

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

It's been a busy and exciting couple of weeks in our district, and I've attended some wonderful events including celebrations, rugby games and award functions that really showcase our people who are at the heart of our community.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Horowhenua Kāpiti Heartland Rugby Team who played West Coast in the Lochore Cup semi final last weekend. What a game, what a score, eventually going down to West Coast 51-52. Well done to the team, coaches and management, and HKRFU on a great season.

I had the pleasure of meeting the new Youth Voice group last week. Over lunch, we talked about their vision for the future and how we can work together to make a difference. I was impressed by their passion and enthusiasm. These young people are ready to lead, and I'm confident we'll see great things from them. Connecting with our youth is one of the more rewarding parts of my role, and I'm excited to see how they'll shape the future of Horowhenua.

We had a special evening celebrating 30 years of business excellence at the 2024 Electra Business & Innovation Awards. It was great to see so many incredible businesses and organisations recognised for their hard work including Foxton Windmill Trust who won the 'Not-for-Profit' Community & Public Services Award, Caci Clinic Levin who were awarded the Consumer Services Award and the small business award went to Levin TOP 10 Holiday Park. Congratulations to the local award winners.

I would also like to extend our congratulations to Peter Jackson Plumbing Limited, named Electra Business of the Year 2024. Another major announcement at the function was Wayne Bishop being inducted into the Horowhenua Business Hall of Fame for his vision and determination in the development and construction sector. Wayne's public service is equally impressive as well as being a vocal advocate for the district's economic development and growth. Congratulations to Wayne who has been well supported by his wife Bridget and family along the way.

Another highlight was the Age on the Go Expo. It's always such a joy to see our older residents coming together for a day full of activities, entertainment, and valuable information. Events like these help keep our community connected across generations, and it's always uplifting to witness the enthusiasm and community spirit at the Expo.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during the Boil Water Notice period for Foxton Beach. Keeping our community safe is always our top priority, and that's why we conducted thorough tests to ensure the water supply was completely safe before lifting the notice. Your cooperation made all the difference in helping us protect public health, and we appreciate your support.

A shout out and birthday congratulations to the Opportunity Shop which celebrates 50 years this week. The store, located on Oxford Street across from the Council building, operates solely on the kindness and dedication of its volunteers, some of which have been there since day one. This is a combined initiative which includes Anglican, Catholic, Baptist and Uniting Churches, and all funds raised go back to the churches and community. An impressive milestone, congratulations to everyone involved.

Lastly, if you're living in Foxton or Foxton Beach, your input on the Community Plan is still being gathered, but consultation closes on 25 October—so don't miss your chance to have your say! And to the people of Shannon, it's your turn next. Join us on Tuesday, 22 October, at Whakawehi Marae at 10am to kick-start the Shannon Community Plan. Read more on page 2.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, watch out for my pink gumboots, yes pink gumboots. I'll be wearing them for a good cause soon and encouraging you all to come on board to support the cause.

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Council Meetings



Council Public Forum

Wednesday 30 October 2024,
12.15pm to 12.45pm
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

Council Meeting

Wednesday 30 October 2024, 1pm
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6 November 2024, 10am
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Public Forum

Monday 11 November 2024
5.30pm to 6pm.
Foyer, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom,
92 Main Street, Foxton

Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting

Monday 11 November 2024,
6pm to 8pm
Ngārongo Iwikātea Room, Te Awahou
Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton



Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee

Wednesday 13 November 2024, 10am
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
Not open for the public



Council Public Forum

Wednesday 27 November 2024,
12.15pm to 12.45pm
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Draft Foxton & Foxton Beach Community Plan

Following recent community planning sessions held in May, July and August 2024, ideas and feedback from the community have been gathered and are now reflected in the Draft Community Plan.

Feedback closes at 5pm on Friday 25 October 2024

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Let's
KŌRERO



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



Final Works SH1 Oxford Street & Tyne Street Wastewater Renewal Monday 21 October and Tuesday 22 October:

Planned closure of Tyne Street for 1-2 days to complete the final connection.

Thank you for your patience while we complete the final stage of these works. For more information, visit:

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

Shannon Community Development Trust - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Shannon Community Development Trust will be held on Monday 18 November 2024, at 6pm at the Shannon Library, Plimmer Terrace.

The Trust is also seeking to appoint a new Trustee. Candidates must be from or reside in Shannon. Expressions of interest can be emailed to community@horowhenua.govt.nz before 5pm on Monday 4 November 2024.

For more information about the Trust, visit: [horowhenua.govt.nz/ShannonCommunityDevelopmentTrust](https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/ShannonCommunityDevelopmentTrust)

In the works

Safety improvements

Contractors recently installed two asphalt speed bumps near Levin Intermediate to help reduce speeding in the school zone.



A section of unsafe footpath in MacArthur Street, Levin between Fairfield Educare and Fairfield School has been renewed.



As part of in the Works: Higgins took advantage of the great weather to continue painting the traffic islands around the district green and white.

Shannon Community Plan

Horowhenua District Council, in partnership with Ngāti Whakareta, invites Shannon residents to help shape the Shannon Community Plan.

OCT 22 Tuesday 22 October 2024
10am to 12.30pm
Whakawehi Marae,
1281 Foxton Shannon Road

RSVP: For catering purposes or for any questions please email:

[@StrategicPlanning@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:StrategicPlanning@horowhenua.govt.nz)

For more information visit

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

GET READY TO

Shake Out

OUR NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND TSUNAMI HIKOI

24TH
OCTOBER
9.30AM

DROP

COVER

HOLD



Proudly-sponsored by Higgins

HOROWHENUA

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

WASTE TIP



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](https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/WhatGoesWhere)

CANDLELIGHT CINEMA

OCT 31

Thursday 31 October
MAVTech, Coronation Hall,
Avenue Road, Foxton

Bring the whole whānau and your favourite film night snacks and join us at MAVTech at 6pm for a showing of **Hotel Transylvania**.

Later, after the sun goes down and the lights go out, the terrifying 1958 classic **The Horror of Dracula** will fill the screen at 8pm.

Doors open at 5pm, come early to get your photo taken as a ghost, thanks to some 19th century 'ghost photography'!

