

# Community Connection

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Horowhenua DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bernie Wanden

## Message from the Mayor

**Kia ora Horowhenua,**

Council is dedicated to engaging with residents before making important decisions. By consulting and engaging with you on

important matters, we ensure that our policies and actions reflect the needs and values of our community. This way, we find the best solutions for Horowhenua together.

Currently, we're consulting on two key bylaws: the Land Transport Bylaw and the Public Places Bylaw. The Land Transport Bylaw will set controls for parking, traffic, and our transportation network within the Horowhenua District, excluding State Highways. These measures are designed to ensure safety, prevent nuisances, and protect our infrastructure. The Public Places Bylaw focuses on keeping our public spaces safe, clean, and usable for everyone. Consultation for both bylaws opened on 1 August and will close on 30 August. Your input is essential in shaping these regulations to benefit our entire community.

In addition to these consultations, we have some exciting news about grants and funding opportunities. Several new grants have opened up to support community projects and initiatives. If you have a project that could benefit from funding, I encourage you to apply and take advantage of these opportunities to make a positive impact in our district. Council officers will be hosting drop-in sessions where you can come along and ask questions about the criteria, application process and how we can assist.

On a more celebratory note, nominations for the Civic Awards opened on 31 July. These Awards are our way of shining a light on those who tirelessly contribute to the betterment of our community. These are the unsung heroes who work behind the scenes, driving positive change and making Horowhenua a better place. Apart from the King's Honour Awards, a Civic Award is the highest recognition given locally. In previous years, we have honoured many incredible individuals for

both long and meritorious service, acknowledging commitment to helping others and fostering strong, connected communities.

The Youth Awards are also open for nominations and are designed to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of our young people and acknowledge their dedication, talent, and potential in various fields. There are up to 16 \$500 awards available. If there's a community volunteer or a young person you know who deserves recognition, you will find details about how to make a nomination on our website. Nominations close 11 September.

Lastly, I had the pleasure of attending the opening of Horowhenua's first-ever Pickleball Tournament last weekend. It was a fantastic event which was well organised and enjoyed by the 128 competitors. I would like to extend my congratulations to Horowhenua Pickleball on the success of the tournament and for showcasing the district on a national stage.

Remember, there are many ways to engage with Council. You can use Antenna to send updates, join us for a cuppa with a councillor, or make submissions on consultations. Your participation is not just important, it's vital to our decision-making process. You have the power to share your views and help shape the future of our community. Please take the time to do so.

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

## New Look Rates Invoices

**Rates Invoices for Instalment 1 of the 2024/2025 financial year will be sent out during August.**

These invoices will have a new look and feel as we've made some improvements to make them easier to understand.

## CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR



**Thursday 8 August 2024**

- Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
- Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

**Time:** 10.30am to 12.30pm

- Shannon Library

**Time:** 1pm to 2.30pm

## Council Meetings



**Risk and Assurance Committee**

Wednesday 7 August 2024,  
10am to 12pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



**Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 14 August 2024,  
10am to 12pm

Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin



**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 Iwikātea Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to [horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings](http://horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings) for the full meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.

## HOROWHENUA CIVIC AWARDS

*Celebrating Community Champions*

**Horowhenua District Council is proud to announce the opening of nominations for the 2024 Civic and Youth Excellence Awards.**

These awards celebrate the dedication and achievements of our outstanding community members. We invite everyone in the community to nominate exceptional individuals who have made a significant impact.

To nominate someone for a Civic Award, visit:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/civicawards](http://horowhenua.govt.nz/civicawards)

To nominate an outstanding rangatahi for a Youth Excellence Award, visit:

[horowhenua.govt.nz/youthexcellence](http://horowhenua.govt.nz/youthexcellence)

Download free app Antenna to report issues, as well as receive alerts and notifications.

[www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Antenna](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Antenna)



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# GRANTS & FUNDING

## Community Grants and Funding Applications open 1 August 2024

[horowhenua.govt.nz/grants](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/grants)

Don't know where to start? Join us for funding advice and assistance at one of our grants and community funding drop-in sessions:

### Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom



Monday 5 August  
11am to 12.30pm



Wednesday 28 August  
3.30pm to 4.30pm

### Shannon Library



Monday 12 August  
1pm to 2.30pm

### Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō



Tuesday 13 August  
10am to 12pm



Monday 26 August  
1pm to 3pm



## Proposed Land Transport Bylaw

### Council seeks your input on the Proposed Land Transport Bylaw

The Bylaw sets controls for parking, traffic, and the transportation network within Horowhenua (excluding State Highways). These controls ensure health and safety, protect the public from nuisances, and protect our infrastructure.

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 30 August 2024.

For more information, visit:

[letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/landtransportbylaw2024](https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/landtransportbylaw2024)

## Proposed Public Places Bylaw

### Council seeks your input on the Proposed Public Places Bylaw 2024

This bylaw aims to protect public health and safety, prevent nuisance and offensive behavior, and regulate the use of public spaces for activities like trading and entertainment.

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 30 August 2024.

For more information, visit:

[letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/publicplacesbylaw2024](https://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/publicplacesbylaw2024)



## Important Notices

### Southbound Lane Closure – SH1 Oxford Street, Levin

**Delay in Phase 2 Works:** Due to the bad weather forecasted over the past few days, Council and Higgins have made the call to delay Phase 2 of the SH1 southbound works between Tyne Street and York Street.

The works, originally scheduled to transition to a 24/7 operation from 29 July to 2 August, will now continue next week. This delay is necessary to ensure the safety and efficiency of the project.

**New Schedule:** Phase 2 trenching south to north up SH1 towards Tyne Street will resume Monday 5 August.

**Traffic Management:** Traffic management will be removed, and the road will be open to through traffic until work resumes. Once the works restart, southbound traffic will be redirected down Tyne Street and onto Cambridge Street.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to complete this important project.

## Te Maire Park Upgrade

Exciting changes are underway at Te Maire Park. Thanks to Central Government's Better Off Funding, Green by Nature is helping us transform the park into a vibrant community hub.

We're currently focusing on the footpath near the road and will soon enhance the space around the flagpole next to the war memorial.

Future developments will include harakeke gardens, a new stage with shade sails, and a pergola with BBQs and picnic tables.



## Foxton & Foxton Beach Community Planning Drop-in Sessions



Tuesday 6 August 2024  
10.30am to 12pm  
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Foxton



Tuesday 6 August 2024  
5.30pm to 7pm  
Manawatu Marine Boating Club, Foxton Beach

There is no need to register; just come along. For more info:

Online: [horowhenua.govt.nz/FoxtonFutures/CPS](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/FoxtonFutures/CPS)

Email: [@Foxton.futures@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:Foxton.futures@horowhenua.govt.nz)

Phone: [06 366 0999](tel:063660999)

BE PART OF THE CHANGE. LET'S SHAPE THE FUTURE TOGETHER.

## Did you know most chemists take back pharmaceutical waste?

Contact your local chemist for more information.



To learn more about rubbish and recycling visit:

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

## HOW ARE WE REALLY DOING?



Scan the QR code to complete the survey about Quality of Life

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

