

## GET TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS - MEET COUNCILLOR KIT JEFFRIES

Last month we featured Cr Annette Williams. This month, we're catching up with Cr Kit Jeffries.



### What motivates or inspires you?

Waking up in the morning is always inspiring! But also wanting to help others and to make a positive contribution to the future of our people and District.

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

What can I and/or Council do to help you achieve your personal, organisational or business goals and aspirations? I am also keen to keep engaging with our youth to become the District's future leaders.

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

- A greater mix of urban/rural properties and background/ethnicity of residents
- An attractive and viable option for businesses and people wishing to relocate away from the main centres – possibly a satellite District or part of a combined authority – e.g. merged with neighbouring authorities.
- By planning well **now** so future infrastructure needs along with cultural, recreational and social aspirations are met ensuring Ōtorohanga is the District of choice in which to live.

### What does leadership look like to you?

Shared vision – commitment – inclusiveness – trust – motivator – competent – courage to take risks – impartial – approachable.

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

Anything by the Beatles. I enjoy timeless music that appeals to all age groups.

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thurs, 2 Feb	Kāwhia Community Board
Tues, 7 Feb	Ōtorohanga Community Board
Tues, 21 Feb	Ōtorohanga District Council

## 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.

## ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL RATES

Instalment 2 rates for the period 1 January – 30 June 2023 will be posted / emailed to you in the next week. The due date for payment of these and water invoices is **24 February 2023**.

If you have any queries, please contact our Customer Experience Team by phoning 07 873 4000.

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## RATES REBATE EVENTS

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

**KĀWHIA:** Saturday 28th January 2023, 10am - 2pm, Rusty Snapper/Wharf, 64 Jervois St Kāwhia,

**RURAL:** Thursday February 9th 2023, 2pm - 4pm, Te Kawa Gas Station, Ōtorohanga

**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.

<https://www.otodc.govt.nz/services/building-property/property-and-rating/rates-rebate>



Llyod Whiu blessed the frame with karakia.

## KĀWHIA PICTURE FRAME

We're acknowledging the community spirit of the Regulatory & Growth Group! Just prior to Christmas while out doing inspections and other work in Kāwhia, they have brought to life a project initiated by the Kāwhia Community Board (led by Board Member Hinga Whiu). Manuhiri (visitors) and locals can now take photos against the amazing backdrop of Kāwhia Moana at this new picture frame on Kāwhia harbour.

## WHAT GOES IN THE DRAIN



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Did you know that what goes in the gutters and down the drains ends up in our lake and river? It's on all of us to ensure NO pollutants that harm our environment enter our waterways. Things you can do yourself include washing your car/boat on the lawn, scooping up pet poop, picking up litter, disposing of chemicals according to directions and cleaning up spills quickly! It is everyone's responsibility to protect papatūānuku.

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## BETTER OFF FUNDING - \$2.66 MILLION SECURED BY COUNCIL

Ōtorohanga District Council is delighted to have secured \$2.66 million from the Better Off Fund. Funding is from Central Government's \$2 billion fund for councils nationally to invest in their communities as they transition out of delivering 3 Waters (stormwater, wastewater, drinking water) and increase focus on wellbeing, climate resilience and community development.

Priority projects were decided on through wānanga/ workshop involving councillors, community board chairs, Iwi leaders, and representatives from the Ōtorohanga District Development Board, decided on by dot democracy vote.

The four priority projects are:

- Enhance Ōtorohanga College \$1,640,000
- Ōtorohanga Ora \$130,000
- Tōkihi - Phase One \$100,000
- Seawall Kāwhia Defence \$730,000

Staff administration costs of \$60,000

**Total \$2,660,000**

To find out more about each project view page 163 at the link below:

[www.otodc.govt.nz/media/urvlblmr/agenda-otorohanga-district-council-september-2022.pdf](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/media/urvlblmr/agenda-otorohanga-district-council-september-2022.pdf)



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