment. The Mahi Space holds regular workshops and training aimed at building business skills and assists employees, employers and owners with running their own company or organisation. It's free and easy to become a member and access The Mahi Space - simply attend a short orientation to join up!

Opening hours

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5.30pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Contact us

📍 10 Bath Street, Levin

🌐 tetakere.org.nz/Whats-Here/The-Mahi-Space

📘 facebook.com/TheMahiSpace

✉ themahispace@horowhenua.govt.nz

☎ 06 368 1953



Levin Aquatic Centre

The Levin Aquatic Centre is situated in Gladys Taylor Park. It has four indoor pools, including a main pool, a teaching pool, a play pool for children and a hydrotherapy pool, as well as a 70-metre hydroslide.

It offers a wide range of land-based and water-based fitness classes to suit all ages and abilities, and run a popular swim school.

Facilities for birthday parties and people with limited mobility are available.

Opening hours

Monday - Friday: 6am to 9pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 6pm

Contact us

- 📍 Corner Queen and Salisbury Streets, Levin
- 🌐 aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz
- 📘 AquaticsHorowhenua
- 📷 [aquatics_horowhenua](https://www.instagram.com/aquatics_horowhenua)
- ✉ levinaquaticcentre@horowhenua.govt.nz
- ☎ 06 368 0070



Foxton Pools

Scheduled to reopen in late 2023* following an upgrade, Foxton Pools houses a main pool, play pool and new inbuilt spa pool. Year-round fitness classes and a swim school operate from Foxton Pools and there are facilities for people with limited mobility.

Opening hours**

Monday - Friday: 6am to 7pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 6pm

Contact us

- 📍 Main Street, Foxton
- 🌐 aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz
- 📘 AquaticsHorowhenua
- ✉ foxtonpools@horowhenua.govt.nz
- ☎ 06 363 5079

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**When the facility reopens

Shannon Pool

Shannon Pool is an outdoor seasonal pool operated in summer. Aquatics Horowhenua only assists in managing it during the summer holidays. The Shannon Pool is not heated.

Opening hours

Monday to Sunday: 1pm to 6pm



FREE

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HOROWHENUA

Swim Pass

Cut out this coupon and present it at one of our Aquatics Horowhenua sites for free entry.

Redeemable for an individual or family for one time only.



FREE

libraries
HOROWHENUA

Fitness Class

Cut out this coupon and present it at one of our Aquatics Horowhenua sites for a free fitness class.

Redeemable for up to two adults one time only.










**Ngā takunetanga me
ngā mahi ā-rēhia**
Events and activities

Horowhenua is a vibrant district full of events and activities to enjoy. Horowhenua District Council offers you plenty of ways to keep in touch with what's happening around the district.

Websites

Are you organising an event? You can add your own event to the event calendar on the Horowhenua District Council website, and see what events have already been listed. Events listed on Eventfinda will show on horowhenuanz.co.nz.

Event calendars can be found on the following websites:









-  horowhenuanz.co.nz/events
-  horowhenua.govt.nz/Events
-  tetakere.org.nz/Events
-  teawahou.com/Events
-  aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz/Events

To learn more about running an event in Horowhenua visit horowhenua.govt.nz/organisingevents







Social media

We advertise upcoming events on our social media channels. Keep up to date by following us:

Facebook

-  [HorowhenuaDC](#)
-  [HorowhenuaNZ](#)
-  [te.takere](#)
-  [TeAwhouNieuweStroom](#)
-  [AquaticsHorowhenua](#)
-  [YouthSpaceHorowhenua](#)
-  [YEPhorowhenua](#)
-  [shannonlibrarynz](#)

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-  [horowhenua_nz](#)
-  [tetakere](#)
-  [te_ahou_nieuwe_stroom](#)
-  [youthspace_horowhenua](#)

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In print

If you prefer information in print, look out for these regular publications:

- Community Connection is published as an insert in the Horowhenua Chronicle twice a month.
- Puāwai is a quarterly magazine for our older community and is available for free from the Civic Building, Levin Mall, our Community Centres and various other locations around the district.
- From The Mayor's Desk. Each month the Mayor publishes a column in the Horowhenua Chronicle between Community Connections.
- What's On. A list of events for the upcoming month are advertised on the last Friday of the month in the Horowhenua Chronicle.

Email and e-newsletters

Download the Community Connection and Puāwai from our website.

-  horowhenua.govt.nz/News-Events/Publications/Community-Connection
-  horowhenua.govt.nz/News-Events/Publications/Puawai

You can also receive both publications by email. Contact comms@horowhenua.govt.nz to subscribe to the mailing list or follow the links on the website to receive both publications by email.

Private events

We offer a variety of halls, venues and meeting rooms for corporate events, birthday parties, sporting events, weddings and more.

Facility Hire Application Forms and more information about these spaces and available equipment are available on our website.

📍 horowhenua.govt.nz/CommunityPlaces/Halls-Recreation-Sport/Halls-Venues-Meeting-Rooms

To learn more about bookable spaces in our Community Centres contact us on (06) 366 0853 or bookings@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Connect with a group or organisation

Horowhenua is home to many amazing community groups and organisations. Whether you're into arts, crafts, sports or volunteering, you're sure to find like-minded people in Horowhenua. If you want to learn a new skill or are looking for support as a parent, older person or a person with a disability, there are many groups who might be able to help. To learn more about special interest groups and to connect with others with similar interests and lifestyles browse the local directory on our website.

📍 horowhenua.govt.nz/Local-Directory

Sports and Recreation

Horowhenua is a great place to be active. Our Sport Horowhenua Community Connector is available on 021 507 963 for any queries regarding Sport and Recreation in the district and can connect you with the many sports and recreation clubs in Horowhenua.

Sport Manawatū have a great list of contacts online at sportmanawatu.org.nz/home/get-active/find-a-sport/ if there is a particular sport you are interested in, or you can call Sport Manawatū on 06-357 5349 with any queries.



A scenic beach landscape under a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. A large flock of birds is flying across the sky. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach with some driftwood. In the middle ground, waves are breaking on the shore. A small, dark-colored vehicle is parked on the sand to the right.

Te utu i ō reiti

Paying your rates

Rates are Horowhenua District Council's main form of income and are used to run and maintain the facilities and services we enjoy in the community.

Horowhenua District Council sets two sorts of rates: targeted rates, which fund specific activities, and general rates, which fund everything else.

TARGETED RATES FUND:

- solid waste disposal
- water supply
- wastewater disposal
- land transport (roading)
- stormwater
- library services and community centres
- representation and community leadership; and
- aquatic centres (swimming pools).

GENERAL RATES FUND:

- Regulatory Services (liquor, health and safety licensing, building consents, resource consents, animal control, parking enforcement, and general regulatory services);
- Community Facilities and Services, except Library and Community Centres and Aquatic Centres (passive reserves, street beautification, sports grounds,

cemeteries, halls and community buildings, and public toilets);

- Community Support (emergency management, community engagement, visitor information, and economic development);
- Governance and Community Leadership for the activities of Strategic Planning and District Plan development only;
- Property (commercial property, general property, Council buildings); and
- Treasury activities (investment and borrowing activities).

As Horowhenua is part of the Horizons region, you'll need to also pay rates separately to the Horizons Regional Council who manage the region's natural resources, lead regional land transport planning, contract passenger transport services, and coordinate our region's response to natural disasters and emergencies. You can find information about Horizons Regional Council rates at horizons.govt.nz/property-rates.

RATES REBATES

Rates rebates may be available to eligible residential ratepayers. To be eligible, you must be:

- named as a ratepayer for the property, and;
- living at the property on 1 July of the previous year.

Rebates are based on total household income for the tax year ending 31 March and the amount of rates for both Horowhenua District Council and your regional council.

To check your entitlement, visit the 'Getting a rates rebate' page on the New Zealand Government website www.govt.nz and enter your details into the rebate calculator.

Phone us on 06 366 0999 or email ratesrebates@horowhenua.govt.nz if you need help with your application. Home visits can be arranged if needed.

Application forms are also available at our Community Centres (see p.16) or online at horowhenua.govt.nz/ratesrebates

RATING DATABASE

You can view our Rating Information Database online at ratesinformation.horowhenua.govt.nz. Using this link you'll also find land and capital values, and the legal description of a property by using a Street Address or valuation number.

PROPERTY REVALUATION

A rating valuation is a three-yearly assessment of a property's value. Determined by house sale prices on a specific date, Councils use these valuations as a guide for setting your rates.

Revaluations are required by law and we do them because we want to set property rates fairly.

As property values are always moving we need to update our rates distribution to maintain fairness. You can learn more about revaluations by visiting horowhenua.govt.nz/revaluations



How to pay

There are many ways to pay your rates. If you'd like to pay by using a credit card or debit card please visit horowhenua.govt.nz/ratesonlinepayment

Other payment methods:

- Internet Banking (including POLi)
- Direct Debit (preferred method by Council)
- Mail
- Council's customer service centres
- Any NZ Post Shops
- Tokomaru Store

OUR BANK DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Name: Horowhenua District Council

Bank: BNZ

Branch: Levin

Account Number: 02-0668-0070607-02

It is important to quote your rates assessment number (starting with 1-xxxxx) in the reference field so we can locate your payment.

Setting up a direct debit is a handy way to spread the cost, with payments able to be set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as well as quarterly. If you've bought a new home and previously had a direct debit set up, you'll need to complete a new direct debit form and cancel the old one.

For more information, payment options, or to register to have your rates invoices emailed, visit horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Rating-Information or contact our Rates Team on 06 366 0999 or rates@horowhenua.govt.nz.

To learn more about your rates in general visit horowhenua.govt.nz/rates.



A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and blue shorts, is walking on a paved surface. He is holding a large, full black plastic bag of rubbish. The background shows a wooden wall and a white door. The text 'Te para me te hangarua' is overlaid in blue, and 'Rubbish and Recycling' is overlaid in white.

**Te para me
te hangarua**
Rubbish and Recycling

Horowhenua District Council provides a kerbside rubbish bag collection service across the district, and waste transfer stations in Foxton and Shannon.

We also have a kerbside recycling collection service, six permanent recycling stations, and two summer recycling stations.

Council rubbish bags and recycling bins and crates

You can buy Council rubbish bags from our customer service centres (see p.3), supermarkets, and some other shops such as dairies – you might need to ask for them at the counter.

Purchasing Council rubbish bags supports other Council initiatives diverting from landfill.

Your property should come with a Council owned green and yellow wheelie bin and a 55L green recycling crate for your kerbside recycling collection. Use the wheelie bin for recycling paper, cardboard, hard plastics and cans.

Use the crate to recycle glass bottles and jars. If your property's wheelie bin or crate is missing, please contact us.

Kerbside rubbish and recycling days

Rubbish is collected weekly, and recycling is collected every two weeks. Rubbish and recycling are collected on the same day of the week.

Some properties have no Council kerbside collection services or have special arrangements because they have few houses or the road conditions make collecting too dangerous. Check the Kerbside

Services – Rural Collection page on our website for more details: horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Rubbish-Recycling/Kerbside-Rubbish-Recycling-Services

You can check your rubbish and recycling collection day on our website horowhenua.govt.nz/MyNeighbourhood

Waste transfer stations

LEVIN

Sheffield Street

Owned and operated by Midwest Disposals Ltd

7:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday

8am to 4:30pm, weekends and public holidays

Closed: Good Friday, ANZAC Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

SHANNON

North end of Thompson Street

Owned by HDC and operated by Low Cost Bins

10am to 2pm, Sunday

Closed: Monday to Saturday, Good Friday, ANZAC Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

In addition, there are three summer recycling stations at Waitārere Beach, Waikawa Beach and Foxton Beach.

FOXTON,

Harbour Street (Entrance opposite Purcell Street)

Owned by HDC and operated by Low Cost Bins

12 noon to 4pm, Monday, Thursday and Friday

11 am to 4pm, weekends

Closed: Tuesday and Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Recycling stations

AREA	LOCATION	
Tokomaru	Makerua Road, Tokomaru Hall Carpark	All hour access*
Ōpiki	Ōpiki School, Tane Road	All hour access
Foxton	Cnr Purcell and Stewart Streets	All hour access
Shannon	North end of Thompson Street	All hour access*
Levin	Levin Transfer Station, Sheffield Road	All hour access
Waitārere Beach	Waitārere Surf Lifesaving Club, Waitārere Beach Road	Saturday 22 December to mid-March All hour access
Foxton Beach	Seabury Avenue, beside the community centre	Mid December to early April.* All hour access
Waikawa Beach	Hank Edwards Reserve	Mid December to early January. All hour access

* This recycling station may be removed temporarily for servicing and emptying.

What goes where

Let's produce as little rubbish as possible. All waste, even recycled materials, have an impact on our environment. This "What Goes Where" for rubbish and recycling will help you get your household waste products to where they need to be.

Recycling

These items can go in your Recycling Wheelie Bin (please make sure all items are empty and clean):

- Number 1 plastics: Soft drink, juice & water bottles
- Number 2 plastics: Milk, bathroom & laundry products bottles

- Number 5 plastics: Large yoghurt and ice cream tubs, margarine/ butter tubs, some takeaway containers, and janitorial bottles
- Aluminium cans
- Steel food tins and cans
- Cardboard (Excluding pizza boxes)
- Paper/Newspaper/Junk mail

Don't forget to wash and remove lids. Lids go in your rubbish bag. Non-recyclable materials go in your council bag or waste bin. Getting it wrong could mean that your wheelie bin is not emptied as the contents might endanger staff, break machinery or contaminate other recyclables causing them to be disposed of in a landfill.

Glass bottles and food jars (with their lids removed) go in your green crate which is collected at the same time as your Recycling Wheelie Bin. Please stack bottles so that they won't tumble out of the crate.

Contact us if you need a wheelie bin and we will organise delivery to your property. Glass crates can be picked up from council offices.

Please note: deliveries of recycling wheelie bins can take up to a month to be delivered depending on availability.

Food waste

There are currently no kerbside food waste collection services in Horowhenua. Food scraps can be

home composted, placed in a worm farm, or disposed of through our Council Kerbside Rubbish Collection service.

Green waste

Green waste can be taken to the Foxton and Shannon Transfer Stations or composted at home. If green waste gets in with the recycling, it becomes a contaminant and it adversely affects the recycling process. Green waste and garden waste can also get tangled up in our machinery and cause damage, this is also a danger to staff.

Council rubbish bags

Items not listed above can go in Council rubbish bags. Please wrap any broken glass or lightbulbs in newspaper before putting them in your bag.

Please do not put the following in your Council rubbish bag:

- Wet cell, Lithium, or rechargeable batteries (These are one of the major causes of landfill fires and need to be disposed of appropriately at your local refuse transfer station)
- Fluorescent lights
- Hazardous Waste / Household chemicals/ Oil
- Items over 10kg

To learn more about Rubbish and Recycling in Horowhenua visit horowhenua.govt.nz/whatgoeswhere



Tūnga waka Parking

We provide on and off-street parking in Horowhenua including metered areas, time-restricted areas, unrestricted, and all-day parking.

All-day car parking is available on the corner of Salisbury and Bath Streets in Levin, and you can park for free with time limitations in the Levin Mall Car Park on Salisbury Street.

Metered parking areas are on Oxford Street, Bath Street, Chamberlain Street, Queen Street East and West, and the Central Service and North Service lanes.

On weekends and public holidays the metered car parks are free. For further details of metered and time-restricted parking areas, visit: horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Parking

Motorists displaying a valid Mobility Parking Permit are entitled to double the parking time paid for per space.

The time concession starts following your initial payment in a metered space and applies to non-metered spaces as well. This does not include short-term parks such as P5, P10, P15, P30 and Loading Zones.

In addition, mobility car parks are strategically placed around the Levin Central Business District (CBD) and there are a number of these in the Levin Mall Car Park and two in The Warehouse Car Park. There are no time restrictions on, or a need to pay, when using our mobility car parks. There are a number of cycle stands free to use across the district.



Rākau
Whakamarumarū
Emergency
Management

Civil Defence Emergency Management is arguably the most important service that Horowhenua District Council can provide to our community.





We work with emergency services, community groups and organisations, government agencies and other councils to ensure that we as a community get through a civil defence emergency event.

Get prepared

Being prepared for a civil defence emergency is everyone's responsibility, and is the best way to get yourself and your family through safely.





There are plenty of resources online to help you get prepared:

CIVIL DEFENCE WEBSITES

-  [horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/
Emergency-Management/Civil-Defence](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Emergency-Management/Civil-Defence)
-  getready.govt.nz
-  civildefence.govt.nz
-  [facebook.com/
civildefencemanawatuwhanganui](https://facebook.com/civildefencemanawatuwhanganui)

In an emergency

Horowhenua District Council is your local civil defence authority. In an emergency, we will provide instructions, advice and updates.

-  [HorowhenuaDC](https://facebook.com/HorowhenuaDC)
-  [civildefencemanawatuwhanganui](https://facebook.com/civildefencemanawatuwhanganui)
-  horowhenua.govt.nz
-  [Local radio stations](#)

During a civil defence emergency, civil defence centres may need to be activated. The circumstances of the event will determine which centres are activated and the locations will be advised as soon as possible.



Kōrua ko tō kuri **You and your dog**



Dog Owners' Information


Dogs are a major source of enjoyment and companionship, but owning a dog means certain responsibilities for you towards the public and the dog itself. Our Dog Owners' Information Manual provides all the basic information and advice on owning a dog in Horowhenua and is available free online or in print from the Civic Building.

 horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Animal-Control/Dog-Owners-Information

Dog exercise areas

We provide a range of designated dog areas where you can exercise your dog off the leash, including most beach areas and many parks and reserves. There are a number of parks and reserves, and some areas at the beach, where dogs are permitted on a leash. See Parks and Reserves (see p.10) for details of the parks where you can exercise your dog, or check the Exercising Your Dog page of our website.

Dogs are not permitted in Levin, Foxton and Shannon town centres during shop trading hours. Outside shop trading hours, and in other residential streets, your dog is permitted on a leash.

 horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Animal-Control/Dog-Owners-Information-Rego/Exercising-your-Dog

Dog owners are reminded of their responsibility to pick up doggy doo and keep their pets under control at all times.

Dog registration

Registration fees help Council to cover the costs of providing Animal Control Services and to ensure we are meeting our obligations under the Dog Control Act. The fees cover about three-quarters of the cost to run our Animal Services department, as well as action complaints, pay for education programmes and material, pound facilities, and legal costs. The Dog Control Act sets the rules on when to register your dog. You need to register your dog:

- when you move to Horowhenua
- when you first get him or her
- when your puppy turns three months old
- annually after the first registration.

Our registration year runs from 1 July to 30 June the following year. Once you have registered your dog for the first time, we will send you a reminder every year when it is time to renew your registration. You have until 31 July to pay for a re-registration. Fee payments made after 31 July will incur a 50% late fee penalty payment.


Current registration fees are available on the Animal Control Fees and Charges page of Council's website.

 horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Fees-and-Charges/Animal-Control-Fees-Charges

To register your dog, download an application form from the Dog Owners' Information page of our website or contact Council (see p.5).

 horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Animal-Control/Dog-Owners-Information

You can renew your dog registration online, or at our Civic Building, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Shannon Library or Tokomaru Store.

 horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Home-Property/Dogs-Animals/Dog-Renewal-Registration

Animal control

Our Animal Control team is responsible for ensuring animals are looked after and are not menacing or a nuisance to the public. The Animal Control team is available 7 days a week by phoning 06 366 0999. We respond to urgent afterhours callouts and follow up on non-urgent matters the next day during business hours.

Dog pound

Owners of impounded dogs can make an appointment to collect their pets by phoning Council on (06) 366 0999. Depending on circumstances, Animal Control will arrange a time for you to pick up your dog.

Dog Pound fees can be viewed on our Animal Control Fees and Charges page.

 horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Fees-and-Charges/Animal-Control-Fees-Charges



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