

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

The focus for Council recently has been exploring our options for developing a Water Services Delivery Plan before September

2025, as directed by the Government. This plan needs to demonstrate how councils will manage and invest in Three Waters services to meet current and future standards and remain financially sustainable.

Horowhenua is in the fortunate position that we have a number of options to explore. These include maintaining the status quo and doing it ourselves or different combinations including joining either our Horizons or Wellington Regional neighbours. Later this month we will eliminate some options so that when we consult with the community about the future plan there will be two or three options which we believe will be the best for the ratepayers of our district.

We plan to consult in with you in early 2025 and a final decision will follow. It is a significant decision for Council and it is vital that the community's voice is a part of that decision. You will hear and see more over the next few months.

In preparation for the new plan Council has brought the operation and maintenance of our water, wastewater and stormwater services back under Council management from Downer. Most of the Downer staff have made the transfer to Council and the community will see little change, as the expertise and skills of these staff will continue to ensure we deliver a great service.

Through the Long Term Plan 2024/25, Council asked the Chief Executive to make some operational savings and this move alone should save the organisation up to \$1 million this year as we gain considerable efficiencies.

A highlight from last week's Council Meeting was receiving an Unqualified Audit from Audit NZ and adopting our 2023/24 Annual Report. The report records the financial data for the year as well as many of the successes that we have had and shows very clearly the huge amount of work that has been accomplished.

On a sadder note, we farewellled Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua, who resigned recently after serving the community for the last 11 years as Levin Ward Councillor. Piri-Hira's time on Council was notable for many achievements, including her work with our Youth Forums and her skillful chairing of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee. She was also a leading light in getting the Levin Splash Pad established.

I will miss her contribution around the Council table as she was always well prepared and came ready to ask the hard questions. On behalf of the people of Horowhenua, thank you Piri-Hira for your service and best wishes for your future endeavours.

Council also voted to support the transfer of the Foxton War Memorial Hall to a community group merging Te Tūmatakahuki, which represents the hapū and marae of Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga, and members of the community who supported keeping the hall for community use. This has been a long process with the transfer enabling the hall to continue as a community space.

There are some covenants that will be built into the transfer to ensure that Council and community interests are well documented. We look forward to seeing the result of the collaboration and how it will bring new life to the hall.

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Council Meetings

11 Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Public Forum

Monday 11 November 2024

5.30pm to 6pm

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

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6pm to 8pm

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27 Council Public Forum

Wednesday 27 November 2024,

12.15pm to 12.45pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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Land Transport Bylaw

On 1 November, following consultation with the community, the Land Transport Bylaw 2024 came into effect.

The bylaw makes changes to parking and road use in Council-controlled areas. Among the changes road users will notice are the addition of P120 carparks in Cambridge Street, Levin, between Bath Street and Queen Street, and Oxford Street, Levin, next to the Levin Adventure Park. The bylaw also confirms changes to the location of mobility parks and loading zone areas currently in place.

To view the bylaw visit the Council office on Oxford St or have a look on the Council website,

www.horowhenua.govt.nz



Remembrance
Day 2024

11 November

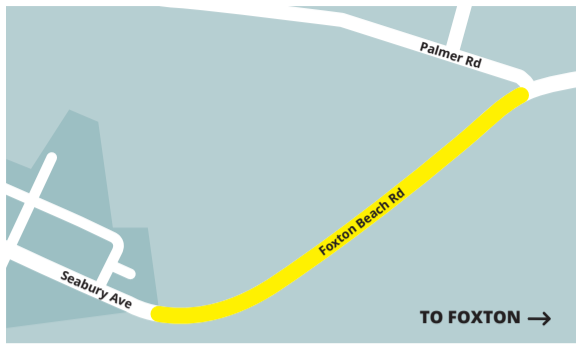
To mark the armistice that ended the First World War in 1918, Remembrance Day commemorations will be held in Levin and Foxton.

For more information, visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/RemembranceDay



Important Notice



Road Closure – Foxton Beach Road, Foxton, 18-29 November

We will carry out rehabilitation work on Foxton Beach Road from 18-29 November, weather permitting. The road will be closed from Palmer Road to Seabury Avenue, with access for residents only. There will be a detour down Palmer Road and Nash Parade.

This project includes milling, reshaping and compaction then chip-sealing the road.

Road Closure – Tyne Street, Levin, 28 November onwards

We will finalise work on the stormwater and sewerage pipes on Tyne Street now that groundwater levels have dropped enough to allow us to do so. Tyne Street will be closed for 1-3 days and there will be some lane closures on Oxford Street, both during the day and at night.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

In the works

Work continues on York Street to remove and fill old sewer manholes, complete footpath reinstatement and add road markings. The road will remain open but there will be some traffic management and lane closures. The work is scheduled to finish on 15 November.



Work on stormwater sumps continues on Oxford Street between the Mobil station and Tyne Street. The road will remain open but there will be minor traffic management and footpath closures. The work is scheduled to finish on 12 November.

Free event



Diwali

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights

Diwali celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, & renewal of life. Festivities are organised in collaboration with our Indian Community and will provide an opportunity to learn and engage with the rich traditions of Indian culture

NOV 16 Saturday 16 November 2024
From 5pm to 9pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō/
Levin Mall Carpark

Proudly-sponsored by Higgins

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Christmas

PARADE & CARNIVAL

Saturday 7 December 2024

The Horowhenua Christmas Parade and Carnival is back! You can find more information, including a form for entering a float in the parade at:

www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Christmas

UNISON COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS...



BEATZ OF NATIONZ



COME AND EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT BEATS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE, LOCAL CULTURAL DANCE, ART, AND FOOD!

NOV 30 Saturday 30 November
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Village Green, Levin

horowhenua.govt.nz/BeatzOfNationz

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HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?

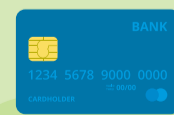


Scan the QR code to complete the survey about Land Transport

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



Please do not put anything in the recycling bin if it is smaller than a credit card.



It gets stuck in the conveyor belt at the Material Recycling Facility in Palmerston North.

To learn more about rubbish and recycling visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/WhatGoesWhere