

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

Mānawatia a Matariki! It's been amazing celebrating Matariki these past few weeks. The Lights over Te Awahou event had an incredible vibe with live music, stunning lights, and delicious food from the food trucks. Celebrating the Māori New Year in Shannon at Ōtauru and attending the dawn karakia in Levin were equally special experiences, each adding something unique and wonderful to our celebrations.

A huge shout out to our iwi partners, community members, and Council Officers who made these events happen. Collaboration is key to organising such a big programme of events and Council is grateful to be able to bring these to you along with Muaūpoko, Ngāti Raukawa hapū representatives and school representatives. Whether you're into the entertainment aspect, food, adventure or history, there's been something for everyone to acknowledge Matariki.

The Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2044 was officially adopted at the Council meeting on 26 June 2024. This plan isn't just a hefty document; it's Council's commitment to a sustainable future. Titled 'Challenging Times, Challenging Choices,' it reflects the tough decisions we've made together to shape our district's future.

You might be wondering what to expect from 1 July onwards when the LTP takes effect. Council will be sending out mailers to ratepayers in mid-August, as well as to everyone who signed up for our digital newsletters. This mailer will explain the key decisions and changes.

Most of Council's services will remain the same, with your rates continuing to fund essential services like fresh drinking water, waste and stormwater infrastructure, roading, rubbish collection and recycling, libraries, and recreational facilities. However, due to significant cost pressures, some services and their costs will change. We've proposed various measures to manage costs, including better waste management and more effective cost-sharing. Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the LTP process.

A function was hosted at Council on Thursday 11 July, for the Electra Business & Innovation Awards 2024 entrants. Entering awards like these is a big step that shows businesses are serious about what they're doing and ready to see how they measure up. It's a brave move that says they believe in their product or service and are looking to improve. I would like to congratulate this year's entrants and wish them all the very best for the judging process.

As part of the awards there is a 'Customer Experience' category with many Horowhenua businesses entered. Be sure to check out how you can vote for a deserving business who you think delivers the best customer experience.

Until next time, stay warm, and for those of you travelling during the school holidays, travel safely!

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR



Thursday 8 August 2024

- Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
- Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Time: 10:30am to 12:30pm

- Shannon Library

Time: 1pm to 2:30pm

Council Meetings



Public Forum

Wednesday 24 July 2024,
12.15pm to 12.45pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

Council Meeting

Wednesday 24 July 2024, 1pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Risk and Assurance Committee

Wednesday 7 August 2024,
10am to 12pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting

Wednesday 14 August 2024,
10am to 12pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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.

Foxton & Foxton Beach Community Planning Sessions



Tuesday 16 July 2024

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Foxton
10am to 12pm

Tuesday 16 July 2024

Manawatū Marine Boating Club, Foxton Beach
2pm to 4pm

Register online to attend a session:

horowhenua.govt.nz/FoxtonFutures/CPS

For any enquiries, please email:

[@Foxton.futures@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:Foxton.futures@horowhenua.govt.nz)

HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



Scan the QR code to complete the survey about Building Consents.

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



Winter Puāwai

Pick up your copy of the Winter 2024 edition of Puāwai from stands located throughout the district, or read it online:

horowhenua.govt.nz/Puawai



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

In the Works



Update on Foxton Beach Road

Council is busy improving the Foxton Beach Road shared pathway by widening it to 1.8m and surfacing it with asphalt to increase safety. A guard rail will also be added. Some sections may need to be narrowed to 1.6m.

We're not filling the drain or replacing it with a stormwater pipe. Instead, we're placing rip-rap in a 60m section of the drain base to prevent erosion without reducing capacity.

Road repairs will follow once footpath and drainage work are finished, aiming for completion by September 2024.

Ōtauru Stream Planting Day

Join us for a native planting day on Monday 15 July 2024 from 10am to 12noon at Graham Street, Shannon.

We're proud to partner with Ngāti Whakatore, Green By Nature, Rivercity Trees, Horizon Regional Council, the Shannon community, Council staff and private landowners in this important project.

Your participation will support local ecosystems, improve water quality, and encourage the return of native wildlife in the Ōtauru Stream.

Together we can gift a stable and thriving environment for our children and future generations.

For more information, visit:
horowhenua.govt.nz/OtauruStreamPlanting



SH1 Oxford Street & Tyne Street Wastewater Renewal

Crucial for Community's Wellbeing and Growth

As part of our waste water reticulation and growth renewals programme, Council is upgrading the critical wastewater infrastructure on Tyne Street and Oxford Street in Levin. This is one of the final steps to enable full growth from north east Levin through to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

While there will be some road closures and traffic diversions, these upgrades are essential for supplying a reliable waste water services with minimum blockages or overflows. We appreciate your patience as we carry out these necessary upgrades.

Why it Matters?

The current concrete pipeline, is plagued with deflections and infiltration issues, and has been a persistent concern. Upgrading this vital infrastructure is not just about fixing old problems; it's about laying the foundation for a healthier, more resilient future.

This project will seamlessly connect recent upgrades on Kings Drive and Cambridge Street North, preparing our town to support the anticipated growth of North East Levin. More than just a technical upgrade, this initiative ensures that our wastewater network can efficiently channel waste to the Treatment Plant on Mako Mako Road, safeguarding our environment and community health.

Together, we're building a stronger, more resilient Levin, where essential services support our collective wellbeing and enable us to grow and prosper together.

Important Notice:

Southbound Lane Closure – SH1 Oxford Street, Levin

As part of our wastewater upgrade and renewal programme, there will be a southbound lane closure at the northern end of SH1 Oxford Street

between York and Tyne Street. This is necessary to install a new manhole and associated pipework. Southbound traffic will be diverted down Tyne Street during this period.

We will take this opportunity to address ongoing stormwater and flooding issues around the access ways on the eastern side of SH1 between Tyne and York Street while traffic management is in place. This work will involve replacing the existing vehicle crossing grates with larger openings to minimise future blockages. Doing this work simultaneously ensures efficiency by reducing the need for separate disruptions and making better use of resources and time.

Key dates and traffic impacts:

22 July – 26 July 2024: Southbound traffic on SH1 between Tyne street and York street will be diverted down Tyne Street and on to Cambridge Street. Work will be conducted during the day between 7.30am to 5.30pm. The site will be open to through traffic outside working hours.

29 July – 2 August 2024: Southbound traffic on SH1 between Tyne and York street will be diverted down Tyne Street and on to Cambridge Street. Work will be conducted 24 hours a day to minimise the overall duration and impact of the project. Higgins have been instructed to conduct all the noisy works during the day if at all possible.

5 August – 8 August 2024: Night works only, with Stop/Go traffic management in place on SH1. There will be no diversion during this phase.

For the final stage of works Tyne Street will be closed from SH1 for an estimated 29 days. However, SH1 traffic will move unobstructed during this phase. Dates to be confirmed.

Total Traffic Impact:

- Detour duration: 10-14 days of southbound diversion down Tyne Street
- Southbound traffic on SH1 needing to access businesses on Oxford Street south of Tyne Street should turn right onto Queen Street
- Stop/Go duration: 4 nights on SH1
- Tyne Street road closure: estimated 29 days

WASTE TIP

Plastic Free July

Use cloth wipes, washable cleaning cloths, or toilet paper instead of single-use plastic wipes to reduce waste.

To learn more about rubbish and recycling visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/WhatGoesWhere

@ events@horowhenua.govt.nz

06 366 0999

Pop Up Eats Horowhenua

Please note works are weather dependant and duration times are subject to change.

Please follow the temporary traffic management signs and instructions. Some on-street parking will be unavailable during construction. Ensure your visitors park safely in nearby parking spaces.

For your safety and the safety of others, please avoid fenced-off areas. Disruptions will be kept to a minimum, and all work will be signposted.

For enquiries, please contact Higgins Contractors Ltd at 06 366 0006. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as this project is completed.

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Customer service hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm and Wednesdays 9.30am to 5pm.