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RURAL ŌTOROHANGA – ARE YOU READY TO WEAVE THE FUTURE?

It's time to talk about the future, and what that looks like for our communities.

Join us at one of our Weaving the Future Open Day's. There will be kai, activities for kids and Council members available to hear and record your ideas and aspirations.

We are holding two sessions for our rural communities –

- Thursday, June 22 at Arohena Hall, 18 Pukewhau Road - 10.30am-12.30pm
- Saturday, June 24 at the Ōtorohanga Village Green - 11am-1pm (will be held in the Ōtorohanga Library if wet).

You can also tell us your thoughts online, by visiting engage.otodc.govt.nz/rural-otorohanga-concept-plan

This is your home, and we can't do this without you, your time and input are important – so have your say!



Connecting Ōtorohanga

CHECK OUT OUR NEW ENGAGEMENT TOOL!

Connecting Ōtorohanga is an awesome addition to our engagement toolkit. It is an online platform where you can check out our latest projects and have your say on the things that matter to you.

By signing up to the platform, you will have access to view our current projects, take part in surveys and will be able to receive notifications about upcoming engagements and consultations.

Check it out today!

Visit engage.otodc.govt.nz

OUR READING CHALLENGES

Are you 18 or older? Sign up to the Adult Reading Challenge that will be run throughout June and July at the libraries. There are nine challenges you can partake in. If you complete seven of the nine challenges by 30 July, you go into the draw to win our Grand Prize!

It's also time for our annual winter reading programme, Buzzing about Books. Running from 3 July until 14 August, the programme is open to all children aged 6 to 12 years old. To participate in the programme, children have to read a minimum of two books, complete two activities per book. There is the opportunity to go into the prize draw for some very sweet prizes.

You can sign up for either of these reading challenges at Ōtorohanga or Kāwhia library. It's free and fun!

You can also sign up via the Beanstack app - otorohangalibrary.beanstack.org



MEET THE TEAM

REBECCA GRIFFIN, BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR ENGINEERING & ASSETS

I was born and bred in Wellington, and I completed a BA in Sociology and then a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Policy at Massey University in Palmerston North.

I then spent 5 years at the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) in the Gambling Compliance Unit.

After I left DIA, I worked as a Training Manager for a gaming machine service company where I developed a passion for adult education and training.

I then worked for two charitable trusts, as a Gaming Advisor and Compliance Manager, where I was involved in implementing new compliance requirements resulting from radical changes to the gambling sector legislation.

In 2013 my husband and I purchased an NZQA registered training company, specialising in training courses for the hospitality sector and we relocated to Hamilton.

In 2018 we moved the business to Te Kuiti, where we purchased not just one, but three run down properties that needed some love and attention.

In 2020 we sold our training business and threw ourselves into the restoration and renovation of one of those properties full-time.

In my spare time I enjoy reading, watching movies and playing video games.

I am really excited to take on the role of Business Support for the Engineering and Assets group at Ōtorohanga District Council.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	3 July - 4pm
Elected Member workshop	4 July - 10am
Kāwhia Community Board	6 July - 4pm
Ōtorohanga District Council	18 July - 9am

RATES

We are coming to the end of the rating year on 30 June 2023. Please ensure your rates from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 are paid by 30 June 2023. If you are struggling to pay your rates, please contact our Rates Officer on 0800 734 000 to discuss payment arrangements.

You can find out more about your rates by visiting www.otodc.govt.nz/services/building-property/property-and-rating/rates-information/

AWARDS

NEW ZEALAND COMMERCIAL PROJECT AWARDS

Ōtorohanga District Council won Silver for our Office Refurbishment Project at the New Zealand Commercial Project Awards (run by Registered Master Builders Association). Our project partner was Unispace.

The New Zealand Commercial Project Awards celebrate the teams delivering quality commercial construction projects nationwide. Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards are presented to competition entries throughout New Zealand. These awards are highly prestigious and confirm the Registered Master Builders Association's commitment to construction excellence.



INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD – BOINZ

Our Building Control Team recently won the "Innovator Of The Year" award. This award recognises an individual or organisation

involved in building control activities, who has demonstrated commitment to innovation.

We submitted the process we developed for carrying out remote inspections at the Waikeria Prison site through the Covid period, which allowed for construction work to continue at a critical time in the construction phase.

Our Building Control Manager Phil Saunders also received a BOINZ 20-year membership award.

Consultation Open - Interim Speed Management Plan

The process for setting of speed limits has changed, and Council has developed its Draft Interim Speed Management Plan, which is now available for public consultation.

In this plan we are reviewing speed limits around schools, marae and a small number of roads of concern.

Please read our Draft Interim Speed Management Plan and have your say via engage.otodc.govt.nz/speed-management-plan or head into our office at 17 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga.

Submissions on the Draft Interim Speed Management Plan open today, Thursday 1 June 2023 and close on Friday 30 June 2023.



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