

CHAT WITH COUNCIL STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Elected members and council staff are committed to connecting with you. Before each council and board meeting, various team members are available for 30 minutes to have open conversations on topics you want to discuss. Just roll up to the meeting venue (no appointment necessary). If your discussion needs more than 30 minutes, an additional appointment can be made.

Kāwhia Community Board	2 February
Ōtorohanga Community Board	7 February
Ōtorohanga District Council	21 February

GET TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS - MEET COUNCILLOR ANNETTE WILLIAMS

Last month we featured Mayor Max Baxter. This month we're catching up with Councillor Annette Williams.

What motivates or inspires you?

Every new day – appreciating I'm fit and able to keep doing a job well while helping others do the same.

What conversations would you like to have with our district residents?

What they like about living in our district and how they think council contributes to that. I'd like to grow the understanding of what we can and can't do for each other and how best to communicate.

Describe what you think our district looks like in 50 years and how your time as councillor will influence that vision?

There will be a much wider diversity in land use and technology applications, and the ability for everyone to work globally and live and play locally. Our great grandchildren will be seeing the positive outcomes from sustainability practices that are front of mind now. Council needs clarity on what local mitigations we can put in place to contribute to the wellbeing of our district and people.

What does leadership look like to you?

Respectful listening and respectful enabling discussions.

What is your favourite song and what does that say about you?

I'll hum or dance along to anything with a beat – country and western to classical and everything in between. But Kenny Rodgers' chorus in *Love Lifted Me* really does lift me out of dark spaces.

BETTER OFF FUNDING - \$2.66 MILLION SECURED BY COUNCIL ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

More info coming in 2023. In the meantime read more about our priority projects on page 163 at the link below:

www.otodc.govt.nz/media/urvlblmr/agenda-otorohanga-district-council-september-2022.pdf



GRAB A BINGO BOARD FROM THE ŌTOROHANGA OR KĀWHIA LIBRARIES, OR SIGN UP ON THE BEANSTACK APP TO TAKE PART IN OUR SUMMER LITERACY CHALLENGE. COMPLETE THE PROGRAMME AND GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN AWESOME PRIZES!



+ MORE!

19 DECEMBER 2022 - 27 JANUARY 2023

SUITABLE FOR AGES 6-13

REGISTER NOW!

VACANCY - KĀWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

Would you like to represent the Kāwhia community as a member of the Kāwhia Community Board? Due to the resignation of Ken Briggs, for health reasons, we have a by-election. Nominations will be open from 24 Nov to 22 December. For more details visit www.otodc.govt.nz/council/elections/

VOTE

DOG RESTRICTIONS MANIAPOTO STREET

A friendly reminder that dogs are not allowed from Maniapoto Street / Te Kanawa Street intersection to Maniapoto Street / Kakamutu Road intersection. This being the whole of Maniapoto Street unless the dog is tied on or confined within a vehicle. Applies from 8am-6pm - \$300 fine.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

Council: Closes 12pm 23 December 2022 - reopens 9am 9 January 2023.

Library: Closes 12pm 24 December 2022 - reopens 9am 9 January 2023.

Aquatic Centre: Reduced hours operating from Saturday 24 December 2022 - Wednesday 4 January 2023. CLOSED Christmas Day.

Refuse Collection: Kāwhia & Ōtorohanga kerbside collections will stay the same over the holiday season.

Refuse Transfer Stations - Ōtorohanga and Kāwhia: Reduced hours operating from Thursday 22 December 2022 - Monday 9 January 2023.

BUS STOPS

Buses are back and they need somewhere to park. After a very long time isn't it great to see the tour buses back in our town? We all want our visitors to feel welcome and enjoy a great choice of shops, cafés and places to explore. Unfortunately, bus drivers are finding it really difficult to park. Please keep the Bus Stops free and use the car parking available throughout our town.

KĀWHIA RATES REBATE OUTREACH

You may be eligible for a rates rebate of up to \$700 which is designed to help low-income ratepayers with their rates bills. If you need help with your rates rebate application or want to know if you qualify, talk to the team at the Rates Rebate Outreach Session or visit www.otodc.govt.nz/.../property-and.../rates-rebate

Saturday January 21 2023, 10am-2pm, Rusty Snapper / Wharf, 64 Jervois St Kāwhia

SUMMER WATER RESTRICTIONS IN KĀWHIA

We're encouraging Kāwhia community residents and visitors to be mindful about unnecessary water use. Due to high usage our reservoir hasn't gained satisfactory level over last two weeks. Look out for leaks and report to council.

Online: <https://www.otodc.govt.nz/services/new-issue-report/>
Phone: 0800 734 000
Email: info@otodc.govt.nz

PROPERTY REVALUATION UPDATE

Revaluations of all properties across the district were due in October 2022. The government body that oversees all rating valuations - Office of the Valuer General (OVG) has determined more time is needed to work on these. The General Revaluation date has been shifted to the middle of February 2023 and property owners will receive updated notices mid-March 2023.