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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

JESSICA NELSON - RECORDS MANAGER

Hailing from the depths of rural Christchurch, Jess first came to the Waikato to pursue her career as an elite athlete. After performing on the world stage for rowing, Jess settled down in Cambridge with her hubby and two young children and set about obtaining a degree in Applied Business Management and Strategic Management. Jess came to Ōtorohanga District Council on a placement for her degree and enjoyed both the council environment and the wider district so much that she decided to stay!



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Kāwhia Community Board	3 August
Ōtorohanga Community Board	7 August
Ōtorohanga District Council	15 August

LIBRARY

Our winter reading programme has started, but it is not too late to register! Join our busy hive of readers by signing up on Beanstack and get buzzing into books this winter - www.otorohangalibrary.beanstack.org/reader365



RATES

Rates - The invoices for instalment one of the rating year 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024 will be posted/emailed last week of July. Please check your spam/junk mail if not received.

Instalment one is due by 25 August 2023.

Instalment two will be posted/emailed by the end of January 2024, with due date of 23 February 2024.

Water invoices - All Ōtorohanga and Rural Water invoices are due by 25 August 2023.

Rates Rebate 2023 - Do you qualify for a Department of Internal Affairs Rates Rebate? Check out this website www.govt.nz/rates-rebates or call our friendly Customer Experience team on 0800 734 000.

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/



OUR SYSTEMS ARE DESIGNED TO FLUSH SEWAGE, TOILET PAPER, AND THAT'S IT!

The flushing of baby wipes, and other non-soluble materials, is causing A LOT of issues for our system at the moment.

Yesterday we received another two calls-out due to a blocked sewer pump station. Every time we need to unblock these sewer pumps, the cost is around \$1,000. Rewinding a pump with a burnt motor, due to blockages, costs around \$15,000, and the total replacement of a pump this big costs over \$30,000.

The Main North Road pump station (pictured) services around 75% of the Ōtorohanga township, so blockages can have a substantial effect on our system, and therefore on our community.

PLEASE only flush sewage and toilet paper. Sewerage systems simply aren't designed to take anything more than that.

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COMMUNITY GRANT WINNERS

Our Grants Committee met recently and agreed to fund 24 community led projects drawn from some fantastic proposals. These include contributing to travel costs such as van hire for youth sports teams, creative skills workshops such as harakeke natural dying, screen printing, and school murals and running costs such as ground leases, hall repairs, and development purchases including sports uniforms, theatre curtains, and new hot water cylinders, and public events such as te reo classes, marae hosted Matariki celebrations, and rowing regattas.

Thank you to all the applicants. Your ideas and generous energy contributes to making our district unique and vibrant. All our grants open every six months, with the next funding round opening late August/ early September. So, get together with your teams, develop your ideas and check out the criteria on our website to apply. These funds are here for you!

Successful applicants this recent round are listed below.

Community Grants

Friends of Beattie Home, Ōtorohanga Budgeting Services, I am Yoga, Ōtorohanga Maori Womens Welfare League, Kāwhia Museum, Kāwhia Rowing Club, KioKio Hall, Korakonui School, Ōpārau Hall, Ōtorohanga Domain Sports Club, Ōtorohanga Football Club, Ōtorohanga Tennis Club, Picnic and Pistons Event, Taarewanga Marae, Tigers Sport Club, Toi Aringa Trust.

Creative Grants

Anna Crichton, Carole Shephard, Encore Music Academy, Janaya Waitere, Korakonui School, Rebecca Ngapo

Rural Sports Travel Grants

Galaxy Touch Rugby Club, KioKio School, Ōtorohanga College, Ōtorohanga Football Association.

An enjoyable part of the process is being able to tell people their project has been successful. We love hearing back from our community, with many grant winners being invigorated and looking forward to starting. We can't wait to see your projects evolve!



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