

AMIO

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WEAVING THE FUTURE, TOGETHER KOTAHITANGA



**LONG
TERM
PLAN**

ŌTOROHANGA
DISTRICT COUNCIL
2024-2034

WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES SAID

Over the past few months we've held six engagement sessions in our communities, to help to us create our future plans.

We asked about your aspirations for the future of our district, our towns, villages and rural spaces. We asked about climate change and economic resilience, how we grow future leaders, and how we partner together to plan for success for all.

We received around 1,000 pieces of feedback, and we have created a presentation outlining the analysed data, and the next steps in the Long Term Plan process.

Have a read and see what our communities had to say - follow the below link and click on "LTP Early Engagement - Community Feedback" in the documents section.

engage.otodc.govt.nz/ltp

MEET THE TEAM

GAYLENE CUMPSTONE, CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE OFFICER/LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Gaylene was born and bred in Ōtorohanga and started her library career way back at the Ōtorohanga Library in 1985 as a student shelver. Gaylene then qualified in 1993 with a Certificate in Library Studies and worked as District Librarian at the neighbouring Waitomo District Council from 1994-2003. Gaylene then came back to Ōtorohanga as a casual/on-call library assistant from 2008 to the present day.

Gaylene and her husband Ross own CT Engineering in Progress Drive, where she worked as office manager for 25 years. They have one daughter called Ella.

Gaylene is delighted to be back 20-hours-a-week in the library. She loves meeting and greeting people and helping to run the preschool programmes, as well joining the Customer Experience Team for 10.5 hours. Gaylene is a keen bridge player and likes going to tournaments in weekends. Otherwise, she will be found out at their bach in Kāwhia relaxing, reading books and trying to hit a golf ball!



AUTHORS EVENING AT ŌTOROHANGA LIBRARY

The Ōtorohanga Library is excited to bring together four local authors.

Mark your diary for Tuesday 21 November at 5.30pm, for wine and cheese with a mix and mingle before each author speaks about "An insight into a writer's world".

Ōtorohanga Paper Plus will be bringing books for purchase and signing.

Grab a friend or two for an evening of book chat and fun!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME A MASSIVE SUCCESS!

Over 100 tamariki attended our Harry Potter themed craft activities in the library over the last school holidays. From wand making to marauders map making, pots, potions and howlers - the kids have enjoyed a magical experience in the library!

FIJIAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Our awesome staff member Anita, and two of her friends, organised a luncheon at Ōtorohanga District Council to celebrate Fijian food, culture and language. We are so grateful for this opportunity to learn and embrace the Fijian culture, thank you to everyone who was involved!

"Although we're all far away from home, our Fijian group/family is growing here in Ōtorohanga and we love how our little town has embraced us all" said Anita.

"I love how everyone here at the Council came and embraced our culture and enjoyed our kakana (food). It made me proud to be part of such a diverse, multi-cultural Council."



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We are excited to offer Antenno - a mobile app that sends you alerts and notifications about the places and topics you care about!



POP UP COUNCIL

18 Nov, 10am - 2pm at Ōpārau Roadhouse
16 Dec, 10am - 2pm at Te Kawa Crossroads - TBC
20 Jan, 10am - 2pm at Jervois Reserve, Kāwhia
17 Feb, 10am - 2pm at Arohena Campground - TBC



*Coming to
your area!*

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Kāwhia Community Board	CANCELLED
Ōtorohanga Community Board	6 November
Elected Member Workshop	7 November
Elected Member Workshop	15 November
Ōtorohanga District Council	21 November
Elected Member Workshop	29 November



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