

ĀMIO

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WEAVING THE FUTURE, TOGETHER KOTAHITANGA



KĀWHIA AND AOTEA – ARE YOU READY TO WEAVE THE FUTURE?

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

Ōtorohanga District Council, together with our partners and communities, want to make plans that focus on our people, our places and our partnerships, weaving the threads of resilience, sustainability and transformation, together with our community's aspirations.

Kāwhia and Aotea – tell us what you think the future of your townships should look like! Come along to our Weaving the Future Open Day. There will be kai, activities for kids and members from the Community Board and Council available to hear and record your ideas and aspirations.

WHEN – 12pm – 2pm on Saturday 3 June

WHERE – Kāwhia Community Hall, Jervois Street, Kāwhia

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

PROTECTING OUR COAST TOGETHER

Coastcare Waikato is a community partnership programme which works to restore coastal areas through the Waikato region. Here in the Ōtorohanga District, this programme involves the Waikato Regional Council, Ōtorohanga District Council, iwi and local communities at Aotea and Kāwhia, all working together to protect our coast. Together we plant thousands of plants each year and host weeding, planting and beach clean-up events.

We would love your help to restore, protect and look after the coast and all the species that live and grow here in the Ōtorohanga District.

To learn more: www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/services/integrated-catchment-management/coastcare

And find out about events coming up near you: www.facebook.com/CoastCareWaikato



THE FUN WE HAD OVER APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Over the April school holidays we held a variety of activities for local children. During the first week of the holidays, we held an Easter Egg Hunt that was very popular. Children had to



find the Easter eggs that were hidden around the library. Chocolate Easter eggs were handed out as a reward for finding an egg/s. In the second week we held a couple of craft events. Children made their own fabulous bookmarks, and made ANZAC poppies that went onto our ANZAC wreath in the library. We also had a poetry creation station where people of all ages could build poems from LEGO and we offered a library scavenger hunt. Keep an eye on our library Facebook page for what will be happening next school holidays!

MEET THE TEAM

Cathy Plowright - PA to the Group Managers

Cathy is an English import who has called New Zealand her home since 1989. Since arriving in New Zealand, she's worked exclusively in local government, and has recently joined us from Waipā District Council where she worked as EA to the Mayor for the last 16 years. Prior to coming to New Zealand, Cathy worked for a wide variety of organisations, including the Financial Times in London and a family-owned business in the Sultanate of Oman. However, she feels she's found her niche in NZ local government and has thoroughly enjoyed working for the community and elected members in the Waipā District. She's looking forward to getting to know the Ōtorohanga community and learning more about our unique district. Cathy will be supporting our very busy Group Managers; with the aim of streamlining their processes and freeing up some of their precious time. Outside of work, Cathy loves walking and helping her husband with landscaping projects at their new home in Pirongia.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Grants & Awards Committee	1 June – 9am
Creative Communities Scheme Committee	1 June – 11am
Kāwhia Community Board	1 June – 4pm
Ōtorohanga Community Board	6 June – 4pm
Ōtorohanga District Council	20 June – 9am
Risk and Assurance Committee	27 June – 10am

GENEROSITY NZ

Generosity NZ is the largest digital search facility for funding information in Aotearoa. They have created three search tools that connect people to funding opportunities.

- GivMe offers access to scholarships and grants for individuals
- GivUs lists resource schemes for communities, volunteer organisations and clubs
- GivER connects business with community groups to achieve positive social impacts.

This platform is available courtesy of our library, and is available via the ŌDC website -

www.otodc.govt.nz/our-district/funding-and-grants/generosity-new-zealand

If you need any assistance using the databases, pop into the library and the team there will be able to assist you.

2023 ADULT READING CHALLENGE



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. Each challenge you complete puts you into that weeks' draw to win a Countdown grocery voucher and a coffee voucher.

If you complete seven of the nine challenges by 30 July, you go into the draw to win our grand prize! You could win a meal voucher to a local restaurant; a cinema experience and a winter pamper hamper filled with all sorts of goodies to make your winter reading a delight!

You can sign up at Ōtorohanga or Kāwhia library. It's free and fun!

You can also sign up using our online reading app Beanstack www.otorohangalibrary.beanstack.org/reader365

KING CHARLES III CORONATION PLANTING

On Saturday 6 May, an intimate gathering of Council, Mana Whenua and community planted three apple trees in acknowledgement of King Charles III's coronation. Attendees were deeply moved by the karakia and prayer shared for the reign of King Charles III, for an enduring partnership with Kingi Tūheitia and the prosperity of Aotearoa New Zealand. The trees were planted in Windsor Park and contribute toward the Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan of integrating a wide variety of vegetation throughout urban areas.

