



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

It's been a busy time across the district, and there's so much to celebrate and reflect on. From key Council decisions to recognising the incredible people who make our community thrive.

One highlight was the recent Civic and Youth Excellence Awards. What an inspiring evening it was. These awards shine a light on the unsung heroes of our community – the volunteers, mentors, and young achievers who go above and beyond every day. Congratulations again to all the recipients. You make Horowhenua proud. If you haven't yet, take a moment to check out their stories on our website.

The past few weeks have been filled with several community events. From the colourful Diwali Festival and elegant Kaumātua Ball and No One Walks Alone event in Foxton and the Foxton Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours & Awards Night. It's been fantastic to see our community coming together to celebrate. A special mention to the Volunteers Morning Tea at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō yesterday. It was a chance for Library Staff and Council to thank our incredible volunteers for their dedication. They contribute countless hours each year, helping with everything from organising books to running programmes. To all our volunteers you are amazing, and we appreciate you!

While there's been much to celebrate, challenges have also emerged. The potential closure of the Horowhenua Chronicle remains a significant concern. This newspaper has been the voice of our community for generations, connecting us through stories and local news. I've urged NZME to reconsider their decision and find ways to keep local journalism alive in our rohe. Local stories matter, and I'll keep advocating for this on your behalf.

On the Council front, our recent meeting covered topical items. For Waikawa Beach residents, I know there's strong interest in the future of vehicle access and the footbridge. This will be discussed further at our next meeting in December, and I appreciate your patience as we carefully weigh the feedback and options.

We've also been exploring urban berm mowing solutions. I know this is important to many of you, and we're working to find practical options that reflect community needs. Discussions about local water services are also ongoing. Through the Local Water Done Well initiative, we're considering regional partnerships to ensure safe, reliable, and sustainable water services for Horowhenua. These are complex conversations, but vital for our future, and you'll hear more about them in the coming weeks.

Looking ahead, there's so much to look forward to including this Saturday 30 November, the inaugural 'Beatz of Nationz' multicultural festival will light up the Village Green in Levin. This celebration of diversity brings music, dance, and food from around the world together—don't miss it!

And on Saturday 7 December, the Horowhenua Christmas Parade and Carnival will fill our streets with festive cheer. You'll find all the details about this year's event on page 2, so be sure to check it out.

As we head towards the end of the year, I just want to say thank you. Whether you've shared your thoughts on important issues, celebrated at community events, or supported your neighbours, it's people like you who make Horowhenua such an incredible place to call home.

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Council Meetings



Council Public Forum

Wednesday 11 December 2024
10.15am to 10.45am
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

Council Meeting

Wednesday 11 December 2024
11am
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.



Puāwai

(Noun: To blossom or come to fruition)
"Poipoiā te kakano, kia puawai - Nurture the seed and it will blossom"

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horowhenua.govt.nz/Puawai

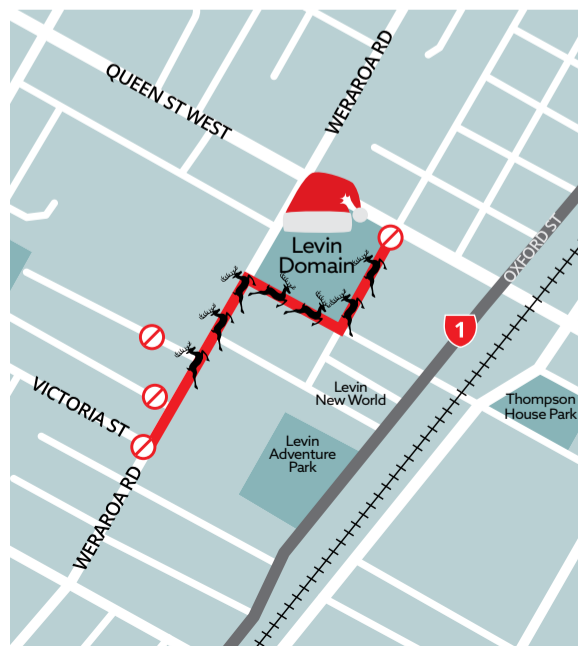
Horowhenua Christmas Parade & Carnival

The countdown is on for the Horowhenua Christmas Parade and Carnival, which will take place on Saturday 7 December 2024 from 2pm to 6pm.

This year's parade will feature a record-breaking 42 floats. It will start at Victoria Street and Weraroa Road and finish at Levin Domain, where the Christmas Carnival awaits.

The day also includes the More FM Pack the Bus initiative. After the parade, the bus will be at the Village Green, ready to collect non-perishable food items or unwrapped gifts.

To make the event run smoothly, several streets will be temporarily closed during the parade. See page 2 for Road Closures under 'Important Notices' for details, and use the Parade Route Map to find the best viewing spot.



horowhenua.govt.nz/Christmas

HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



Scan the QR code to complete the survey about Parks & Reserves

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



In the works

Foxton Beach Road Rehabilitation

Great progress is being made on the Foxton Beach Road rehabilitation project. Crews are hard at work to improve the road, ensuring a safer and smoother drive for everyone.



Here's what else is happening across the district:

- **Footpath Renewals:** Work on Tiro Tiro Road is nearly done, with 90% of unsafe footpaths replaced to enhance safety and accessibility.
- **Drainage Renewals:** Damaged catchpits on Queen Street West, Levin have been replaced as part of preparations for resealing.
- **Drainage Maintenance:** Crews are clearing catchpits and culverts district-wide to keep everything flowing smoothly.
- **Pre-reseal Maintenance:** Asphaltting to level service covers on Queen Street West, Levin has been completed, prepping the area for resealing.
- **Sign Replacements/Renewals:** Damaged and faded road signs are being replaced across the district to boost safety and visibility.

Important Notices

Road Closure – Tyne Street, Levin (From 5 December)

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.

Traffic Management – SH57/Tararua Road Intersection (From 2 December to 13 December)

There will be stop/go traffic management in place at the SH57/Tararua Road intersection while Fulton Hogan carries out investigation works for a new roundabout. This is part of a joint project between the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and Horowhenua District Council.

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



BEATZ OF NATIONZ



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



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

horowhenua.govt.nz/BeatzOfNationz

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Places Bylaw

On 1 December, following consultation with the community, the Public Places Bylaw 2024 comes into effect.

The purpose of the bylaw is to keep public spaces safe, clean, and enjoyable by having controls to minimise nuisance and harmful behaviour. It helps protect the environment, supports fair access to public spaces, and manages activities like trading and entertainment for everyone's well-being.

To view the bylaw visit the Council office on Oxford Street or have a look on the Council website:

horowhenua.govt.nz



Pack the Bus 2024

From 2 to 6 December, join More FM Horowhenua and Horowhenua District Council as we collect new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food for local families in need.

Donations will support incredible charities like Birthright Levin, Women's Refuge, and the Levin Interchurch Foodbank.

Let's make Pack the Bus 2024 even bigger and better than last year, ensuring every member of our community experiences the true spirit of the season. Together, we can create memories, share love, and make this Christmas unforgettable for everyone.

For more information, visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/PackTheBus

Temporary Road Closures – Horowhenua Christmas Parade

Several Levin streets will be closed on **Saturday 7 December 2024** for the Horowhenua Christmas Parade.

The parade will begin at the corner of Victoria Street and Weraroa Road, turning right onto Bath Street before finishing on Salisbury Street outside the Levin Domain.

Horowhenua District Council advises the following temporary road closures will be in place to allow the parade to proceed safely along the planned route:

Victoria Street: closed from 11am to 2.30pm to allow floats to gather before the parade begins. While resident access along Victoria Street will be allowed, we ask that no cars be parked on the street during this road closure period.

Salisbury Street: between Bath Street and Queen Street will be closed between 1pm and 6.30pm for the Christmas Carnival at the Levin Domain.

Weraroa Road: between Victoria Street and Bath Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Bath Street: between Weraroa Road and Salisbury Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Hannan Street: from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Carlisle Street: from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Detour routes will be clearly signposted.

No resident access will be available during the period of these closures.

These closures are made under clause 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974. The closures will apply to all vehicular traffic with the exception of emergency service vehicles and vehicles directly involved in the events.