

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora koutou,

It was Remembrance Day last weekend, a day that signalled the end of World War I and gave us the opportunity to

pay our respects to the many thousands of New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives during the war, and reflect on the impact that it had on us as a nation. We should be extremely grateful to those that made that sacrifice so that we can continue to live in the relative freedom we have here today.

With a number of conflicts and tensions throughout the world at the moment, it is timely that we take the opportunity to reflect on how lucky we are to live in Horowhenua. There will always be issues and challenges that we have to deal with locally but when you put that into perspective of what is happening in other parts of the world then we are indeed fortunate.

We are certainly a more diverse district than ever before. We had Colombian refugees join us this past year and it has been wonderful the way the community has embraced and supported our new residents. Lately we have had a number of events acknowledging language week for some of the Pacific nations and the celebration of Diwali recently was as colourful and vibrant as any celebration we have seen. It is fantastic to see the different ethnicities showcasing their customs and traditions in this way.

Last week's successful Age on the Go Expo highlighted this even more when we were entertained by kapa haka and waiata performances by both young and old. It demonstrates how connected and supportive Horowhenua is and that we should always be loud and proud about where we live in NZ.

Local Government has many challenges at the moment and none bigger than our financial sustainability. Despite the uncertainty of Central Government Reform and the current financial model that we have to deal with, we are now in the process of developing our Long Term Plan for the next 20 years. Council, just like households, have to face the realities of the economic landscape that exists today and the pressures that result from rising interest rates and inflation. This will also make it equally challenging for Council to develop a plan and a budget that continues to deliver core services and meet the expectations of our residents. Our focus will definitely be on getting the basics right but even that will not be without its challenges.

I hope that you will engage with us through this process as it is vitally important that we make good decisions about our future and the views and opinions of you all will help inform those decisions.

Look forward to catching up with you soon.

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Foxton Futures – Community Planning Sessions

With the ongoing growth and the Ōtaki to North of Levin (Ō2NL) expressway set to open by 2029, Foxton and Foxton Beach residents are invited to share their ideas about the future of their community at a series of planning sessions.

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Monday 20 November 2023
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Foxton

Each session will run for 90 minutes, starting with a presentation, followed by a workshop.

Choose a time slot that suits you, commencing at:

- 10.30am
- 2.00pm
- 5.30pm

To register to attend a session, or for any enquiries, please email:

@ Foxton.futures@horowhenua.govt.nz

📧 horowhenua.govt.nz/FoxtonFutures/CPS

BE PART OF THE CHANGE. LET'S SHAPE THE FUTURE TOGETHER.

HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



Scan this QR code to complete a survey about the Levin Aquatic Centre.

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



Council Meetings

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Council Public Forum
Wednesday 22 November 2023,
12.15pm to 12.45pm
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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Council Meeting
Wednesday 22 November 2023, 1pm
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Public Forum
Monday 4 December 2023,
5.30pm to 6.00pm
Ngārongo Iwikātea Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Main Street, Foxton

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Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting
Wednesday 13 December 2023, 10am
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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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.

CUPPA
WITH A COUNCILLOR

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Thursday 14 December 2023
• Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
• Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
• Shannon Library

Time: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Important Notices

Annual Reseal Programme 2023

Now that the air and ground temperatures are warmer, Horowhenua District Council's Annual Reseal Programme is underway.

Council's maintenance contractor Higgins Contractors Ltd will be undertaking the resurfacing work and it should be completed by February 2024, weather dependent.

This year's reseal sites are spread throughout the district and include sites in Levin, Foxton, Foxton Beach, Koputaroa, Moutoa, Waikawa Beach, Waitāreere Beach, Tokomaru and Shannon. A full list is available below.

If your street is on this year's reseal programme, our contractor will deliver a letter to you before the resurfacing work starts (for urban towns only). The letter will detail when the work will take place and the hours and duration of the work.

PROGRAMMED DATE*	ROAD NAME	AREA
1-Nov	SARAH STREET	Waikawa Beach
	LIVERPOOL STREET	Levin
2-Nov	WINCHESTER STREET	Levin
6-Nov	ENTERPRISE DRIVE	Levin
7-Nov	QUEEN STREET EAST	Levin
	BARTHOLOMEW ROAD	Levin

PROGRAMMED DATE*	ROAD NAME	AREA
8-Nov	QUEEN STREET WEST	Levin
	DUKE STREET	Levin
	MARGARET STREET	Levin
	CARDIFF STREET	Levin
	HIGHFIELD PLACE	Levin
9-Nov	CD FARM ROAD	Levin
	KAWIU ROAD	Levin
	NEWPORT STREET	Levin
13-Nov	DENTON ROAD	Levin
	WALLACE LOOP ROAD	Koputaroa
14-Nov	HEATHERLEA WEST ROAD	Levin
	WAITĀREERE RISE AVENUE	Waitāreere Beach
	HICKFORD ROAD	Foxton
15-Nov	UNION STREET	Foxton
	HUNTLY STREET	Foxton
	STEWART STREET	Foxton
16-Nov	HIMATANGI BLOCK ROAD	Foxton (North)
	TAYLORS STREET	Foxton Beach
	STAFFORD STREET	Shannon
20-Nov	TOKOMARU ROAD	Tokomaru
	BARBER ROAD	Moutoa
	BRYCE STREET	Shannon
	STOUT STREET	Shannon
	VANCE STREET	Shannon
	KINGSTON ROAD	Shannon

* Dates are subject to change

Horowhenua Christmas



Celebrate Christmas in Horowhenua at a number of community events.

For more information visit:
horowhenua.govt.nz/Christmas

Santa Paws
19 Sunday 19 November, 9.30am to 12.30pm
Kowhai Park

Late Night Shopping
Every Wednesday in Levin

Pop Up Eats – The Festive Edition (Levin)
6 Wednesday 6 December, 3pm to 8pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō carpark

Harvey Bowler Avenue of Trees
8 Friday 8 December, 6pm to 8.30pm
Levin Memorial Hall

9 Saturday 9 December, 4pm to 8.30pm
Levin Memorial Hall

10 Sunday 10 December, 4pm to 8.30pm
Levin Memorial Hall

Christmas in the Park
9 Saturday 9 December, 3pm to 7pm
Levin Adventure Park

Pop Up Eats – The Festive Edition (Foxton)
14 Thursday 14 December, 3pm to 8pm
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Shannon Christmas Parade and Celebrations
16 Saturday 16 December, 9am to 3.30pm
During the celebrations, a Christmas Parade will be held at 11.30am on Stout Street

Join the Creative Communities Committee



We're on the hunt for creative individuals to join the Creative Communities Committee.

Each year Creative New Zealand provides funding for councils to distribute in their area. The Creative Communities Committee Members help allocate these funds to art projects across Horowhenua, and you could be part of this!

We are looking for artists, people with specialist art knowledge and creative minds to apply. We have at least five available positions on the Committee and to ensure we have a diverse range of experience and representation, we have positions specifically for Pasifika, rangatahi/youth, and tangata whenua.

Head to horowhenua.govt.nz/HorowhenuaCCC for more information and to get your application in to join the committee. Applications close at 5pm on Thursday 23 November 2023. If you need any help applying please contact:

@ community@horowhenua.govt.nz
06 366 0999

Let's Kōrero

Let's Kōrero is a space for our community to share ideas, discuss important topics, provide feedback on policy, planning and contribute to the future of the Horowhenua District.

Visit letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz to share your thoughts and make a submission on the: Proposed Rates Remission & Postponement Policy (closes 5pm on Monday, 20 November 2023)

Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw (closes 4pm on Monday 4 December 2023)

letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz

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www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Antenno



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