



## YOUR NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The final results are in for the 2025 Local Elections!

Rodney Dow has been officially declared Mayor of Ōtorohanga District, bringing with him a clear focus on connection, collaboration and community.

Your elected councillors are:

- **Kāwhia-Tihiroa Ward:** Jo Butcher, Kit Jeffries (elected unopposed)
- **Waipā Ward:** Michael Woodward
- **Kio Kio-Korakonui Ward:** Andrew Barker (elected unopposed)
- **Ōtorohanga Ward:** Katrina Christison, Tayla Barclay
- **Wharepūhanga Ward:** Shane Carr (elected unopposed)
- **Rangiātea Māori Ward:** Tennille Kete, Jaimee Tamaki

Full election results are available online:

[www.otodc.govt.nz/about-council/elections/election-results](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/about-council/elections/election-results)



Image: Chris Gardner

### Community Boards

- **Ōtorohanga Community Board:** Leanne Massey, Brendon McNeil, Craig Thomas, Bronwyn Tubman
- **Kāwhia Community Subdivision:** Richard Harpur, Annie Ngarongo Mahara, Hinga Whiu
- **Aotea Community Subdivision:** Geoff Good

In this context, "Kāwhia Community Subdivision" refers to the wider Kāwhia area that the Kāwhia Community Board serves — not a housing subdivision.



## FAREWELL MAYOR MAX BAXTER

This month we also farewelled Mayor Max Baxter after 12 years in the top job (15 in local government).

Max's leadership helped deliver transformational projects — from our destination playground and new medical centre to improved rural roads and community planning.

Thank you Max for your dedication, humour, and heart for Ōtorohanga.



## RECENT STORM IMPACT — THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESILIENCE

Heavy rain and high winds earlier this month caused slips, flooding, and road closures across our district - particularly along rural routes in Kāwhia, Hauturu and Honikiwi.

Thanks to the huge effort of our roading crews, contractors and volunteers, most roads have now reopened, though crews continue to monitor active slips on Harbour, Kaimango, Owawenga and Hauturu Roads.

We want to sincerely thank everyone in our community for your patience, adaptability, and neighbourly spirit throughout the storm. Your support and understanding allowed our teams to focus on restoring access safely and quickly.

Please keep up to date with future weather and road alerts through our website.



## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH — RESOURCES AT YOUR LIBRARY



October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and our Library team have an awesome collection of dyslexia friendly resources available.

General Manager Nardia Gower and staff have shared personal stories about their own experiences with dyslexia - shining a light on inclusion, understanding and support.

Watch their videos and explore the resources here:

[www.otodc.govt.nz/our-district/libraries/dyslexia](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/our-district/libraries/dyslexia)

Check out what you can do at the library today! Scan the code or visit:  
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