

# Community Connection

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Horowhenua  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

## Message from the Mayor

**Kia ora Horowhenua,**

The past month has been extremely busy for myself, Councillors and Council Officers as we have worked to connect with as many residents and ratepayers as possible to engage on the draft Long Term Plan (LTP).

It was impressive to see such active participation from a diverse range of people, all keen to learn more about the LTP and have their say. We've had some difficult but constructive discussions, and it's clear that while Council is looking at ways to reduce costs, we need to remain committed to delivering the quality of services you rely on.

The LTP consultation period ended on Monday 15 April. A big shout-out to everyone who took the time to make a submission, attended the Cuppa with a Councillor and Citizen's Panel sessions, and who participated in our quick polls and Facebook Live sessions. We had 36 LTP events, more than 120 attended the Citizen's Panels and 300 people attended the rangatahi and community group events. Your input is crucial for our planning and is taken into account when it comes to decision making time.

We've received around 500 formal submissions and are now gearing up for Hearings from 1-2 May. Deliberations are scheduled for 22-23 May, and we're looking to adopt the LTP on 26 June 2024.

Also, I'd like to give particular mention to the younger sector of the community. This year, we engaged with more children and young people than previously and they've brought some fresh and exciting ideas to the table, showing how dynamic and forward-thinking they are.

On a celebratory note, it was an absolute pleasure for Sharon and I to attend a ceremony at the Tokomaru Fire Station, where Chief Fire Officer Mechelle Kohunui was awarded a Gold Star for 25 year's service. On behalf of Council and the community, congratulations Mechelle, we extend our deepest appreciation of your service and support.

Looking ahead, I encourage local businesses to enter the 2024 Electra Business & Innovation Awards. It's a wonderful platform to highlight your business innovation and achievements. Entries are now open and will close on 9 June 2024.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you on Thursday, 25 April, when we commemorate ANZAC Day and remember those lost to war and pay tribute to the servicemen and women who have returned. We invite you to join us at one of the many ceremonies across the Horowhenua.

Ngā mihi

Mayor Bernie Wanden

## HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



Scan the QR code to complete the survey about Communication and Engagement.

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



## Council Meetings



### Council Meeting

Wednesday 1 May 2024, 1pm  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



### Council Public Forum

Wednesday 8 May 2024,  
12.15pm to 12.45pm  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



### Council Meeting

Wednesday 8 May 2024, 1pm  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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

## Play Trailer to delight and inspire tamariki and whānau

**Community events have got more fun with a new play trailer available to hire for free to delight and inspire tamariki and whānau.**

The towable trailer, Kia Kaha (which translates to 'stay strong'), is full of a wide range of play equipment kindly donated by organisations in Horowhenua and encourages unstructured, imaginative and active play to support healthy communities.

Inside there is sporting and play equipment such as balls, cricket gear, hula hoops, and more. The contents are aimed for young people aged between 5 and 16 years old, but can be enjoyed by older whānau members too.

This free resource is available for community groups to use at their events and can be picked up from the Levin Aquatic Centre.

The play trailer was made possible due to a partnership between Horowhenua District Council and Sport Manawatū, and was established by Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund.



While there is no charge to use the play trailer, a koha in the form of adding some equipment is appreciated – this could be sporting or play equipment which encourages imaginative play.

To book Kia Kaha, visit:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/PlayTrailer](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/PlayTrailer)



## Hold off for a full wash

Only do full loads in the washing machine - the average volume of water for a single load of washing is more than 120 litres.

For more water saving tips visit:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/WaterSavingTips](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/WaterSavingTips)

## Building an Awesome Whānau with Pio Terei

FREE



Thursday 2 May 2024

5.30pm to 8.30pm

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Registrations are required.

Register on Eventfinda:

[eventfinda.co.nz](https://eventfinda.co.nz) Search 'Pio Terei'



## Temporary Water Shutdown - York Street, Levin and surrounding areas

To ensure a more reliable wastewater network, we are renewing and upgrading the water and wastewater main on York Street, Levin. To prepare for the next stage of this project, there will be short water shutdowns for investigative work on **Tuesday 23 April 2024** to some properties in the area.

The following properties will be affected:

- **Salisbury Street:** Numbers 45 to 76 Section 2
- **Bristol Street:** Numbers 25 to 55 Section 3
- **Essex Street:** Numbers 45 to 48
- **Oxford Street:** Properties on the western side of the road from numbers 309 to 347.

The shutdown will affect the above properties in stages, with the longest shutdown being three hours in duration during a 9am to 5pm time period.

Due to the nature of the investigative work, other properties in the area may be affected.

To prepare for the shutdown, please fill up suitable containers and ensure you have a water supply on hand before the water is turned off.

To prevent any potential damage to your hot water cylinder caused by a low water level, please avoid using hot water during the shutdown and other appliances that use water, such as washing machines or dishwashers which could be damaged if used without water.

The water supply may be reconnected before our proposed finishing time, so please ensure all taps are turned off to prevent any flooding of your property.

When the water supply is turned back on, the water may have a milky-white appearance. This is caused by small air bubbles in the water supply and will not affect taste or quality. Our contractor, Higgins Contractors Limited, will try to eliminate most of the air from the system when the supply is restored. However, if air is still visible in your water, running a tap for a few minutes should clear it from your pipes.

In the event of bad weather, this shutdown will be postponed until Tuesday 30 April 2024.

A second water shutdown will take place in the upcoming weeks to continue the upgrade, once the investigative works have been completed. We will advise of the date and time once it is scheduled.

For further information, please contact Higgins Contractors Limited on 06 366 0006.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as this project is completed.

For more public notices visit:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/PublicNotices](https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

# WASTED

with Kate

## Busting waste myths, and how to spot 'greenwashing'

Discover how to recycle efficiently and reduce your waste at Kate's workshop on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at Council Chambers, Levin from 6pm to 8pm. Book now at:

[www.wastedkate.co.nz](https://www.wastedkate.co.nz)

Hine Takurua

Autumn

# pool party



Saturday 27 April

3pm - 5pm  
Levin Aquatic Centre

\$2 ENTRY

## ANZAC Day Observances Thursday 25 April 2024

Commemorate ANZAC Day during services and ceremonies in Horowhenua.

### Foxton Dawn Service

5:30am Assemble at RSA, Easton St

5:45am Parade moves off to Cenotaph

6:00am Cenotaph Service begins

*Wet weather alternative: Service will take place inside RSA.*

### Foxton Civic Ceremony

9:00am Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Main St

9:35am Parade assembles at Wharf St to move off to Cenotaph

9:40am Cenotaph Service begins

*Wet weather alternative: Ceremony will take place inside Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom.*

### Levin Dawn Service

5:45am Assemble at RSA, Devon St

6:00am Parade moves off to Cenotaph

6:15am Cenotaph Service begins

6:45am Return to RSA

*Provision will be made for those members unable to march to the Cenotaph from the Levin RSA.*

*Wet weather alternative: Service will take place inside RSA.*

### Levin Civic Ceremony

10.00am Parade to assemble outside Thompson House Gardens on Kent Street

10:10am Parade moves off to Cenotaph

10:30am Cenotaph Service begins

*Wet weather alternative: Ceremony will take place inside Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.*

### Levin Retreat Ceremonies

4:45pm The Avenue Cemetery

5:15pm Tiro Tiro Rd Cemetery

### Manakau Special Memorial Service

7.20am Assemble outside Manakau Hall to march to the War Memorial in Honi Taipua St

### Moutoa Civic Ceremony

9:00am Moutoa Memorial Gates, Foxton-Shannon Rd

### Ōhau Civic Ceremony

2:00pm Tea/Coffee and children's activities at Ōhau Community Hall

2:45pm Formal reflections and acknowledgement of Anzac Day

3:15pm Music and sing-along

### Shannon Civic Ceremony

11.15am Parade assembles at the corner of Vance Street and Plimmer Terrace

11.25am Parade moves off to Cenotaph

11.30am Cenotaph Service begins

*Wet weather alternative: Ceremony will take place at Shannon Memorial Hall.*

### Tokomaru Civic Ceremony

10:00am RSA and Country Club, Matipo St

### Waitārere Beach Civic Ceremony

8:30am Tea/Coffee at Waitārere Beach Bowling Club, Park Ave

9:00am Service begins

In event of bad weather, commemorations will move indoors. Some locations will change as indicated. An announcement will be made on Facebook [f HorowhenuaDC](https://www.facebook.com/HorowhenuaDC) on ANZAC Day morning should we need to move to wet weather venues.

Visit [horowhenua.govt.nz/ANZAC](https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/ANZAC) for ANZAC Day observances throughout Horowhenua

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