

DOING BUSINESS WITH US HAS JUST GOT EASIER! INTRODUCING BUSINESS CONNECT

We have just launched Business Connect, a cross-agency digital services platform that provides one place for businesses to deal with government. With Business Connect, registering will be easier and more streamlined. Once you register to use Business Connect, most of your business details will be pre-populated thanks to integration with the New Zealand Business Number.

Overall, Business Connect aims to make things easier for small and medium business owners in New Zealand and offers a more consistent user experience across a range of application forms. Some of the benefits include:

- one place to go to fulfil compliance requirements and track interactions across government
- making regular renewals quick and easy through pre-populating information
- sending automated renewal reminders for businesses
- providing notifications on changes to application status
- saving important documents to be reused in future.

To find out more, head to www.otodc.govt.nz/services/consentslicensing/business-connect

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR CURRENT SEWER NETWORK

As part of improvements to our current sewer network, Council is undertaking work on Harper Avenue, along Rangitahi Street and at one other location (TBC).

Our contracting partner, Camex Civil, is currently working around Rangitahi Street. Their first portion of work involves building a new below-ground wastewater pumpstation to replace the existing one - that was built in the 1970's!

With increased infill housing and old concrete pipes, the existing main is causing major maintenance issues. To enable improved service and allow for future development, the new pipe will have around twice the capacity of the existing one and is made from material which is expected to have a 100-year lifespan.



WINNER OF OUR CIVIL DEFENCE HOME PREPAREDNESS PACK

Congratulations to Mr Jim Reed for winning our Civil Defence Preparedness Pack! Jim won this by completing a household emergency plan and getting into our recent prize draw. Having a household emergency plan will help your whānau be prepared should emergency strike, it's a really important tool to ensure we all keep ourselves safe.

Find the household emergency plan form here - www.otodc.govt.nz/media/pcidfoun/shae-out-family-pack.pdf



WAIPĀ RURAL WATER SCHEME UPGRADE

Two new tanks have been installed to create additional capacity for the Waipā Rural Water Scheme. This extra capacity will support growth and resilience in the area. These tanks will double the capacity of the existing scheme.

GRANTS

Our Grants and Awards Committee met recently and agreed to fund 20 fantastic community-led projects. We were heartened to see that half of these applicants were brand new to the process and have never applied for any funding before.

Projects funded this grants round include van hire for a school hockey team, a beginners wood carving workshop, a digital storytelling and animation workshop, a series of arts workshops for youth and adults and free hip-hop exercise.

Successful applicants for this recent round are listed below:

Community Grants

Kāwhia Fireworks, Aotea Patrol Community Response Team, Ōtorohanga Kai Forest, Kāwhia Primary School, Kāwhia Sports Club Inc, Ōtorohanga Museum, Arohena Hall, Ōtorohanga

Lyceum Club, Bill Millar, Ōtorohanga Primary School, Ōtorohanga Support House/ Whare Awhina, Turitea Marae, Unlocking potential, Tori Muller

Creative Grants

Adam Te Kahara-Wright, Mike Brown, Kāwhia School, Nimbus Media, The Ōtorohanga Creative Conduit/ Rebecca Dowman-Ngapō

Rural Sports Travel Grants

Ōtorohanga Primary School

Congratulations to all applicants! We look forward to seeing your projects! The new Grants application round opens February 2024. Questions about your project idea?

Email grants@otodc.govt.nz

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	4 December
Risk and Assurance Committee	5 December
Kāwhia Community Board	7 December
Ōtorohanga District Council	12 December



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