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JUNE 2025 ISSUE

I SEE RED, I SEE RED, I SEE RED... AND SO SHOULD YOUR DOG

That's right- this year's dog registration tags are RED, and it's time to make sure your pup is proudly sporting one!

Registering your dog isn't just a legal requirement - it helps keep our community safe and supports services like reuniting lost dogs with their humans, running the pound, and animal control. In short: your rego fee does a lot of good!

Ōtorohanga dog owners - now's the time to register your dogs for the 2025/26 year.

Registration reminders were sent out on 30 May. Haven't received yours? Get in touch!

Key dates and details:

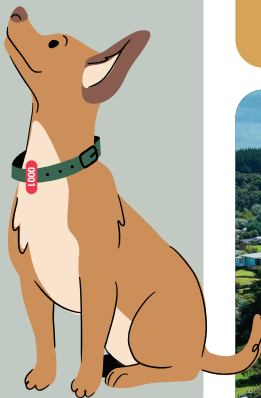
Due by: 31 July 2025

Avoid a late fee: Don't let that 50% penalty sneak up on you!

Fees and online rego:

www.otodc.govt.nz or pop into the Council office.

Let's keep tails wagging and communities safe - thanks for doing your part, Ōtorohanga!



FINANCE REMINDERS

Rates Reminder

Just a heads up that rates for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 are due by 30 June 2025, unless you've already made a payment arrangement with our Rates team. If you're unsure, feel free to get in touch - we're here to help.

Water Invoice Reminder - Ōtorohanga Community

Water invoices were due on 30 May 2025. If you haven't received yours yet or have any questions, please contact our Customer Experience Team - they'll be happy to assist you.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 3 July 4.00 pm
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 7 July 4:00 PM
Council Extra-Ordinary	Tuesday 8 July 10.00 am
Elected Member Workshops	Tuesday 8 July 11.00 am
Council	Tuesday 29 July 10.00 am



COLLEGE COMMENT
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YOUTH VOICES AMPLIFIED

We're proud to be supporting local rangatahi through the launch of College Comment - a brand-new monthly column in the King Country News, written by students from Ōtorohanga College. This exciting initiative gives students the opportunity to build their journalism skills as they research, write, edit, and photograph stories that matter to them and their peers. It's all about amplifying youth voices and connecting generations through storytelling.



BETTER PLACES TOGETHER

The Better Places Together - Kāwhia and Aotea project is gaining great momentum, with exciting plans underway to enhance Aotea Beach, Omimiti Reserve, and Kāwhia township-including a major upgrade to Jervois Street. We've already held two highly successful open days, with around 80 people attending to share their thoughts, ideas, and aspirations for the area. These community voices are helping shape concept designs focused on improving recreation spaces, ecological restoration, and creating safer, more connected and inclusive environments. We're thrilled with the strong engagement so far and are continuing to work closely with mana whenua, the community board, and local organisations to ensure the project reflects the vision of the people who live, work, and play here. Plans are progressing well, and we're also excited to support a community-led proposal for a Kāwhia Fitness Trail to promote health and wellbeing in the area. Keep an eye out for more updates as this inspiring project continues to grow!

engage.otodc.govt.nz/better-places-together-kawhia-and-aotea

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?



TERRIFIC TALES - WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Check out the photo of our Terrific Tales Tree - it's growing fast with all the amazing entries we've received so far!

Our Winter Reading Challenge is off to a great start, and there's still plenty of time to join in the fun. Terrific Tales runs until 31 August 2025, and it's open to all ages!

Here's how to take part:

- Pick up a Terrific Tales postcard from the Ōtorohanga District Library, Kāwhia War Memorial Library, or Waitomo District Library.
- Complete three challenges of your choice.
- Return your postcard and pop it into the entry box to go in the draw for cool prizes.

It's a great way to beat the winter blues and celebrate storytelling - so come on in and be part of the tale.

To register phone (07) 873 7175, email library@otodc.govt.nz, or message us on Facebook www.facebook.com/otolib



TECH EXPO EXPANDING RANGATAHI HORIZONS THROUGH TECH

We were thrilled to support nearly 100 Ōtorohanga College students to attend the 2025 TechStep event, hosted by our awesome whānau at Waitomo District Council. Organised through the Ōtorohanga Employment Hub in collaboration with College staff, the initiative gave our tech-hungry rangatahi the chance to dive into immersive digital experiences, hear from inspiring guest speakers, and explore a range of future-focused, tech-based career pathways. A big thank you to our neighbours in Waitomo for putting on such a fantastic and motivating event!



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