

ĀMIO

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MEET THE TEAM

Nicky Deeley, Manager Community Development and Wellbeing

Growing up on a Korakonui dairy farm was the start of a journey that led to Nicky filling her kete for many years working on creative, historical, and educational projects across England and Europe. Her eventual return to our district started with an invigorating two years refurbishing the Ōtorohanga Museum. Nicky loves connecting and empowering people with positive energy to "help things happen" and is particularly excited about shining a light on the unique stories, arts, heritage, and culture across our district and helping to support community aspirations. As a practising artist, she makes costumes, short films, drawing and sculptures.



Emma Good, Manager Assets and Technical Support

Emma has been working in the asset management space for eight years in the roading and waters assets field. Emma has a passion for processes and ensuring that best practise is followed for the industry. Emma grew up in Katikati in the Bay of Plenty and has now lived in the Ōtorohanga District for almost seven years. Emma and her family live on a lifestyle block and enjoy the classic Waikato rural life. Emma is looking forward to working within the district she lives in and making a difference.



CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

We were delighted to celebrate this significant moment with our new whanau and their loved ones on Tuesday 7 March. We are thrilled you have chosen our district to be your home - Ōtorohanga welcomes you!

Featured in the photo is our very own Anita from Customer Experience, along with her husband Solo Korovata who gained his citizenship, their beautiful family and our Mayor Max Baxter.

CENSUS – GET YOUR CENSUS IN BY 30 APRIL 2023!

The census is a nationwide survey that happens every five years to understand more about life in Aotearoa New Zealand and how it is changing.

You might see census collectors around the place. Who are they? People from your community, and communities all around the country, who are there to support you to take part in the 2023 Census.

If you need help with your census, come down and see our awesome team at Ōtorohanga District Library - 27 Turongo Street, Ōtorohanga until 30 April 2023, or find your local census support team at

census.govt.nz/census-support.

To learn more about the 2023 census, visit census.govt.nz or start your census here: census.govt.nz

USE THEM PROPERLY, OR LOSE THEM

While 90% of our users are doing a fantastic job using our rural recycling centres responsibly, unfortunately others are letting the community down. We have seen a significant increase in our rural recycling centres being misused. The overloading of bins and the dumping of rubbish has been causing major issues for our contractor, and if the issue continues, we will have to seriously consider the viability of these centres moving forward. The illegal dumping rubbish or "fly tipping" carries a potential infringement fee of \$400, this applies to using the rural recycling centres as a rubbish dump.

Please use these centres responsibly to ensure their continued service. To find out more about refuse and recycling in our district, please visit www.otodc.govt.nz/services/refuse-recycling



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	Mon, 3 April
Kāwhia Community Board	Thurs, 5 April
Ōtorohanga District Council	Tues, 18 April

KĀWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD BY-ELECTION

We congratulate Richard Harpur on winning the recent Kāwhia subdivision by-election, and welcome Richard to the Kāwhia Community Board.



ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUNDING EXPO

YOU COULD WIN \$1000 FOR YOUR PROJECT

CATCH UP WITH FUNDERS AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER!

Family friendly BOUNCY CASTLE + SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FUND WRITING WORKSHOP 5-6PM

5 APRIL 2023 3-6PM
ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE,
2-8 BLEDDISLE AVENUE, ŌTOROHANGA

FREE ENTRY

Learn more at otodc.govt.nz/our-district/funding-and-grants/otorohanga-community-funding-expo/

SUMMER SAFARI PRIZEWINNERS

Congratulations to our prize draw winners for the summer reading programme:

Jacob Carleton won our Lego prize draw
Emily Carleton won our prize bundle
Bayley Kerr won the Instax mini camera



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We are launching a Beanstack Challenge to go alongside our in-person Book Discussion Group. This means that anyone who is unable to attend our face-to-face meetings can still take part in the monthly challenges on the Beanstack App – otorohangalibrary.beanstack.com



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