

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

It was fantastic to hear news last Friday 9 August when we received final test results confirming that the Tokomaru Water

Supply is fully compliant with New Zealand's water standards and is safe to drink. This is a huge relief for everyone, and after carefully following expert advice from Taumata Arowai and Health NZ, we're pleased to announce that the Do Not Drink Water Notice was lifted effective immediately.

Our team went above and beyond to ensure the safety of your water. We conducted extensive testing, taking 18 samples from different points across the network. Initially, we had concerns about elevated lead levels, linked to plumbosolvency —when older tapware reacts with water. I'm thrilled to report that the latest tests show no lead contamination in the water source or the reticulated supply. We know this situation may have caused some stress and inconvenience, and we appreciate your understanding and patience while we carried out this testing.

In addition, a Public Meeting was held at the Tokomaru RSA on Monday 12 August, where Council Staff, Elected Members, Dr Rob Weir from Health NZ, and Peter Wood from Taumata Arowai provided further information and answered questions. If you have any further questions please get in touch with Council.

Looking ahead, we are asking for your input on an important issue. Due to a recent change in

legislation, we need to decide by 6 September 2024, whether to retain or disestablish the Horowhenua (Māori) Ward for the 2025 Local Body Election.

A Public Forum is scheduled to take place at 1pm on Wednesday 28 August, to hear your views. If you are not able to attend the forum, you can share your thoughts and feedback before 11.59pm on Sunday 25 August which can be found on Let's Kōrero – our engagement platform. More information about this is on page 2. Your feedback is crucial in informing our decision and shaping our district's representation arrangements.

Nominations for the Civic and Youth Excellence Awards are open until 11 September. These awards are a wonderful way to recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions in our community. If you know someone deserving, I encourage you to nominate them. You can find details on our website.

Finally, a special shout out to Louise Duncan, who's about to represent New Zealand in the equestrian at the Paralympic Games in Paris. Louise is an inspiration to us all, and we're incredibly proud of her achievements. It has been a massive exercise to get Louise and her horse, Showcase BC to Paris and I know she will do Horowhenua proud. Best of luck Louise, we will be cheering you on every step of the way.

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Council Meetings

19 Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Public Forum

Monday 19 August 2024,
5.30pm to 6pm
Foyer, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom,
92 Main Street, Foxton

Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting

Monday 19 August 2024,
6pm to 8pm
Ngārongo Ikwikātea Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton

4 Council Public Forum

Wednesday 4 September 2024,
12.15pm to 12.45pm
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

Council Meeting

Wednesday 4 September 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 for the full meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.

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Time: 9am – 12.30pm

Who: For ages 16-24 not currently in training or employment

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HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



Scan the QR code to complete the survey about Community Centres and Libraries

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



In the Works

Oxford Street/State Highway 1

A big shoutout to the Higgins Contractors team! They pulled off an amazing job, in a challenging week, with 24-hour shifts to close the southbound lane of SH1 to install the new wastewater main, complete the surfacing and lane marking, and the reopening of SH1 just in time for the weekend.



Foxton Beach Road – Shared Path and Drain Project

Last week, we finalised the guard rail location, made improvements to drainage, and removed old culverts. We'll use these culverts for upgrades further north. The project is on track, with seal preparation set to be completed this week.

Let's
KŌRERO

Horowhenua (Māori) Ward

A recent change to legislation about Māori wards in local government means that Horowhenua District Council has to make a decision at its meeting on 4 September 2024 to either:

- not have a Horowhenua (Māori) Ward at the 2025 Local Body Election; or
- keep the Horowhenua (Māori) Ward and have a binding referendum as part of the 2025 Local Body Election.

We're seeking your input prior to Council making a decision on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

Feedback closes at 11.59pm on Sunday 25 August 2024.

To learn more visit:

letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/MaoriWards

ARE YOU
A BARISTA WITH
BIG DREAMS
or a
CAFÉ OWNER LOOKING
to **GROW YOUR**
BUSINESS?

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom is the heart of our community and our café is its heartbeat.

We have an exciting opportunity for a new operator to create a positive impact for Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and the wider community.

We're looking for expressions of interest and would love to hear from you!

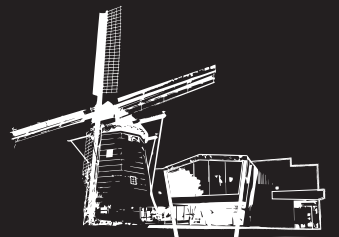
For more information or to register your interest, please contact:

@ info@horowhenua.govt.nz

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Te Awahou
Nieuwe Stroom



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horowhenua.govt.nz/WhatGoesWhere

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OCT 22
22 October 2024
10am - 2pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

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Reach out to us at mtfj@horowhenua.govt.nz before 24 September 2024.

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