

Puāwai

(Noun: To blossom or come to fruition)

"Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai - Nurture the seed and it will blossom"

Your Local Horowhenua Community Guide



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As we prepare to commemorate New Zealanders killed in war and honour returned and serving servicemen and women during ANZAC Day, we also acknowledge those serving our community today.

In this edition of Puāwai we share the importance of the modern-day New Zealand Defence Force and look at how they are protecting and serving our communities in 2024.

Continuing the military theme, our Library Information Research & Local History Team Lead imagines veteran Charles James Nelson's return to Foxton following the war, and we shine a light on modern day heroes - our brave and selfless local Volunteer Firefighters.

For history buffs, we list our top six places to visit in Horowhenua to learn about days past.

While we celebrate those leading people through difficult times we also explore the challenging choices ahead of us as we consult on our Long Term Plan.

As we look to the future, we celebrate a new era of the Foxton Pools, which has been refreshed and is now open year-round for the community to enjoy, and we list volunteering opportunities to begin a new chapter in your life.


Have an awesome Autumn Horowhenua.



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We love hearing and telling stories about our local community. Send in your ideas, news, photos and feedback to be considered for future Puāwai editions.

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Have your say on Horowhenua District Council's Long Term Plan 2024-44

Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) sets the District's direction for the next 20 years – outlining our activities and providing a long term focus for decision making. It's an important mechanism which strengthens long term planning, community consultation and participation, and accountability.

After months of workshops, Council meetings and exploring various options, Councillors have endorsed a draft Long Term Plan budget that proposes an average rates increase of 17.4%. To put this into perspective, Council's interest, depreciation, insurance and utilities alone account for 14% of the proposed rates increase.

Even with this proposed increase, Council still needs to reduce or discontinue some of its current services. Proposed changes to service delivery include removal of Council's fund for adverse events and emergencies, increasing fees higher than the average, closing community centres on Sundays, increasing trade waste levies and discontinuing urban berm mowing. Without these changes, the average annual rates increase would be 23.6%, an increase Council could not endorse.

Council understand the challenges many households are facing, and are empathetic towards the fact that for many it's hard to make ends meet. Our district has a disproportionately lower than average household income compared to the rest of New Zealand and that, coupled with the ever-rising cost of living is affecting everyone.

Mayor Bernie Wanden says, "Proposing a significant rates increase at any time, but particularly now, is not a decision made lightly, but it's the choice we have to make, if our community expects to receive the level of services they're used to."

The fact is, Council is facing significant cost increases, including impacts on the cost of managing, developing and replacing community assets. Council is also working to minimise debt and fully rate funded operational costs and depreciation. These cost increases and fiscal management changes mean Council needs to increase fees, charges and rates significantly to continue providing the levels of service our communities are used to.

In the past, Council has borrowed money to make rates increases more manageable, but this has led to a considerable amount of debt, limiting its ability to renew and invest in capital assets. This approach is unsustainable in the long term.

With the change of fiscal approach, by 2027 Council would've achieved a fully balanced budget that will enable Council to begin reducing debt. Council will then look to cap future rates increases at 10% per annum.

Council is also consulting on how waste is managed. This includes the Landfill Legacy Rate – Levin Landfill aftercare and landfill debt, delivery of kerbside recycling services and the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. And lastly, how to share the costs of who should pay for what. This includes the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Rate, Economic Development Targeted Rate and Rates Remission Policy.

Chief Executive Monique Davidson says, "We need to have some really hard conversations with our community. Councillors have shown courage as they've leant into the challenges head on, ensuring that Council's infrastructure

and financial models are not only sustainable, but will also ensure we are well positioned to deliver the services our community expects – both now and into the future."

"Take the time and participate in the LTP consultation process to have your say. Now, more than ever, we need your voice to support Council as we navigate challenging times and make tough decisions," Mayor Bernie concludes.

How to have your say

It's easy to ask questions, share your thoughts with Council and make a submission to the Long Term Plan. **Submissions close 15 April 2024.** Council will receive formal submissions and other feedback, including comments from social media, ahead of Council's decision making.

Online:

 letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/LTP2024-44

 Facebook.com/HorowhenuaDC/

 Tiktok.com/@hdcouncil

 Instagram.com/horowhenuadc

 ltl@horowhenua.govt.nz

In person:

Speak to one of our Council Officers on 06 366 0999 or contact your Elected Members.

Council are holding several events and workshops which are open to everyone in the community. A full list of events and workshops is available on letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/LTP2024-44.

Drop into a Cuppa with a Councillor session at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom or Shannon Library to learn more about the Long Term Plan, share your views and get help to make a submission.

- Thursday 4 April 10.30am
- Thursday 11 April 10.30am

Making your submission on paper

Submissions can be delivered to:

Horowhenua District Council Offices
126 Oxford Street, Levin

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Bath Street, Levin

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
92 Main Street, Foxton

Posted to:

Horowhenua District Council
Private Bag 4002
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Long Term Plan Key Dates

2024

15 March – 15 April

Consultation on key issues.

1 – 2 May

Council hearings (where people speak to their submissions).

22 – 23 May

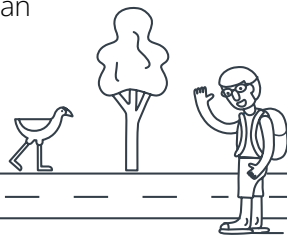
Council considers all information, advice and community feedback and make decisions ('Deliberations').

26 June

Council adopts the Long Term Plan.

1 July

Long Term Plan takes effect.



What is the Long Term Plan?

The Long Term Plan (LTP) sets Council's direction for the next 20 years – outlining our activities and providing a long term focus for decision making. It's an important mechanism which strengthens long term planning, community consultation and participation, and accountability.

The LTP:

- Describes the type of District our communities have told us they want – our community outcomes.
- Details the services and key projects we plan to deliver over the next 20 years to deliver on these community outcomes.
- Outlines the cost of delivering these services and how they will be funded.

Why have a Long Term Plan?

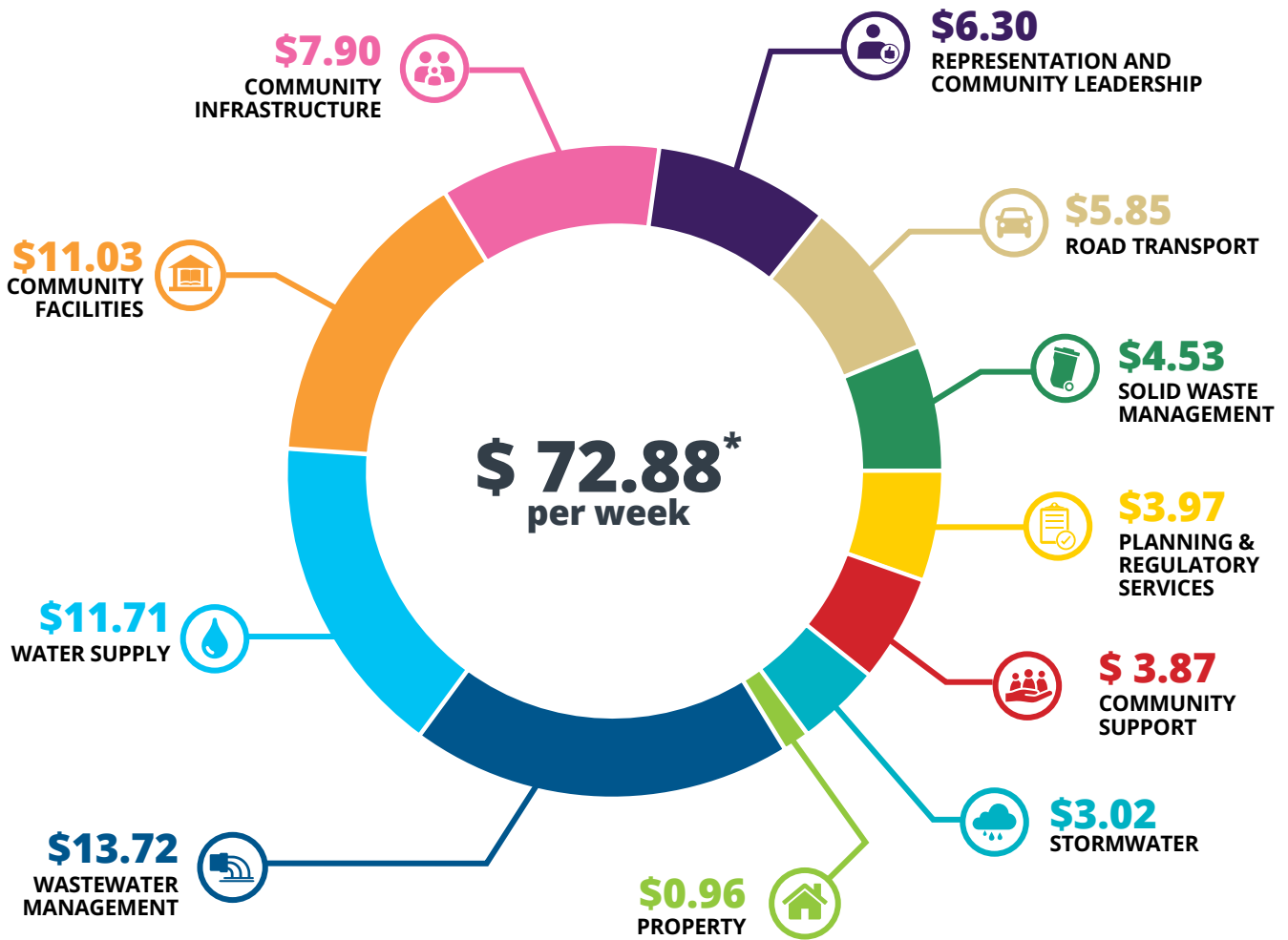
Under the Local Government Act 2002, we have to develop a LTP every three years with full consultation of our community each time. The LTP is also an important process which gives our community the opportunity to have a say on where we are heading, so it is developed together and to ensure our planning is robust.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and discussing these key topics with you. Our Elected Members' contact details are available online:

 horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/About-Council/Mayor-Councillors

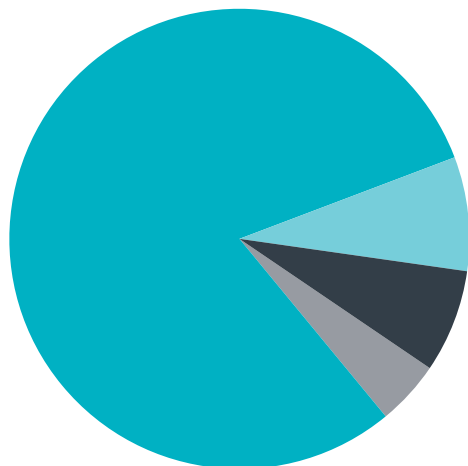


Where do your rates go?



* Based on a Levin residential property valued at \$550,000 Capital Value and \$340,000 Land Value (under the December 2022 QV valuations) with the total estimated rates of \$3,790 for 2024/25 under the preferred option.

What are our revenue sources?



● RATES
80.2%

● FEES AND CHARGES
8.0%

● GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES
7.3%

● OTHER REVENUE*
4.5%

* Development Contributions and miscellaneous revenue

It's cool at Foxton Pools

Heading to a pool isn't normally at the top of the list of things to do as the mercury drops.

But with friendly staff and welcoming smiles, a new inbuilt spa, fitness classes to get the blood pumping and heated pools, Foxton Pools is a hot place to be year-round.

Following a much anticipated upgrade giving our community year-round use of the pools and a more comfortable experience at the facility, a revamped Foxton Pools opened on Tuesday 23 January 2024.

Foxton Pools was previously only opened during the warmer months but now people can learn to swim, enjoy fitness classes, and play in the water in all seasons, without needing to travel to the Levin Aquatic Centre.

Established in 1927, Foxton Pools opened as an outdoor pool at Easton Park. It closed in 2007 but was never demolished. In December that year, a new indoor aquatic centre opened at 61-63 Main Street, Foxton. The site housed a 25x10metre (4 lane) pool, 10x5metre teaching pool and a small toddlers' pool.

Following the recent upgrade, the building now has improved ventilation systems, a new inbuilt spa, a new reception area, and the site has been future proofed for further development.






Foxton Pools are Poolsafe accredited. Poolsafe is a Recreation Aotearoa and Water Safety New Zealand programme incorporating a range of initiatives aimed at reducing the number of water related injuries in and around New Zealand pools. These initiatives include educational resources, public awareness campaigns and a Quality Management Scheme for public pools.

Mobility hoists are available at Foxton Pools, providing people with disabilities or limited mobility greater access to the benefits of water therapy.

The recent redevelopment of Foxton Pools, led by aquatic facility specialists Apollo Projects, cost \$5.8M and was partly funded by Eastern & Central Community Trust, NZ Lotteries and Better Off Funding grants.



*Top left: A look at the upgraded facilities in Foxton Pools.
Top right: People enjoying the refreshed Foxton Pools.
Above: Refreshed Foxton Pools entrance.*

-  Main Street, Foxton
-  aquatics.horowhenua.govt.nz
-  AquaticsHorowhenua
-  foxtonpools@horowhenua.govt.nz
-  06 363 5079

Foxton Pools opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 6am to 7pm
Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 6pm
Public Holidays: 11am to 6pm
ANZAC Day: 1pm to 6pm
Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday,
New Year's Day and day after New Year's:
Closed

Local Legends

Horowhenua Volunteer Fire Brigade

Throughout the year, ordinary people are doing extraordinary things in Horowhenua.

One of the bravest groups of people in our district are our volunteer firefighters, on call around the clock to protect life and property and to respond to emergency situations.

There are seven volunteer fire brigades in Horowhenua operating from Levin, Tokomaru, Waitārere Beach, Shannon, Foxton Beach, and Foxton. Most of these brigades cover their town and immediate surroundings, and the Levin station is also staffed by career firefighters during the busiest times of the week.

The Horowhenua Volunteer Fire Brigade (VFB) is different though, co-located with the Levin brigade, it is home to our district's Natural Environment Fire Specialists.

Volunteers in this brigade are specially trained to fight wildfires and other vegetation fires. They're also equipped with 4x4 emergency vehicles allowing them to respond to emergencies in the difficult or remote terrain of our rural communities outside of town. There are 21 volunteers in the Horowhenua VFB – a similar number to the other brigades.

While vegetation fires make up about half of call-outs, the Horowhenua VFB also support Built Environment (Urban) brigades at house fires in areas without fire hydrants nearby as their trucks hold more water and are even capable of setting up temporary water

supplies during fires. They assist with fires in neighbouring Manawatū and Kāpiti Coast regions from time to time, and send crews to large fires further away, such as January's Tītahi Bay (Porirua) fire.

Unpaid and unheralded, all of the volunteer firefighters in our district's seven brigades are our first line of rescue in hundreds of emergency callouts a year, routinely saving the lives and assets of people they don't know.

Not all volunteers are on the front line. Operational support volunteers assist emergency responders by managing traffic and pedestrians, closing roads, transporting equipment and providing lighting and refreshments.

Volunteers also include Brigade support, an ideal volunteering role for those who want to help our fire brigades but do not want to respond to calls. They perform administrative roles and duties to keep the brigade running smoothly, and work with communities to reduce the risk of fire in homes and in our natural environment.



*Top: Horowhenua crew members Shane, Deb, Andy, Ashley and Rowan on their way to assist with the 2024 Titahi Bay fire.
Above left: Horowhenua, Palmerston North and Manawatū Rural Brigades at a large fire near Shannon in 2024.
Above right: A Horowhenua Rural Volunteer Fire Brigade officer deployed at the 2024 Titahi Bay fire.*

To register your interest in becoming a volunteer visit:
[👉 fireandemergency.nz/volunteering/register-your-interest-to-volunteer/](https://fireandemergency.nz/volunteering/register-your-interest-to-volunteer/)

Top 6 must visit places for history buffs

Horowhenua boasts a range of activities to do, but did you know we've got a great selection of local museums too? From locomotive history, to film and photography right through to local history - we've got something for everyone!

1 Piriharakeke Generation Inspiration Centre

Located in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom lies the Piriharakeke Generation Inspiration Centre, a museum that takes you on an engaging journey of whakapapa and pride of place. Through digital displays, soundscapes and a walk past traditional and modern art, you'll be immersed into Ngāti Ruakawa ki te Tonga history, reo and taonga. Upon visiting you'll see and experience:

- **Whakapapa** - The origins story, as visuals and soundscape
- **Landscape** - An animated journey on-screen, of Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga rohe
- **Taonga** - Contemporary expressions of culture and artists of old: weaving and carving



2 Oranjehof - Dutch Connection Centre

Oranjehof stands as a unique museum, telling the story of Dutch immigrants in Aotearoa. Situated within Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, the Dutch Connection Centre serves as a guardian of Dutch heritage, providing insights into history, treasures, language, identity, and culture. Delve into untold stories and unravel your individual ties to Dutch heritage at this enriching destination.



3 Tokomaru Steam Engine Museum

Discover one of New Zealand's largest collections of steam engines and early industrial heritage at the Tokomaru Steam Engine Museum. One of the highlights in this museum is New Zealand's oldest steam engine, which was built in 1869 by Appleby Brothers London. To book you need to contact Tokomaru Steam Engine Museum directly so make sure you plan ahead!





4 MAVtech

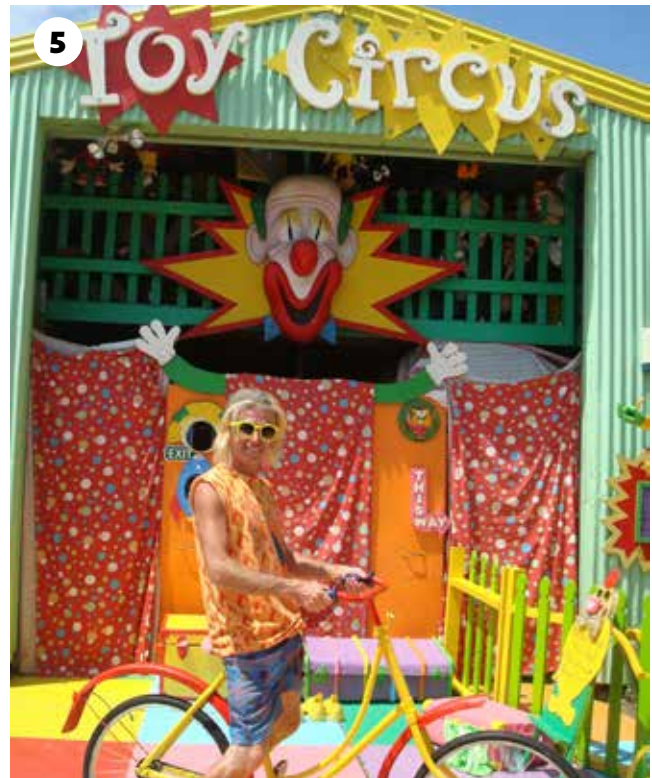
You don't need to be a tech wiz to enjoy an afternoon at MAVtech – the Museum of Audio and Visual Technology. Passionately run by volunteers and home to over 100,000 records of various formats and an estimated 5 million feet of film, this is a must do when in Horowhenua. Located in the heart of Foxton, on your visit to MAVtech you'll uncover over 100 years of audio visual technology and history. Make sure to head to their website for details on how to visit.

5 Shannon Toy Circus

Boasting a vast collection of toys, primarily from the 1970s and 1980s, Shannon's Toy Circus is a great place to spend the afternoon. Bringing back nostalgic memories for parents and entertainment for the kids who are able to have a go on old-school video games, the whole family will enjoy an afternoon here! Did we mention they also have mini golf, a skate rink, BMX ramps and foam pits!

6 Flax Strippers Museum

Step back in time and enjoy the rustic experience of Foxton Flax Strippers Museum. Run by volunteers and housing the only working stripping and scotching machines in the country, the Foxton Flax Strippers Museum is the place to learn about the industry that formed the backbone of Foxton. Once the heart of the thriving flax (harakeke) milling industry, Foxton was home to some of the largest flax mills in Aotearoa. Please contact them directly to book a visit!



A trip down memory lane

Next time you're in Horowhenua, make sure you take a trip down memory lane and check out the different museums on offer. Keen on learning more? Study up on other great activities to do here!

 horowhenuanz.co.nz/horowhenua-highlights

Those who defend New Zealand

With ANZAC Day approaching we shine the light on our Defence Force and explore how they continue to protect communities in 2024.

Founded in 1909, The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has more than 15,000 regular force personnel, reserves and civilian employees serving communities nationwide and abroad.

They protect the sovereign territory of Aotearoa New Zealand (including our Exclusive Economic Zone) advancing our nation's interests through military operations at sea, on land and in the air.

While armed forces are typically associated with being combat ready, our Defence Force does so much more to serve and protect our communities.

They assist with humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and are uniquely capable of responding quickly to unfolding events. Along with specialist vehicles, ships and aircraft, the NZDF has personnel trained in tough conditions and a variety of environments to respond quickly in difficult situations, they have experts who can assess the scale of any disaster and coordinate resources to best respond to an incident.

NZDF personnel were among the first responders when Cyclone Gabrielle hit, carrying out evacuations, welfare checks and sending shipments of supplies, including water, food and fuel to isolated coastal communities, especially in Auckland, Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay.

Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) NH90 helicopters were involved in evacuating people from houses affected by rising floodwater, and among other tasks also flew generators and electricians to some areas and transported a health clinic to isolated communities. An Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft transported crucial supplies to Tairāwhiti communities including water, Starlink equipment, oxygen, sanitary items and formula.

Three Navy vessels, HMNZ Ships Te Mana, Manawanui and Canterbury provided much needed supplies, equipment and personnel to the relief and recovery effort while Navy divers helped clear the water intake pipe at Gisborne's water treatment facility and helped clear debris from the surrounding area.

The NZDF's role when it comes to disaster relief was also evident when Whakaari White Island erupted in 2019 and after the Kaikōura community was cut off following a magnitude 7.8 quake in 2016.



Our Defence Force also supports with peace and security at home and overseas. As a small nation, we depend on global stability for our security and prosperity. Valued for both military skills and humanity, our defence force partners with other countries through institutions and agreements to defend the fundamental rights of people more vulnerable than ourselves while maintaining our economic security and promoting our national values.

Members of the NZDF are proud to honour our veterans and their service. They are active in commemorative activities and maintain and advise on policies which support New Zealand in honouring veterans. They also support state ceremonial activities and high-level official visits and research and record NZDF history as part of the wider history of New Zealand.

NZDF also have a youth development unit which support Services Academies. These military-focused programmes, one of which is running at Horowhenua College, provides a range of motivating and challenging learning experiences to support year 12 and 13 students in developing leadership and life skills.

Horowhenua is geographically very close to New Zealand's largest Army camp, Linton Military Camp which is situated just south of Palmerston North. It is home to more than 2,000 personnel from engineers and logistics to infantry and armour. The Waiouru Military Camp is just over two hours away.

Born in Levin, Lieutenant Mark Hannah joined the New Zealand Defence Force in 1985.

Inspired by tales of military life and adventures on the seas, he was the last of three brothers to join the Royal New Zealand Navy, all of whom are still serving today.

Their Grandfather PTE Neil Hannah was a veteran of WW1, and the brothers proudly share his medals on ANZAC Day.

Throughout his military career Lt Hannah had a number of roles from Communication Operator to Communication Warfare Officer, has been involved in Defence Recruiting, served on four Frigates (HMNZS Southland, Waikato, Wellington and Te Mana) and in the first week of Cyclone Gabrielle was posted to the Operational HQ at Joint Force. He has also served in the Solomon Islands and East Timor with the Army.



Lt Mark Hannah in front of the Levin Cenotaph.

Members of the NZDF will stand proudly at our 2024 ANZAC commemorations. Join them on Thursday 25 April at one of the local services and ceremonies to be held in Horowhenua, listed on page 27. Lest we forget.

Coming home 1918 – Charles James Nelson 23/2054 New Zealand Rifle Brigade

Library Information Research & Local History Team Lead Kiri Pepene imagines how Charles James Nelson felt coming home to Foxton after the war. His tunic will be on display at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom from Friday 26 April 2024.

It was a cold damp night as the 6.15pm train pulled into Foxton station. The station was a hive of activity as the workers emptied the train and then hurried home to their hearths.

One solitary figure stayed standing alone on the platform. As he stood there he placed his duffle bag down beside him, he raised his head and took a deep breath. He had never imagined that he would smell the air of home and stand on the ground that three years ago he had left to fight for King and Country. As he walked off the station to head home up Wharf Street he was taken back to the last time he had come down this way.

What a different day that was, he was excited walking down the street with his Mum as he headed to the train to start training at Trentham. With the sun shining down that day he had walked tall with his head held high full of bravado as he was off to fight for king and country! The hours working cutting flax had made him strong, he was not afraid to work and what a great chance to go and see the World.

As Charlie came upon Main Street he walked slow stopping often as he fought to catch his breath. At one such stop he looked into a window and as the light of the street lamp glowed behind him, he was saddened at the man who was looking back. As he struggled for breath, the moths were flickering around the light in a misty yellow haze, and he remembered.

In the distance he saw the green-yellow haze coming towards them, he hurried to put his mask on but as it enveloped them he could already feel the burning as he breathed. As he crouched in the bottom of the trench the gas sunk downwards. Not sure what to do as they had to get higher but the sound and shooting lights of the guns surrounded them, as they ran along the trench in the chaos his heart pounding he kept thinking "I'm done for.....".



Above left: Charles James Nelson 23/2054 New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

Above right: Nelson's military tunic which is now permanently on display at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom.

Shaking from the force of the memory Charlie continued towards home. As he turned into Whittaker Street he could see the porch light on and the house all alight. All those times that he had wanted this and now in the moment it just felt surreal. And there was Mum standing at the door, no fuss all he heard was "Come on Charlie, I'll put ya tea on". Off to his room just the same, he put his bag down and started to change. As he took off his tunic and laid it on his bed, he ran his hands over it and he remembered.

The screaming and screeching of the shells was all around, as he was running he felt a sharp pain and then he was on the ground he felt the earth and then nothing. How long he laid there could have been an eternity. Australian voices echoed "This one is dead" they came closer "this one is dead", "Check him", "roll him over" he felt hands as he rolled over, the blood frothed from his mouth. "Alive" on the stretcher not knowing where he was. Then there was a voice, German he was confused the voice saved his life.

As he rested against the mantel with his cuppa, his eyes focused on his photo proudly on display, he was full of promise of adventure. He was different now, full of thoughts and memories that he would never share, but he was here. He thought of other mantels with photos proudly on display and that was all that was left of those brave men.

Many men went off to the Great War, too many never came home. Those that did would never forget! They were all heroes!

Bibliography

Brendon Judd (Charlie's Grandson)
Department of Internal Affairs (Archways)
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Gardening with Simon

Awesome Autumn Gardening

As we move into autumn, I'm welcoming the cooler climate. It wasn't an easy summer in the garden. With hot daytime temperatures and hot and humid nights, keeping the garden flourishing was just as challenging as sleeping, but I'm glad I was prepared for the dry weather.

In the last edition of Gardening with Simon I explored ways to conserve water in your outdoor space. Using mulch, water saved from the kitchen, and rainwater collected in a bucket, my garden is looking good and growing well despite the dry conditions.

I grew kūmara for the first time, and I'm proud of the results. My capsicums and cucumbers did well. My sweet corn did exceptionally well, and I have a stock pile of kernels in the freezer ready to be enjoyed in winter pies and casseroles.

The heat meant that not a lot could be planted, so I'm looking forward to adding to my garden in the upcoming weeks.

With the warm long days and crisp air, now is the ideal time to do tasks which couldn't be done in the heat of summer. During this season I spend about three hours each day in the garden harvesting or preparing for winter.

Autumn is a good time to remember that if you feed your garden well, it will feed you well in the future. To give my autumn and winter crops a healthy new foundation, I add compost, blood and bone and sheep pellets.

It's a good time for planting early brassicas such as cabbage, cauliflower or broccoli. Be sure to cover them with stretchy netting or sprinkle derris dust to drop the dreaded white butterfly from decimating your crop overnight.

If you want to sow a new lawn, plant some bulbs, trees or shrubs this is a good time to do it.

What to plant in autumn:

- Beetroot
- Blueberry
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Onion
- Radish
- Silverbeet
- Spinach

Until next time.

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Let's Cook...

Ōhau Gourmet Mushrooms

Thai Oyster Mushrooms & Coconut Soup



Ingredients

Fresh oyster mushrooms	320g (<i>thickly sliced</i>)
Hot water	2 cups
Coconut milk	2 400ml cans
Thai red curry paste	2 tablespoons (<i>or to taste</i>)
Spring onions	2 (<i>cut diagonally</i>)
Fresh ginger	2 tablespoons (<i>finely chopped</i>)
Carrot	1 medium (<i>peeled, halved and sliced diagonally</i>)
Lemongrass	1 stalk (<i>finely chopped</i>)
Chicken stock (<i>or vegan equivalent</i>)	2 cups
Soy Sauce	1 tablespoon
Sugar	2 teaspoons (<i>or to taste</i>)
Lime or lemon zest	1 teaspoon
Fish Sauce (<i>or vegan No Fish Sauce</i>)	2 tablespoons
Lime or lemon juice	3 tablespoons
Salt and Pepper	To taste
Sprigs of fresh basil leaves	To garnish

Method

1. Thickly slice the mushrooms and set aside
2. Spoon 3 to 4 tablespoons of the thick coconut milk from the top of the opened cans into a large heavy-bottomed pot. Heat the coconut milk over medium heat until it begins to bubble. Stir in the Thai red curry paste and cook for 2 to 3 minutes
3. Add spring onions, ginger, sliced carrot and lemongrass to the pot. Stir frequently for about 5 minutes
4. Raise the heat to medium-high and add the sliced mushrooms, hot water, coconut milk and the chicken stock. Bring to a low boil, then reduce the heat slightly so it continues to gently simmer
5. Stir in soy sauce and sugar and continue to simmer, stirring occasionally, until the soup begins to reduce and thicken slightly, about 20 to 30 minutes
6. Remove from heat and stir in the lime zest, lime juice and fish sauce. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Ladle into bowls and garnish with fresh basil leaves, and your favourite chilli sauce on the side if you like extra heat.

Cooking Tips

- Add some wood-ear mushrooms for a lovely crunchy texture.



Founded in 2018, Ohau Gourmet Mushrooms grows and makes ethical, sustainable, nutritious and natural foods. Products include fresh Oyster mushrooms (both pink and phoenix/grey), fresh Shiitake, grow your own mushroom kits and mushroom products which use natural processes like fermentation and pickling. Crowd favourites include OGM! Black garlic and OGM! Kimchi. Their products are sold online and at farmers' markets in the lower North Island.

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Puzzle Corner

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Volunteer Horowhenua



A list of volunteer opportunities to get involved in our community.

Science Kit Delivery Horowhenua

Role #2329

Collect and deliver science kits from Kāpiti schools and deliver them to Branch office in Shannon (mileage reimbursed). Clean, count and restocking of resources.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Thursday and Friday fortnightly.

Environmental Educator Foxton

Role #2318

Host educational tours focusing on the impact of exotic species on native species, and habitat protection.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Weekends and Fridays during the school holidays.

Animal Care and Feeding Foxton

Role #2317

Feed exotic and native lizards and ensure habitat cleanliness with water changes.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Up to two hours a day between 9am and 2.30pm on weekdays, and between 10am and 2.30pm on weekends.

MAVtech Visitor Host Foxton

Role #2335

Greet visitors, process ticket sales, share information about collection and host private events.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Last Saturday of each month 1pm to 4pm.

Playgroup Coordinator Levin

Role #2311

Support the running of a playgroup. Open room, set up activities, take enrolments, record attendance and pack up.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Friday mornings during school terms.

Governance Trustee/Board Members

Levin

Role #2309

Assist in governing a Trust dedicated to reducing family violence. Full induction provided.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: The board meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Around four to eight hours per month for preparation and/or portfolio work if applicable.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Volunteer Central.

(06) 354 6027 info@volunteercentral.nz volunteercentral.nz/horowhenua

Horowhenua ANZAC Day Observances Thursday 25 April 2024

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
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Moutoa Civic Ceremony

9:00am	Moutoa Memorial Gates, Foxton-Shannon Rd
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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
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Waitārere Beach Civic Ceremony

8:30am	Tea/Coffee at Waitarere Beach Bowling Club, Park Ave
9:00am	Service begins

In the event of bad weather, commemorations will move indoors. Some locations will change as indicated. An announcement will be made on Facebook  HorowhenuaDC on ANZAC Day morning should we need to move to wet weather venues.





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