

# AMIO

MARCH 2024 ISSUE

## WEAVING THE FUTURE, TOGETHER KOTAHITANGA HAVE YOUR SAY!



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

**Throughout April**, we will be asking our communities for feedback on what we have proposed. You can have your say online, drop in to one of our sites to get a submission form or attend one of our whānau/family friendly open days below.

**SAT 13 APRIL** | Ōtorohanga Village Green, Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga | 11am-2pm

**THU 18 APRIL** | Arohena Hall, 18 Pukewhau Road, Wharepapa South | 10.30am-12.30pm

**SAT 20 APRIL** | Kāwhia Hall, 141 Jervois St, Kāwhia | 11am-2pm

**YOU CAN FIND FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE PLANS WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON BELOW**

### LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34



### RURAL CONCEPT PLAN



### KĀWHIA/ AOTEA/ŌPĀRAU CONCEPT PLAN



To learn more about our plans, head to [engage.otodc.govt.nz](https://engage.otodc.govt.nz)

### WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

**The school holidays are fast approaching and there will be crafts galore at our libraries!**

#### ŌTOROHANGA LIBRARY:

**Gift box making and mobile madness  
15 & 16 April, 10.30 – 11.30am**

Join us for making gift boxes on the Monday and making your own mobile to take home and hang on the Tuesday.

#### ANZAC storyboard creating

**22, 23, 24 April, 10.30 – 11.30am**

On the second week of the holidays, we will be creating an ANZAC storyboard. This multi-panelled storyboard will be on display after the ANZAC Parade on April 25th (we will be open 10.30am to noon for viewing that day). The panels will be

exhibited at the library for several weeks after the holidays if you can't make the 25th.

#### Lantern making 22 April, 2 – 3pm

Make a lantern to be part of the Dawn Parade. You get to keep the lantern afterwards! This activity is for Year 7 and older.

#### WHAT'S ON AT KĀWHIA:

**24 April, Kāwhia Hall, 2 – 3.30 pm**

Join us at Kāwhia Hall to make ANZAC crafts and a "stained glass" ANZAC themed window for the library.

**If you want to know more, contact us on  
07 873 7175 or email  
[library@otodc.govt.nz](mailto:library@otodc.govt.nz)**



### POUKAI 2024

A delegation of Council and staff attended the Poukai at both Aotearoa Pā and Maketū this month. The Poukai were instituted by Kingi Tāwhiao in



response to the destitution his people suffered following the invasion of the Waikato. This kaupapa endures to this day, and strengthens connections to Kingitanga in support of the pani (bereaved), the pouaru (widowed) and rawakore (destitute). Council further supported this kaupapa and hosted a pop-up stall at Maketū promoting community funding opportunities, road safety and rates remissions. As Council builds genuine partnership relations with Māori across the district, we will continue to attend and support this kaupapa.



### MEET THE TEAM

#### Paul Strange, Manager Rooding

Born and raised in New Plymouth, I had Mount Taranaki, Fitzroy Beach and the Waiwakaiho River as my childhood playground. I am married to Sue, with two married children who live in the UK and Kenya. I have lived in Te Awamutu for the last 22 years, and I have four grandparents buried in Te Kuiti.

I started working for Ministry of Works in the 1980s, covering State Highway 3 from Awakino and New Plymouth. I then worked for North Shore City Council, on water, wastewater, pump stations, stormwater and recycling in the early 1990's.

I spent the later 1990s in the UK working on landfills, cleaning up contaminated land and making waste disposal arrangements for 650,000 residents.

I came back to New Zealand in 2001 and worked on the State Highway network, covering the area from Waitara to Hamilton Airport in a contracting role.

I then spent a 4-year period at Waitomo District Council looking after their road network, then 17 years at Waipā as Transportation Design and Asset Engineer, as well as looking after their bridges.

I enjoy travelling and exploring areas and cultures slowly, rather than "do 10 counties in 10 days."

I regularly bike around town and walk trails and pathways.

Kakepuku is my favourite exercise venue and I also enjoy kayak fishing or just having a paddle in some sheltered waters.

I joined Ōtorohanga District Council in 2024. It's a real privilege to be looking after the Ōtorohanga Rooding network, and I'm looking forward to getting to know the people and the area better.



Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o  
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