

Puāwai

(Noun: To blossom or come to fruition)

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

Your local Horowhenua community guide

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A time for reflection, Matariki rises in midwinter heralding the start of a new year.

In this edition of Puāwai we share ways you can celebrate this special time and share a Sweet az Pai Kūmara & Ārani (Orange) Cāke recipe which could soon become Matariki tradition for you and your whānau.

We meet shining stars in our community, Unison Community Choir and Sonja Hart, who are lighting Horowhenua up with their musical and artistic talents.

Get some gardening tips by planting according to Maramataka, the Māori lunar calendar, and enjoy new opportunities and friendships by choosing a role available through Volunteer Central.

Stay safe on the road during the winter season with tips from Bernie on the Beat and learn about the idyllic picnics focused on sharing food with family once held at Manawatū heads in the early 1900s, as you make Matariki memories with yours.

As we set our intentions for the year ahead during Matariki, we also explore the Long Term Plan 2024-44 and how this helps shape our future.

Have a wonderful winter Horowhenua.

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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Stars rising in community choir

Formed in July 2023, UNISON Community Choir is home to many stars, bringing harmony to our community in more ways than one. Young people aged between 3 and 20 are impressing many through this parent-led initiative empowering children and their families to thrive together in many aspects of their lives through the power of music.

Proudly supported by Pasifika for Tomorrow - Faatili foe mo le a'e, UNISON meet every Monday at Te Whare Mahana between 4.30pm and 5.30pm to strengthen friendships and share in their love of song. Members are from different schools, cultures, churches and community groups in Horowhenua and are supported by their aiga/whānau.

Sessions are free and free kai is provided by wonderful volunteers.

UNISON enjoy an end of year concert, term trips, and sports days led by volunteers selflessly giving their time to coordinate events and fundraise for them.

Supporting the young performers are community leaders, Pasifika and Māori leaders, youth leaders, school leaders or experts, talented musicians, education experts, sport experts, and pastoral care experts.

"We are so proud of each and every member of UNISON and always welcome new faces. UNISON brings joy not only to our members, but to everyone who sees us perform."

The choir share their talents regularly at community events and are learning a special waiata to sing with other groups during Matariki celebrations, a testament to their name and desire to connect with others while developing better cultural understanding through music.

Some of the larger events they have performed at include Jandal Jam, Christmas in the Park and Pasifika Celebration Day.

Plans are also underway to bring members of our Columbian, Fijian and other cultural communities together for a joint concert towards the end of the year and sharing of cultural food.

On Wednesday 1 May 2024, the choir delighted Councillors and moved others to tears as they shared a moving performance during their Long Term Plan submission before confidently sharing their desires for continued investment in community initiatives, spaces, housing and events.

It's free to join UNISON and new members are always welcome.

To learn more, contact Molly Fuauli:  Unison5510  0223748213

Left: Children enjoying a fun activity before singing

***“Singing is a form of expression and prayer.
UNISON gives young people a space not just to sing,
but to learn more about themselves, each other, to connect
with people in the community and have a lot of fun.”***

UNISON Co-lead Anne Saolele-Lealiifano



To cover some of the costs associated with running UNISON, the group received a \$1,900 grant from the Creative Community Fund. Each year the Creative Communities NZ Scheme (CCS) on behalf of Creative New Zealand provides funding to the Horowhenua District Council to distribute in our district to fund local arts projects. Individuals and groups can apply for CCS funding in the next funding round which opens on 1 August 2024. To apply, and learn more about other available grants visit:

horowhenua.govt.nz/grants

Top left: Kids warming up **Top right:** UNISON in fine voice
Bottom left: Our dedicated tutors **Next page:** UNISON's youngest members sing their hearts out





Colouring our district with h'ART

Local artist Sonja Hart of Creative h'ART colours the world with her heart.

After two decades immersed in the arts sector as an Artist and Arts Practitioner, she is now leaving her mark on Horowhenua with her stunning creations scattered throughout our district.

With an eye for beautiful things, Sonja first fell in love with Foxton after spending four weeks in the town while working on a movie set in the 1990s. She waited for her children to grow old enough to leave home so she could move to the town in 2009 and call it home.

“As soon as I got here, I knew there was something special about this place. I waited years to move here permanently so I can share my passions in this town.”

Her murals are proudly on display throughout Horowhenua, she helped add colour to the Foxton Beach Community Centre and she has beautified five Chorus boxes – three in Foxton and two in Levin.

Although being involved in numerous arts based creative projects throughout Aotearoa, including group and solo art exhibitions, and working for theatre, television and the film industry as a scenic artist, co-coordinating and

formatting art-based activities and learning experiences for children, adults and people with learning and developmental impairments is her true passion.

“It is my personal view that participating in, and being involved in art based learning has great benefit in a variety of ways. It is a constructive activity to nurture individuality, self-importance and provides an opportunity to express strengths, encourages positive social interactions, and helps with the development of visual and sensory motor skills.”

“Art-based learning is my passion and I’m proud to share this with others around me. Art is a process for creative self-expression. I love community and I love including young people in all things community minded. I love kids, and I love making things with them.”

To inspire the next generation of artists, she holds after school art classes for young people, runs workshops for IHC, and is looking forward to running some for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, a charitable trust providing support to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren children full-time.

“Art is a fantastic way to connect with your children and grandchildren and it brings me joy to help facilitate these experiences.”

Sonja Hart

Sonja says, “Being present with children is so important, and allowing them to express themselves and their creativity. There is no better way to bond with young ones than doing an activity with them which allows them to be themselves. Art is a fantastic way to connect with your children and grandchildren and it brings me joy to help facilitate these experiences.”

To further open doors for art lovers, she coordinates the creation of fairy doors which are scattered throughout Te Wharangi Holben Reserve at Foxton Beach. The whimsical pieces are made in crafting classes held by Sonja for children of all ages, delighting fairy door hunters and visitors to the area.

“It is heart-warming to see whānau sharing special time together as they paint their doors.

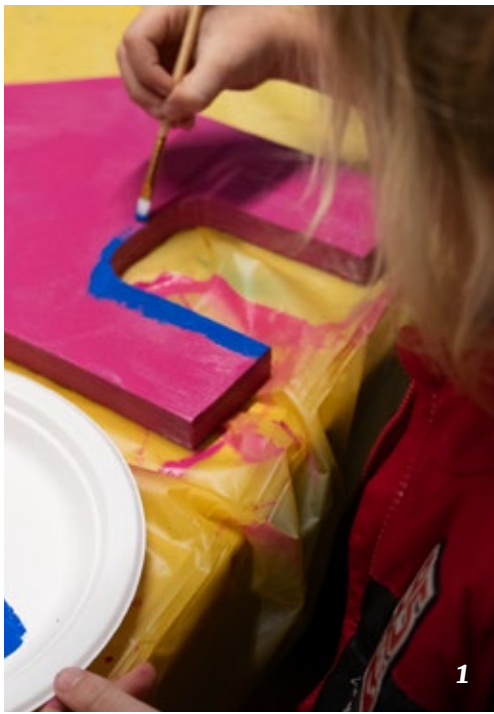
Imaginations ignite as they paint, dreaming of the fairy world they’ve learned about in nursery rhymes, stories and fables.”

Sonja received funding for the initiative through the Horowhenua Creative Communities scheme in 2020 and the wooden miniature doors are made by Foxton Menzshed members.

“If the fairy doors are destined for the community to enjoy, I only charge \$10 to cover the cost of materials. Otherwise, it’s \$25 for the experience, which is a lot cheaper for similar activities in other areas. I want to make art as accessible as possible to as many people as I can.”

Dozens of fairy doors are scattered throughout Te Wharangi Holben Reserve to find and admire.

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Photos: 1. Student painting fairy door 2. Fairy door at Holben Reserve, Foxton Beach 3. Painted pots by Sonja's students 4. Painting by one of Sonja's students 5 & 6. Fairy doors hiding at Holben Reserve Foxton Beach 7. Students painting 8. Sonja Hart in her studio 9. Sonja Hart's art studio sign



**CHALLENGING
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Challenging Times, Called for Challenging Choices

Council's Long Term Plan 2024-2044 (LTP)



From left to right: Cr Ross Brannigan, Chief Executive Monique Davidson, Cr Clint Grimstone, Deputy Mayor David Allan, Cr Justin Tamihana, Cr Rogan Boyle, Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden, Cr Paul Olsen, Cr Alan Young, Cr Mike Barker, Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua, Cr Nina Hori Te Pa, Cr Jonathan Procter, Cr Sam Jennings.

In May, during the Long Term Plan deliberations, Councillors spoke of the many community voices that helped guide their decision-making in a Long Term Plan process that proposed the biggest rates increase this district has seen.

Acknowledging the strain on many households to make ends meet, Councillors were able to reduce the initial proposed average rates increase of 17.4% down to 16.6%. Fixed costs

such as depreciation, insurance, interest, and inflation make up the majority of the increase.

"We, as Elected Members, are incredibly conscious of the impact our decision-making has on our community and have tried our best to strike a balance between setting rates that enable service delivery of the things that matter most to people, trying to keep rates as low as we can, and ensuring we make financially sustainable decisions."

New ways of engaging

Council sought to increase engagement and interaction with the community during this Long Term Plan (LTP). The complex topics in this LTP provided an excellent chance to explore new methods of reaching out to our community. Of particular focus were youth and other minority groups, whose feedback was under-represented in the Long Term Plan Amendment consultation.

Throughout our engagement and consultation, our goal was to remove barriers that hinder community involvement in local government processes. We strived to ensure that everyone in our community felt heard, that their feedback was valued, and prove they could trust in the transparency and fairness of our decision-making processes.

Submissions received

499

Total submissions.

40%

Increase in submitters aged 25-35 years compared to the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 Amendment.

59

Submissions from Iwi, hapū, community groups & other organisations.

52

Oral submissions.

Community Feedback

The community was asked to provide their views on three key topics, with changes to services:

What services are needed for our community?

Managing waste
(including kerbside recycling and the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan).

How costs should be shared.

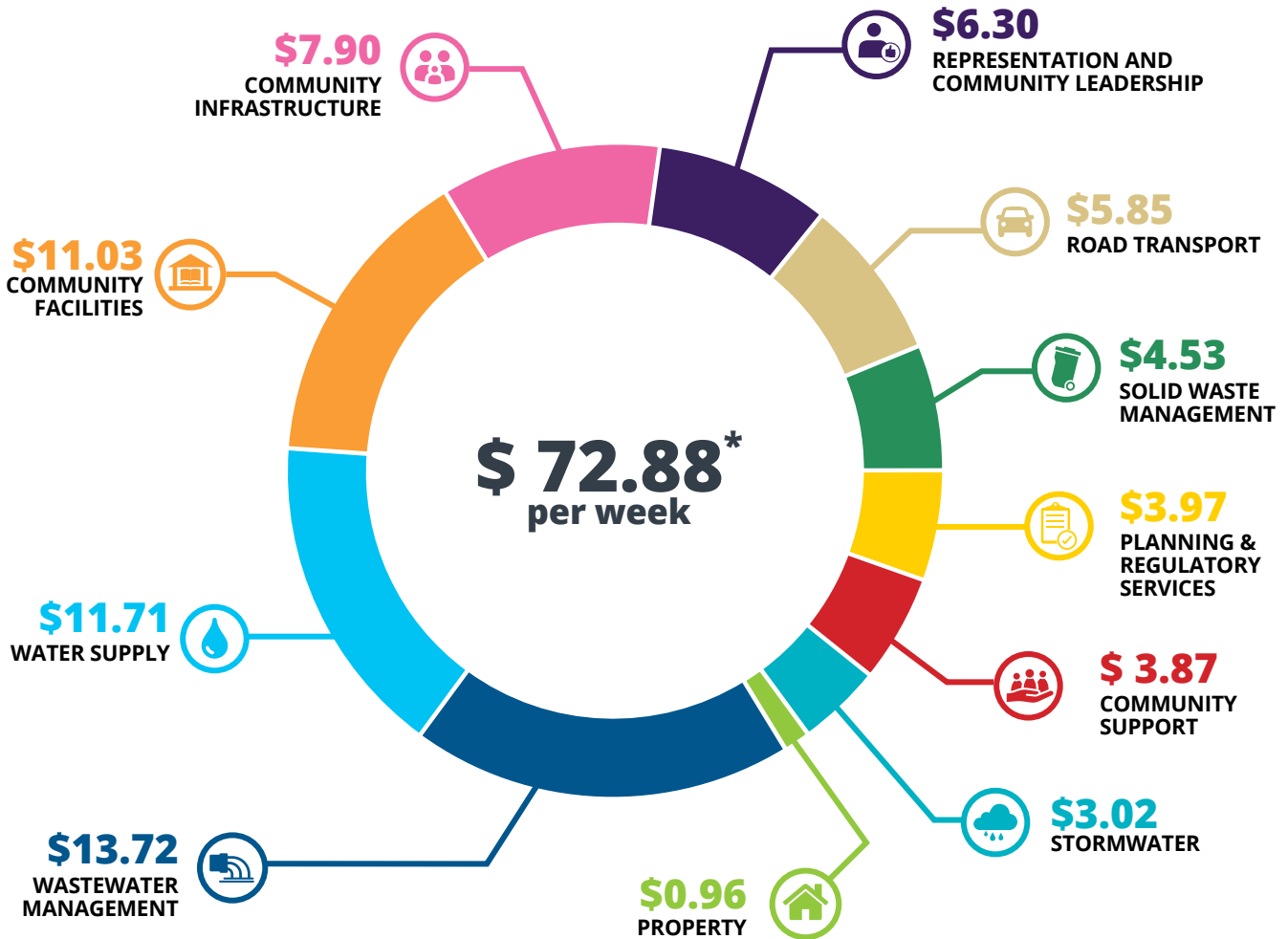
What to expect?

Key Decisions and Changes

What has changed and what can you expect from 1 July 2024 onwards once Council's Long Term Plan 2024-2044 takes effect?

Most of Council's services won't change. Your rates will continue to enable Council to provide things like fresh drinking water, waste and stormwater infrastructure, roading, rubbish collection & recycling, libraries and recreational facilities. However, given the immense cost pressures, some services and the cost of providing these services will change.

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.

Proposed changes to services included various measures to manage costs:



Increasing fees to meet the Revenue and Financing Policy target for animal control
and other minor changes: \$100,000
(0.2% of rates)



Increasing trade waste levies:
\$214,000 (0.4% of rates)



Increasing parking meter fees
from \$1.10 to \$2.00: \$100,000 (0.2% of rates)



Stopping urban berm mowing:
\$240,000 (0.5% of rates)



Selling half our carbon credits:
\$450,000 (0.9% of rates)



Reducing investment in waste minimisation activities:
\$100,000 (0.2% of rates)*

**Noting Council expects to receive an additional \$280,000 in funding from the Ministry for the Environment Levy (MfE) to achieve waste minimisation goals.*

Additional resolutions included reducing hours at community facilities to save \$77,000 (0.1%) and retaining the fund for adverse events costing \$100,000 (0.2%). Council also endorsed \$5,000 for gender-neutral bathroom signage and a \$20,000 placeholder for the Horowhenua Community Camera Trust.

Which Council Contracted Services will benefit from the Long Term Plan?

Community groups and volunteers will continue to receive funding, with adjustments for CPI, for:

- Levin Waitārere Surf Life Saving Club
- Surf Life Saving New Zealand (on behalf of Foxton Beach Surf Life Saving Club)
- Whatunga Tūao Volunteer Central
- Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support
- Save Our River Trust (SORT)
- Horowhenua Community Camera Trust
- Waitārere Beach Progressive & Ratepayers Association
- Levin Community Patrol.

How should we minimise and manage waste?

Councillors debated the use of \$280,000 funding from the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) levy to achieve waste minimisation goals, voting to allocate \$50,000 towards a Carbon Emissions Portal and \$25,000 for trialling a composting initiative.

In a move to promote equity, Councillors voted to become a living wage employer. They also resolved to add several items to the Long Term Plan Action Monitoring Report, including reviews of water rating charges, options for stormwater retention tanks, and a Heritage Strategy review.

Decisions on waste management



Levin Landfill

Aftercare and Landfill debt to be repaid through a separate Targeted Rate where every property pays the same rate.



Funding kerbside recycling services

through a new Targeted Rate for those that are receiving the service pay their share of the costs.

Sharing costs: who should pay for what?



Economic Development

to be funded through a new Economic Development Targeted Rate.

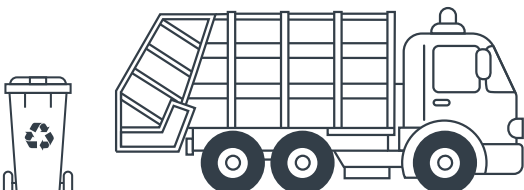


Te Awahou Foxton Community Board

to be funded through a new Targeted Rate.

Fees and Charges

To balance the budget, Councillors voted to round up any fee over \$10 to the nearest 50 cents and endorsed broader proposed fees and charges. They also increased the price of official Council Rubbish Bags from \$4.00 to \$6.00.





Looking to the stars in Horowhenua

Away from the light pollution of big cities, Horowhenua is a great place for star gazers and people wanting to see Matariki rising in our sky.


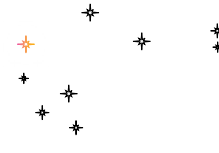

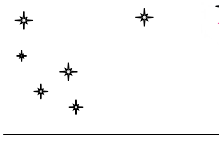




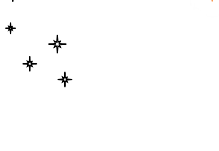
Matariki is not visible in all areas of Aotearoa because of mountain ranges blocking the view in some areas. Some Iwi use a different star, Puanga, as the sign for their Māori New Year, as this can be seen clearly from their location. In Horowhenua we can enjoy both.

Found low on the horizon in the north east of the sky, Matariki is viewable almost anywhere

in our district between 5.30am and 6.30am during Matariki. Most people can stare at the constellation up in wonder from their backyards, and for those who like to immerse themselves in nature, you're not too far from spectacular views in one of our reserves.

The Stars of Matariki

In Te Ao Māori each star in the Matariki cluster is associated with aspects of wellbeing and the environment.

	Pōhutukawa Remembers those who have passed on in the last year.		Waipunarangi Honours rainfall. It translates to 'water that pools in the sky'.
	Waitī Represents freshwater bodies and foods from these waters.		Ururangi 'Winds of the sky' determines the nature of the winds for the year.
	Hiwa-i-te-rangi Attainment of goals, dreams and aspirations.		Matariki Signifies reflection, hope, connection to the environment, and health and wellbeing.
	Tupu-ā-rangi Connects to the harvesting of food from the trees, including fruits, berries and birds.		Waitā The ocean and foods that come from it.
	Tupu-ā-nuku Food that is gathered or harvested from the soil.		

Here are some of our favourite spots for star gazers in Horowhenua

Cousins Reserve, Foxton Beach

A short walk away from the beach, this Reserve is a winner for star gazing and exploring after the sun goes down. An old plantation forest with walking and mountain biking tracks, there are trails through the rear dunes and open grassed areas.

Tokomaru Domain, Tokomaru

A large open space on Makerua Road, Tokomaru, this is an ideal spot to lie a blanket down and stare up to the night sky.

Mangahao Reserve, Shannon

Delight your senses by star gazing at Mangahao Reserve and White Water Park, Mangaore. The world class White Water Park is popular with kayakers during the day, and at night you can enjoy a spectacular night show while listening to water rushing past on the nearby riverbank. Drink in the sights of the native plants and tranquil scenes and as the sun goes down. Keep an eye out for mountain bikers and trampers as they ride up to the dams and enter the track in the Tararua Forest park.

Gladstone Reserve, Levin

The gateway to the Tararua Range, this Reserve is surrounded by native bush with the stunning Ōhau River flowing through. Lose yourself in the sights and sounds of this stunning spot at night as the stars shine down on you.

Waikawa Beach

Stars blanket the night sky at this hidden gem in Horowhenua. A small settlement 19km south of Levin, Waikawa Beach leaves a big impression. Just beside the bridge where the Waikawa Stream goes out to sea, you'll find the perfect picnic spot. Enjoy a meal while the sun goes down and the stars come up.

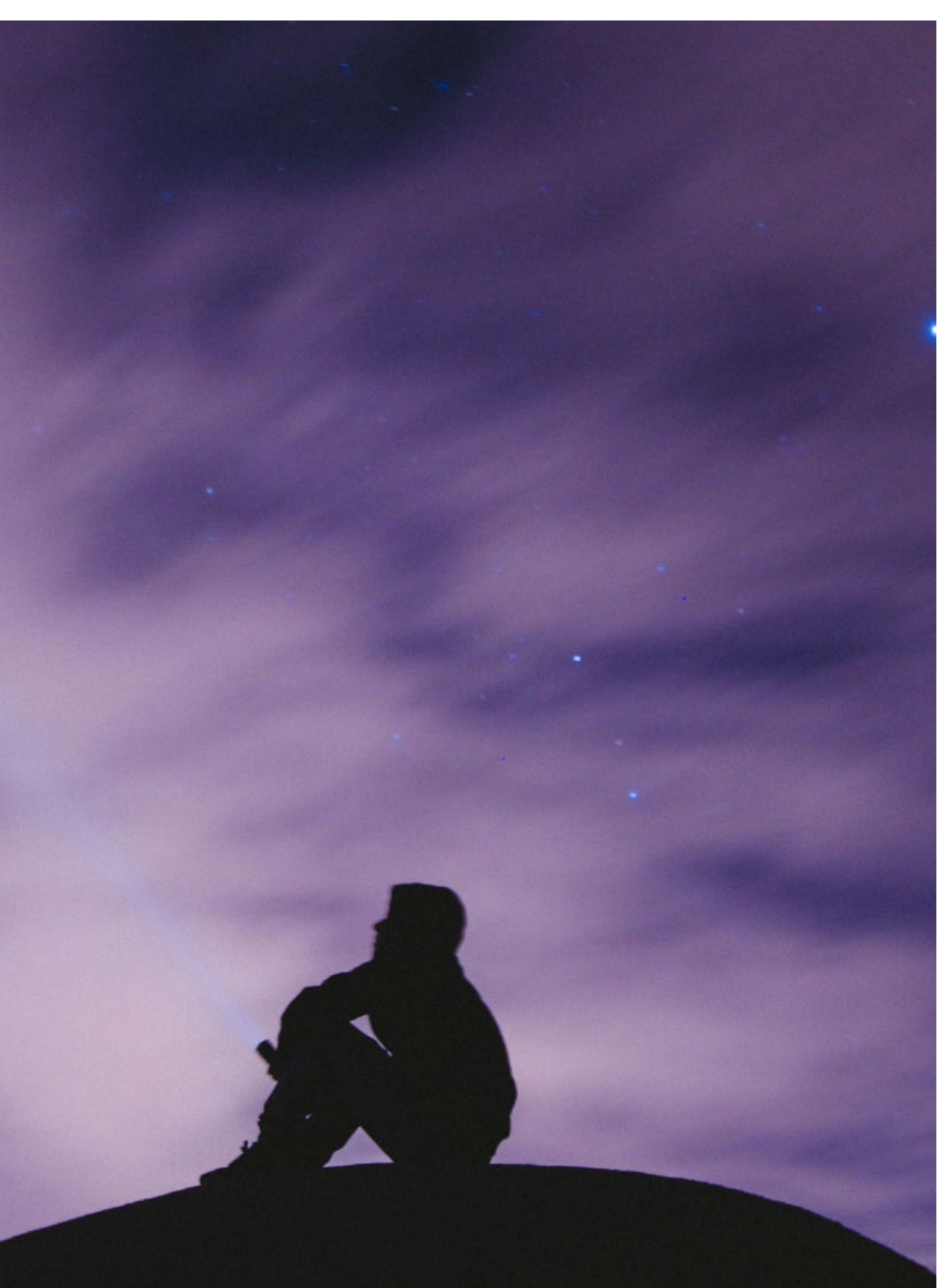
Driscoll Reserve, Manakau

A Green Flag Award winner, this Reserve is a pretty spot just off the State Highway with beautifully kept gardens and lawns. Take time to smell the flowers and make a wish on a star as you enjoy this beautiful space in the darker hours.

Feel like a star in Horowhenua

There are spectacular sights to drink in both day and night in Horowhenua. Whether you are a sightseer, a foodie, adventure seeker or a history buff, there's something for everyone in our district.

Study up on other great activities to do here!  horowhenuanz.co.nz/horowhenua-highlights



Bernie on the Beat

Be seen in the dark

With winter upon us and less daylight hours, chances are you will be spending more time driving in the dark than you would in the summer months. Driving at night is more dangerous than driving during the day, and bearing in mind road safety is everybody's responsibility, it's important to take steps to limit the risk of being involved or involving others in a vehicle collision.

Dozens of people lose their lives due to driver fatigue each year, and many more are injured. Never drive when you are feeling fatigued, and if you start to feel sleepy while driving stop and rest. It's better to show up late than not at all.

Being seen, and being able to see, is also crucial when driving at night. Take your dark glasses off and put your prescription glasses on if you need them.

Before you start the engine, check that your windscreen and lights are clean, and your warrant of fitness is up to date. Don't rely on your car's automatic light sensors – check your lights are working correctly, and before you hit the road ensure you know the best practice on how to use your lights.

- You must turn on your vehicle's headlights from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise and at any other time when you can't clearly see a person or vehicle 100m away
- Never drive with just park lights (also known as position lamps) on
- In an area without street lighting, use full beam as appropriate to increase how far you can see
- Don't blind other drivers with your vehicle's headlights – dip them when vehicles are coming towards you or when you're following another vehicle



- If you're blinded by the lights of oncoming vehicles:
 - slow down or stop
 - try to keep your eyes on the left side of the road, so you're not looking directly at the light

You should always be mindful of your following distance, ensuring that you are travelling at least 2 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you, and at night if there are no other cars in front of you, you need to drive at a speed that means you can see the road at least 2 seconds ahead.

Pedestrians and cyclists are especially hard to see at night. They should have lights and wear reflective clothing and ideally stay in areas with street lighting, but this is not always the case. Always keep an eye out for unexpected people, animals or items on the road.

Also be prepared for sunstrike, which is more likely to occur in winter as the sun is lower in the sky. Wear sunglasses when driving at sunrise or sunset and use your car's sun visors to block the sun. If you experience sunstrike, it may be safest to pull over and wait for a few minutes until your eyes adjust or visibility improves.

Gardening with Simon

Gardening by the moon

When I think of Matariki, I think of Maramataka...

A traditional guide to planting and harvesting (and fishing and hunting), Maramataka (which translates as 'moon rotating') is the traditional lunar Māori calendar. The Māori New Year begins in Takurua (Winter) during Pipiri (May – June) marked by the star cluster Matariki.

I was first introduced to Maramataka by a nurse at Palmerston North hospital. She shared with me how her father planted some cabbages according to the Māori lunar calendar and they grew considerably bigger than other crops planted on different days. I tried it myself and it worked!

During the New Moon phase there is a gravitational pull from the moon making it the best time to grow leafy above-the-ground plants such as brassicas. During the full moon, the gravitational force pushes down making it the best time to plant root crops such as carrots, parsnips and garlic. During other times of the lunar calendar, you can concentrate on weeding or a general tidy up.

Winter is also a time to think of frost protection. Frost cloth is a must for this time of year, you can get some from your local gardening store or use newspaper for a cheaper version which is just as effective (just check that wind is not on the forecast if you are using it!). Some people put bed sheets over plants to protect them from the frost, but this doesn't appeal to me as it adds to the washing pile.

In the vegetable patch, it's garlic planting time! Garlic is traditionally planted on the shortest day for harvesting on the longest day in December.


Although not everyone enjoys being outside in the cold, tending to your garden throughout the year really does reward you. Autumn provided a good growing season with the right amount of rain at the right time. All bar one of my sixty garlic have germinated and are looking very healthy. My cabbages, broccoli and cauliflowers are taking off and my silverbeet and spinach are ready to be enjoyed.


What to plant in winter:

- Apples
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Garlic
- Lettuce
- Onions
- Pears
- Radish
- Silverbeet
- Strawberries

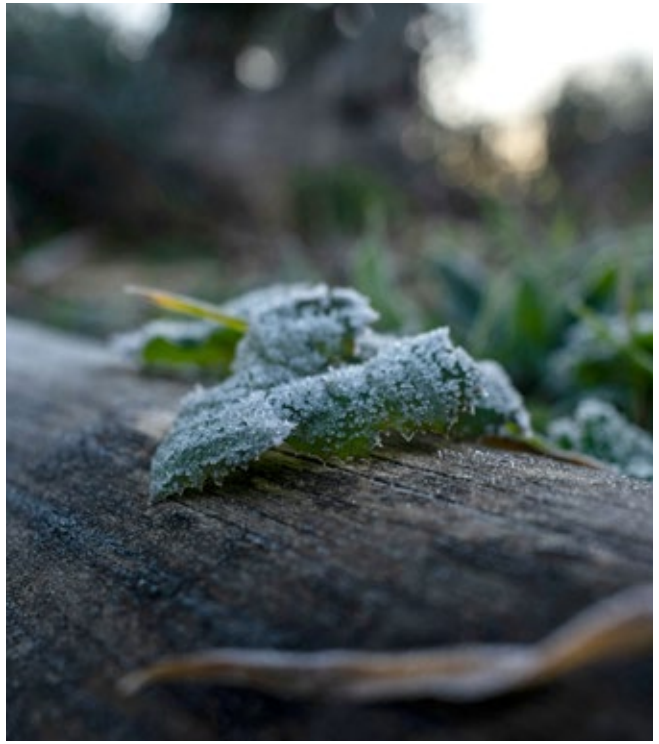
Have a wonderful winter.

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Let's Cook...

Sweet az Pai's Kūmara & Ārani (Orange) Cake

A celebration isn't complete without cake. Start a new Matariki tradition and share this delicious keke (cake) with friends and whānau!



To see different flavours to try,
check out this recipe online at

horowhenua.govt.nz/puawai/letscook

Kai (ingredients)

Cake:

Flour	3 ½ cups
Baking powder	3 teaspoons
Baking soda	2 teaspoons
Cinnamon	3 teaspoons
Brown sugar	2 ¾ cups
Sultanas	1 cup
Walnuts	1 ½ cups (roughly chopped)
Orange kūmara	5 cups (grated)
Eggs	5
Oil (rice bran, vegetable or canola)	350ml
Orange juice	2 Tablespoons
Orange zest	Grated zest of three oranges
Crushed pineapple	½ cup, semi drained

Frosting:

Butter	200g, softened
Icing sugar	1 ¼ cup, sifted
Cream cheese	500g, softened
Orange	Grated zest of one orange

Tukanga (method)

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Spray a deep 28-30cm (or two smaller tins) spring form cake tin with baking spray and line the base and sides of the cake tin with baking paper.
2. Add the dry ingredients into a large bowl.
3. Mix in the grated kūmara.
4. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs, oil, orange juice and zest together, and then mix into the dry ingredients along with the pineapple.
5. Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 45 minutes, then turn down the oven to 160°C and bake for a further 30 to 40 minutes, until the cake starts to pull away from the edges of the tin and is cooked in the middle (test with a cake skewer).
6. Stand cake in the tin for 20 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
7. While the cake stands, prepare the frosting. Beat butter until pale and fluffy.
8. Add icing sugar and beat until smooth.
9. Add cream cheese and zest. Beat until combined and is a good spreading consistency.
10. Cover the cake with cream cheese frosting and decorate with anything edible which catches your eye such as walnuts, candied oranges, orange zest, dried cranberries and/or edible flowers.

Sweet az Pai specialises in delicious home-baked goods and catering. All food is handmade by Levin local Donna Rawiri using the freshest ingredients. With a focus on avoiding processed and unhealthy kai, Sweet az Pai kai offers delicious healthy alternatives to other treats.

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Puzzle Corner

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Winter time

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Astronomy

Celebration

Celestial

Cluster

Constellation

Holiday

June

Lunar

Matariki

Moon

New Year

Pleiades

Puanga

Remembrance

Rigel

Rising

Seven Sisters

Stars

Taurus

Tradition

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Volunteer Horowhenua



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

Literacy and Reading Volunteer

Role #2357

Assist four women with mild intellectual disabilities with a weekly reading session and a monthly library trip to renew their books. Also help with basic literacy/math/science.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Flexible, with a minimum commitment of an hour.

Gardeners

Role #2363

Garden, weed, feed and plant in a small area allocated by a rest home. Police vetting check required.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: As required/agreed with the volunteer.

Driver

Levin

Role #2365

A valid, clean driver's license and a police check are essential. No lifting of residents is involved, and the role can be shared.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Every Monday. Outings last 1.5 hours

Event Support Volunteers

Role #2359

Assist with special events such as St. Patrick's Day and Easter, helping to decorate a venue for themed activities.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Flexible, with a minimum commitment of an hour.

Administrator

Levin

Role #2371

Keep Policy & Procedures documents updated, assist with admin tasks and update an Operations document.

- ✓ Dates/Hours: To be determined

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

- ☎ (06) 354 6027
- ✉ info@volunteercentral.nz
- 🌐 volunteercentral.nz/horowhenua

Puāwai distributor

Levin

Distribute copies of Puāwai around Horowhenua rest homes

- ✓ Dates/Hours: Once every three months

If you are interested in this role, please contact Horowhenua District Council:

- ☎ (06) 366 0999
- ✉ communications@horowhenua.govt.nz

Puanga

24 JUNE TO
9 JULY 2024

Matariki

horowhenua.govt.nz/matariki

Your 2024 Matariki event guide

MAY

Matariki Photography Competition

Entries open 10 May - 20 June

Matariki Writing Competition

Entries open 10 May - 20 June

JUNE

Matariki Swim Challenge

June 3 2024 12am to July 8 11:59pm

Te Ahurei o Horowhenua Kapahaka Festival

JUNE 25 Tuesday 25 June
8am to 3.30pm
Waiopahu College

Te Putanga mai o Matariki - Karakia with Muaūpoko

An opportunity for community to join Muaūpoko in dawn karakia

JUNE 26 Wednesday 26 June
5.30am
Cricket Pavilion, Donnelly Park, Levin

Pō Kiriata whānau (Family Film Night)

Bring the whānau and watch Disney's Moana in Te Reo Māori.

JUNE 26 Wednesday 26 June
5pm to 7pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Matariki at the Planetarium

Learn about Matariki with the Spaceward portable planetarium.

JUNE 26 Wednesday 26 June
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
To register, call 06 368 1953

JUNE 27 Thursday 27 June
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
To register, call 06 368 1953

Te Mauri o Matariki ki Te Awahou

Welcome Matariki with a dawn karakia

JUNE 27 Wednesday 27 June
5am
Foxton Beach (Pinewood Road entry, Estuary Flats and beach access)

\$2 Entry to Foxton Pools

JUNE 27 Thursday 27 June
4pm to 6pm
Foxton Pools

Lights over Te Awahou

Relish tasty food-truck fare, live music and brilliant lights.

JUNE 27 Thursday 27 June
5pm to 9pm
Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park

Matariki ki Ōtauru

Celebrate the Māori New Year in Shannon

JUNE 28 Friday 28 June
10am to 3pm
Te Maire Park (Southern End), Shannon

Puna Kaukau

Feel the embrace of Hinetakurua, The Winter Maiden.

JUNE 30 Sunday 30 June
(Postponement date 7 July)
5.45am
Gladstone River swing bridge, Poads Road, Levin

JULY

Matariki Quiz Night

JULY 3 Wednesday 3 July
7pm to 9pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Kapahaka and Community Kai

JULY 4 Thursday 4 July
5pm to 8pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Friday Konohete (Konohete i te Rāmere)

A special Friday Concert Series session

JULY 5 Friday 5 July
12pm to 2pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

Matariki Pool Party

JULY 6 Saturday 6 July
2pm to 4pm
Levin Aquatic Centre

Taitoko Night Market

JULY 6 Saturday 6 July
4pm to 8pm
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō carpark

Matariki Storytelling with Kirsty Wadsworth

JULY 8 Monday 8 July
10.30am to 11.30am
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō

JULY 9 Tuesday 9 July
10.30am to 11.30am
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

JULY 9 Tuesday 9 July
3pm to 4pm
Shannon Library



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