

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora koutou,

I'm thrilled to be back after a break and look forward to continuing our efforts to make Horowhenua an even better place to live and thrive.

I recently attended the Local Government New Zealand conference. It was an amazing experience where I had the opportunity to be part of a panel sharing all the wonderful things happening in our community, and championing our district and community. Community events have also been happening and last week I attended the Age Concern Horowhenua grand opening of their new space and helped the Levin Bowling Club celebrate the opening of their new all weather green. I also had the privilege to be part of the karakia for the beginning of the Shannon Railway Station work to raise the platform for the new trains. Raising and upgrading the platform will improve the functionality of this station and will benefit train users from Shannon who utilise this transport option making our district more accessible.

Talking about transport. We want all the roads in Horowhenua to be safe for you and your whānau. As part of this mandated process, we're now reviewing the speed limits around schools in Horowhenua and proposing changing some speed limits in Manakau and Waikawa Beach.

If you haven't given us your feedback on our draft Speed Management Plan, there is still some time left. We want to hear from you. Do you think we've got it right, or are there any changes that we should make to our proposal? We will host a Facebook Live next week to answer any questions or concerns you may have as a community on our proposed Speed Management Plan. Keep an eye on our social media to participate.

I'm proud to be the Mayor of Horowhenua and I believe we have exceptional people in our community. Exceptional people always deserve to be celebrated, and we like to show our most outstanding volunteers how valuable they are. We also like to acknowledge exceptional young people excelling in various fields. These young people are tomorrow's leaders and are also the champions for change.

Nominations are now open for the Civic Honours and Youth Excellence Scholarships and we're calling our community to nominate all the remarkable people in our hāpori. The Civic Honours and Scholarship Awards are always a highlight in my calendar – and I look forward to presenting winners with accolades during an exclusive awards ceremony in November 2023.

Until next time – stay warm!

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Important Notices

Ashlea Road, Tokomaru Road Improvements

Council is improving a section of Ashlea Road, Tokomaru from property numbers 65 to 113 to make the road fit for purpose for present and future traffic demands.

Construction will take place between **10 August 2023 and 15 September 2023**, weather dependent. Work is scheduled between 7am and 5pm on weekdays and on Saturdays if needed. Stop-Go signs will operate until the project is completed.

Affected residents will be advised beforehand.

Kennedy to Cambridge Wastewater Upgrade

Tatana Contractors, Levin are renewing and upgrading the existing wastewater main from Kennedy Drive/Glen Street intersection through to Highbury Drive/Cambridge Street intersection to ensure a more reliable wastewater network.

The construction work is set to start on **21 August 2023** and is expected to be completed by **19 October 2023**, weather dependant. Motorists are advised that Stop-Go signs will operate until the project is completed. Working hours will be from 7am to 6pm each weekday.

Access to entrances and exits on Glen Street and from lot number 2 to 16 on Highbury Drive may be restricted – affected residents will be advised beforehand.

Kings Drive Wastewater Reticulation Renewal Update

Higgins Contractors, Levin are renewing and upgrading the existing wastewater main on Kings Drive, Levin to ensure a more reliable wastewater network.

Footpath upgrades started on **1 August 2023**. Work began on the North-West side footpath. Some driveway crossings along Kings Drive will be restricted to allow for the necessary footpath and driveway crossings repairs.

This scope of work will continue to the East through the end of the month. Because concrete takes at least two days to cure, the driveways may be out of service during this period.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, and we encourage you to take note of and follow the temporary traffic management each day, as there is still ongoing work for the new sewer main.

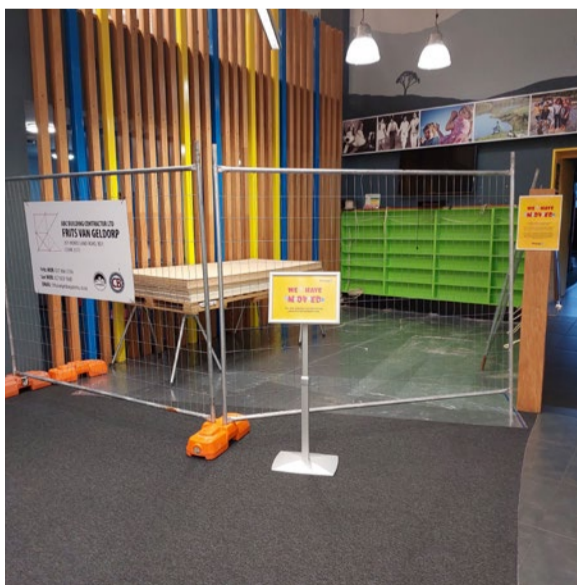
For any enquiries, please contact Council on 06 366 0999 or enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz

For more public notices visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/PublicNotices

In the Works

Our teams and contractors have been busy with lots of work happening in the district.



Work is now underway with contractors to develop a specific space for the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Hub connection within Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, with completion planned within approximately four weeks.

We are Horowhenua



Do you know someone living in Horowhenua between the ages of 10 years and 25 years? Now is the time to come forward and participate in the Levin Town Centre creative placemaking project.

To kick off this initiative, printed and framed images of Horowhenua rangatahi will be placed in the Levin Town Centre. Applicants will be selected to be representatives of Horowhenua and have their portrait taken to be used as posters of art in the Levin Town Centre. Black and white photographs will be used and displayed with a description in the storefront windows to align our town centre and mana of Horowhenua rangatahi.

For more information and to fill out the application form visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/WeAreHorowhenua

Community grants closing soon



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

Whether you need assistance with your community organisation's operating costs. Or starting up or supporting existing projects and programmes that contribute towards strengthening and enhancing our community's wellbeing – socially, mentally, physically and spiritually. Or perhaps you would like to put on a cultural, celebratory or educational event for the people of Horowhenua to participate in – we have you covered.

Get your application in before midnight on Thursday 31 August 2023.

horowhenua.govt.nz/grants

Safer speeds in our neighbourhoods

All councils in Aotearoa are legally required to review speed limits around schools and to consult on a Speed Management Plan to set safe and appropriate speed limits in their area as mandated by Waka Kotahi.

As part of this mandated process, Horowhenua District Council is reviewing speed limits on our local roads.

We propose changing the speed limits around schools and want to hear what you think about our proposal. We're also proposing to reduce speed limits in Manakau and Waikawa Beach.

You can read more about our proposed changes on our Let's Kōrero online engagement platform. Tell us what you think before 5pm Monday 21 August 2023.



For more information, or to give us feedback visit:

letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/speed-management-plan

YOUTH EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Rewarding exceptional rangatahi

Twelve scholarships are up for grabs for young people aged 12 to 24 years old leading the way in:

- Community Service
- Academia
- Sports and/or
- Art & Culture

Nominate your mate by 12 September 2023. For more info:

horowhenua.govt.nz/youthexcellence (06) 366 0999



CIVIC HONOURS

Celebrating community champions

Nominate exceptional volunteers for a Civic Honour, Horowhenua District Council's highest recognition for voluntary service.

Nominations close 12 September 2023.

For full criteria and to submit your nomination:

horowhenua.govt.nz/civichonours 06 366 0999



HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



Scan this QR code to complete a survey about Community Centres and Libraries.

This survey should take less than two minutes to complete and we'd love to hear your thoughts.



Beautify our streets



Applications will close at 5pm on Wednesday 30 August 2023.

horowhenua.govt.nz/ChorusCabinets

Artist - Sonja Hart

Council Meetings



Risk and Assurance Committee
Wednesday 16 August 2023, 1pm

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



Council Meeting
Wednesday 30 August 2023, 1pm

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

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings for the full meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.

Free entry

TE KURA Ā ROHE

Exploration in placement of value

PRESENTED BY TE TAITOA MĀORI O TE AWAHOU TRUST



Pip Devonshire.
Nga Kākano.



ART EXHIBITION
8 AUG - 31 OCT 2023
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
92 Main Street, Foxton

