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ŌTOROHANGA

ARE YOU READY TO WEAVE THE FUTURE?

Ōtorohanga District Council and partners are working on the plans that focus on the future of our towns and rural spaces. Have your say at one of our family-friendly open days!

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Kāwhia Hall | 141 Jervois Street | 11am-1pm

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Arohena Hall | 18 Pukewhau Road | 10.30am-12.30pm

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Ōtorohanga Village Green/Library Maniapoto Street - 11am-1pm
(Next to the Village Green Bakery, 44 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga)

MEET THE TEAM

SENIOR BUILDING CONTROL OFFICER - JEREMY WILLIAMS

Jeremy has around 18 years Building Control experience, formally working with Hamilton City Council. Jeremy has also been a Building Consultant and Building Control contractor for the past 10 years. Building Consulting has given Jeremy a wide range of experience to bring to his role at Ōtorohanga. Jeremy originally completed a National Diploma in Architectural Design and a Degree in Construction Management in South Africa. Jeremy recently completed a Diploma in Building Surveying through the NZ Institute of Building Surveyors. Jeremy lives in Hamilton with his wife, two children, and a small dog. Outside of work Jeremy enjoys surfing, scuba diving, freediving, and fishing. Jeremy is looking forward to working with the Ōtorohanga community.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	4 September
Risk & Assurance Committee	5 September
Kāwhia Community Board	7 September
Ōtorohanga District Council	19 September



LIBRARY - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Join us for some magical fun these upcoming holidays as we enter the wonderful world of Harry Potter, Muggles, and Hogwarts. Make your very own wand, bookmark, howler and loads of other fun activities! We will be running a variety of activities over both weeks of the holidays. More details will be available soon...

2023 ADULT READING CHALLENGE

Our Adult Reading Challenge ran over June and July. Those who registered were set nine challenges, ranging from reading certain genres to using some of our online resources.

The winner of the Grand Prize pack (valued at over \$500.00) was Anne Houston (pictured below). Anne was overjoyed, saying it made her week!

Thanks to everyone who took part - watch out for the return challenge in 2024.



COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY - A MASSIVE SUCCESS

We had a very healthy turnout, around 93 people, who brought such good vibe to our fantastic Community Planting Day as phase two of Te Ara a Waiwaia Planting Project,

Thank you to everyone, especially all our beautiful children, that pitched in their energy, curiosity and happiness - you all made the day so special.

All plants went in beautifully and were a gorgeous mix of river appropriate natives - we look forward to watching them grow.

The project was a collaborative effort between Ōtorohanga District Council, Waikato Regional Council, Waikato River Authority, Mirimiri Ngā Awa, and Puniu River Care.

Thank you also to our invited guest speakers - Wikitōria Tāne and Gabrielle Morgan-Logan, who shared with attendees some aspects of the Waipā history and ecology - including updates about the invasive golden clams and information about the successful tuna (eel) breeding programs.



LAST CHANCE!

It is your last chance to have your say in this year's Annual Residents Survey. Have your say **today** and go into the draw to win one of two \$100 prezzie cards! All you have to do is head to the below link and fill out the survey, or pop into one of our sites for a paper copy form.

engage.otodc.govt.nz/how-have-we-done-this-year

Survey closes midnight 31 August.

POP UP COUNCIL

Coming to your area!

COME AND TALK TO US ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL OR DISTRICT

Pop-Up Council is a community initiative started by our Customer Experience team that sees Council staff go out to different parts of our community each month to make Council services more accessible for our district.



For example, on Saturday 12 August, our team headed out to Ōpārau Roadhouse, and were able to assist with the new round for Rates Rebates 2023/2024 for our rural Kāwhia Community.

The team talked with the local community about the upcoming Weave the Future Open Days, the Annual Residents survey, the Library survey - inviting everyone to have their say.

The feedback was positive, it is good to see Council reaching out to the community, especially as many do not travel regularly into Ōtorohanga due to time and costs.

Being customer centric is our goal and with more Pop-Ups in the community coming up - we can put a face to Council.

Tentative dates for future Pop-Ups until the end of the year are:

**September 16 | October 14
November 18 | December 16**

Locations to be confirmed.



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