



## WE'RE WORKING ON OUR LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34

Every three years Ōtorohanga District Council reviews its Long Term Plan. It sets out our major projects, budgets and financial strategy for the next 10 years.

The current Long-Term Plan is for 2021-31. The next Long Term Plan will build upon our current plan and cover the period 2024-34.

## KIA MAU TĀTOU KI TE ARA - STEADY AS SHE GOES

This has been a really difficult Long Term Plan to put together as we have struggled, like you, with facing up to the cost of living (inflation) and dealing with a range of other things that are outside our control.

However, even though we have these challenges, the Mayor, Councillors, Community Board Members and Leadership Team have listened closely to what you have had to say over the past year about what you value and the progress you want to see.

## LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Council is committed to a transparent and collaborative process in shaping the future of our district. Your feedback will help us to create a plan that nurtures our people, our places and our partnerships.

From 26 March to 29 April 2024, we will be asking our communities for feedback on what we have proposed. You can have your say online through this four-week period, drop in to one of our sites to get a hard copy of the consultation document and submission form or attend one of the public open days below:

**13 April 2024 – 11am – 2pm, Ōtorohanga Village Green, Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga**

**18 April 2024 – 10.30am – 12.30pm, Arohena Hall, 18 Pukewhau Road, Wharepapa South**

**20 April 2024 – 11am – 2pm, Kāwhia Hall, 141 Jervois St, Kāwhia**

If you would like to learn more about our Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034, head to [engage.otodc.govt.nz/ltp](https://engage.otodc.govt.nz/ltp)

## WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

### Wriggle & Rhyme (preschoolers)

Music and movement for preschoolers. Fridays 10.30am – 11.00 am @ Ōtorohanga District Library during term time. No registrations needed.



### Storytime (children of all ages)

Stories and songs for children of all ages. Thursdays 10.30am – 11.00 am @ Ōtorohanga District Library during term time. No registrations needed.



### Afterschool STEM programmes (primary school)

Programmes include Keva Contraptions, MakeyMakey, Arduino, LittleBits, Meccano, Lego and Ozobot. Mondays and Thursdays, 3.30pm – 4.30pm @ Ōtorohanga District Library during term time. Registrations needed.



### Ravenous Readers Book Club (adults)

Join our community of readers and chat about books. Second Thursday of each month 1.30pm – 2.30pm OR 5.15pm – 6.15pm @ Ōtorohanga District Library.



See more: [www.otodc.govt.nz/our-district/library/what-s-on](https://www.otodc.govt.nz/our-district/library/what-s-on)



## RATES REMINDER

Instalment two of your rates, as well as Ōtorohanga and Rural Water invoices, was due on 23 February 2024.

If you are having trouble paying your Rates please do not hesitate to contact our Rates Officer on 07 873 4360.

Rates Rebate 2023 – You may qualify for a Department of Internal Affairs rates rebate! Check out this website [www.govt.nz/rates-rebates](https://www.govt.nz/rates-rebates) or call our friendly Customer Experience team on 0800 734 000 to discuss.

Going Paperless – you can receive your rates bill via email. Head to “receive rates invoice via email” on our website [www.otodc.govt.nz/services/building-property/property-and-rating/rates-information](https://www.otodc.govt.nz/services/building-property/property-and-rating/rates-information)



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday, 4 March @ 4pm
Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday, 7 March @ 4pm
Risk and Assurance Committee	Wednesday, 20 March @ 10am
Ōtorohanga District Council	Tuesday, 26 March @ 10am

## CAN I RECYCLE THESE?

Here's what you can put out for recycling.



Plastic bottles, trays and containers numbered 1, 2 and 5 only



Food and drink tins, and cans



Paper and cardboard



Glass bottles and jars



✓ YES

Take off the lids, rinse out your dirty items, and put them out for recycling.

Learn more at [otodc.govt.nz/services/refuse-recycling](https://www.otodc.govt.nz/services/refuse-recycling)



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District Council  
Where kiwi can fly