



TĀREWĀNGA MARAE OPENING

On Saturday 4 February, Tārewānga Marae opened their Tūpuna Whare, Te Rau a Te Moa Tuarua, in a dawn ceremony. His Worship the Mayor and Ōtorohanga District Council were privileged to be invited guests alongside hundreds who had gathered for this momentous occasion. The day was celebrated with karakia, waiata and haka, and marked the end of over 80 years of planning for Ngāti Hinewai. His Worship the Mayor reaffirmed Ōtorohanga District Council's commitment to partnership with Mana Whenua, with the planting of a rākau.



WAIKERIA PRISON SITE VISIT

Ōtorohanga District's Mayor and councillors recently toured the new development site at Waikeria Prison. They were very impressed with the extensive development. Of particular interest were the health facilities, Te Wai-o-pure. This name focuses on the healing nature of water, and emphasises the partnership between Mana Whenua, Te Ara Poutama and Te Whatu Ora, with native flora and fauna also providing the names for buildings and spaces. Moving forward, this site will not only provide employment and development opportunities for the region, but rehabilitation and healing.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 time, an additional appointment can be made.

Council	21 February
Kāwhia CB	2 March
Ōtorohanga CB	6 March
Council	21 March
Risk and Assurance Committee	28 March



TUIA KAITAHI

As Chair of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs, His Worship Mayor Baxter has been an avid supporter of rangatahi development across Aotearoa. The Tuia rangatahi kaupapa is a national programme that supports rangatahi Māori to engage in a number of self-development wānanga with other rangatahi across the country. His Worship met with past rangatahi of Ōtorohanga district to welcome the 2023 delegate for Ōtorohanga, Kauri Coffin. Ōtorohanga District Council look forward to supporting Kauri's mentorship with His Worship and wish him all the best on this journey.

RATES

Rates are due on 24 February

By now, Ratepayers should have received your rates invoice for instalment two of the rating year. Instalment two is due 24 February 2023. If you have not yet received your rates invoice, please contact Customer Service at Ōtorohanga District Council on 0800 734 000.

Water Invoice reminder

Invoices for Waipā, Tihiroa, Arohena Water Schemes, Kāwhia and Ranginui Water Schemes were due 27 January 2023.

Ōtorohanga Urban are due 24 February 2023.

If you have not yet received your rates or water invoice, or if you are experiencing difficulties paying your rates or water invoice on time, please contact our Customer Experience team on 0800 734 000.

POP-UP COUNCIL OUTREACH SESSION

Look out for us in your area! We are coming to you to hear how we can help.

ŌTOROHANGA: Wednesday March 15th 2023, 2.30pm - 5.30pm, Countdown, Maniapoto St, Ōtorohanga

KĀWHIA: Saturday April 22nd 2023, 10am - 2pm, Rusty Snapper/Wharf, 64 Jervois St Kāwhia

Our team will also be offering rates rebates. Come down and check if you are eligible. A rates rebate is a scheme in which the Government pays up to \$700 of your rates and is designed to help low to medium income ratepayers with their rates bills. If you need help with your rates rebate application or want to know if you qualify come talk to the team at one of our sessions or check out the website for more information <https://www.otodc.govt.nz/.../property-and-.../rates-rebate>

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW ROUTE

26 Te Kuiti Connector Te Kuiti to Hamilton

The Te Kuiti service connects Te Kuiti to Hamilton via Ōtorohanga.

Visit busit.co.nz

INTRODUCING COUNCILLOR ROY WILLISON

What motivates or inspires you?

People helping, caring for and encouraging people

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

How will we promote, maintain, foster and encourage people helping, caring for and encouraging people?

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

A district united in every way shape and or form where we celebrate, encourage, and engender difference and view this as a strength and cultivate the promise of our nation – we are one people.

What does leadership look like to you?

Service

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

The Wall – Pink Floyd (for today anyway)



Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o
Ōtorohanga
District Council
Where kiwi can fly

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Storytime is every Thursday (during term time). This programme is run from 10.30am to 11.00 am.

Wriggle n' Rhyme is every Friday (during term time). This programme is run from 10.30am to 11.00am.

Programmes for primary aged children this term include:

Keva every Monday (during term time). Keva is about building and creating with wooden blocks. This programme is run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Arduino every Thursday (during term time). Arduino is about programming and circuitry. This programme is run from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm.

The Book Discussion Group meets in the library at 1.30pm every second Thursday of the month.

For more information about our libraries and programmes – check out <https://www.otodc.govt.nz/our-district/library/>

NEW KĀWHIA LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - closed, **Tuesday** 2pm – 4pm, **Wednesday** 10.30am – 12pm, **Thursday** closed, **Friday** 2pm – 4pm, **Saturday** 10am – 12pm, **Sunday** closed.