

ĀMĪO

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT CONNECTION

October 20 2022

Kia ora

Fantastic to see some warm, sunny days lately. We have some amazing council parks and reserves – so make sure you get out and enjoy all the beautiful outdoor spaces in the Ōtorohanga District!

We're happy that the refurbishment of the council offices is nearly complete, so the council building at 17 Maniapoto Street will be open to the public again from Wednesday 9 November.

THE FINAL ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

Congratulations to our newly elected mayor, councillors and community board members! Thank you to everyone who stood as a candidate – it takes a lot of courage. Ka pai to everyone who voted, your vote does count as the people you choose as leaders set the direction for the future of our district.

Results

Mayor

Votes Received

BAXTER, Max	1,455
JEFFRIES, C.E. (Kit)	1,351
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	40

Max BAXTER is declared elected.

Kāwhia-Tihiroa Ward

Votes Received

WILLIAMS, Annette	510
JEFFRIES, C.E. (KIT)	494
MAHARA, James	340
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	15

C.E. (KIT) JEFFRIES and Annette WILLIAMS are declared elected.

Waipā Ward

Votes Received

JOHNSON, Roy	254
GADD, Neville	119
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	4

Roy JOHNSON is declared elected.

Ōtorohanga Ward

Votes Received

CHRISTISON, Katrina	486
HUGHES, Steve	466
COVENTRY, Peter	367
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPE	14

Katrina CHRISTISON and Steve HUGHES are declared elected.

Rangiātea Māori Ward

Votes Received

TAMAKI, Jaimee	190
WILLISON, Roy	190
HEMARA, Donna	119
TĀNE, Wikitoria	111
MORGAN, Gabrielle Kuiahine	88
INFORMAL	2
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	12

Jaimee TAMAKI and Roy WILLISON are declared elected.

Ōtorohanga Community Board

Votes Received

BUTCHER, Jo	638
MULLER, Tori (Koroheke)	554
* CHRISTISON, Katrina (Withdrawn)	533
BROWN-MERRIN, Kat	503
COVENTRY, Peter	450
GADD, Neville	398
ERIKSON, Michelle	168
INFORMAL	0
BLANK VOTING PAPERS	29

(*Section 88A of the Local Electoral Act provides that if a person is declared to be elected as a member of the council, and that person is also declared to be elected as a member of a community board, that person must be treated as having vacated office as a member of the community board.)

Kat BROWN-MERRIN, Jo BUTCHER, Peter COVENTRY and Tori (Koroheke) MULLER are declared elected.

ŌTOROHANGA TOWN CONCEPT PLAN ADOPTED

With the help of our community, the Ōtorohanga District Council developed and recently adopted the Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan. The draft Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan was presented for public feedback in July with submissions received given full consideration, and amendments to the plan made. Head to our website to read the final plan – www.otodc.govt.nz. Thank you to everyone who got involved - together we can make Ōtorohanga THE place to live, work and play!

GOOD TO KNOW

Did you know Food Safety is a service council provides? While we ensure all our registered food businesses are following the government's rules to keep you safe, we don't control the safety of products sold by supermarkets and dairies. Sometimes these products have issues at their place of manufacture and recalls are made. Subscribe to <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news/subscribe-to-mpi/> to get any news on products you may have purchased for yourself and your whanau.

MEET THE TEAM

This month we introduce you to our wonderful **Customer Experience Team**. They're the first faces you'll see when you visit council and they answer the many phone calls and emails we receive. Let's hear from the team!

Anita: "Bula Vinaka! I love interacting with the public and getting to know our community - I love to help in any way I can.

I love reading and baking and anything family-orientated. I cook and bake to bring people together - that's what I love. Nora Roberts is one of my favourite authors and I have a bookcase full of her books at home. I love thrillers and crime".

Sas: "I like to connect customers to the right staff so they're not passed around with no outcome. I enjoy having a positive team that's adaptable to last-minute changes.

I love spending time with family and hosting big gatherings so I can see more of them. There is a high possibility I'm related to at least 50% of people in our district through my Māori, Scottish, Welsh, German, and European genealogy".

Alix: "I enjoy helping with customers' concerns and queries and making sure they get to the right person who can help. My favourite part of the job is seeing problems resolved. Fun fact- I also work at the library!"

Sandra: "Dobar dan! I'm the Manager Customer Experience and I'm passionate about connecting people and I love the public service focus of my role. I've undertaken roles that have an impact on the well-being of the community for over 15 years. I lead the creation and development of engaging channels, programmes and services for exceptional customer experience. And very often, just like my team members, I answer your enquiries at our Service Centre.

My interests include art, science and innovation, languages, and travel. I speak five languages and enjoy mosaic art as creative expression".

DO YOU OWN A POOL?

Summer is fast approaching, so it's a great time to remind all swimming pool and spa pool owners about the requirements for fencing.

Every residential pool (including portable or inflatable pools) that is filled with water 400mm deep or more, must have a barrier to restrict access to the pool by unsupervised children under 5 years old. Spa pools must have a barrier to restrict access when the pool is not in use. Our website has some handy information to explain just what is required: <https://www.otodc.govt.nz/services/building-property/pool-safety/>

NEED HELP WITH YOUR RATES REBATE APPLICATION?

Head to a Rates Rebate Outreach Session where our friendly staff can assist you.

Session details:

- Saturday 29 October, 10 am – 2 pm, Oparau Roadhouse, SHW31 Kāwhia Road, Oparau
 - Saturday 26 November, 10 am – 2 pm, Rusty Snapper/ Wharf, 64 Jervois St, Kāwhia
 - Thursday 15 December, 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm, Countdown, Maniapoto St, Ōtorohanga
- We're also running sessions next year, check out our website: www.otodc.govt.nz.

MANIAPOTO TREATY SETTLEMENT

Congratulations to the Maniapoto Trust Board for its commitment and perseverance in its long-fought battle for acknowledgment, compensation, and justice from the Crown with the passing of the Maniapoto Claims Settlement Bill recently.

The settlement includes financial redress of \$177 million, relationship agreements with key Crown agencies, the return of 36 sites back to Maniapoto, first right to buy Crown lands in the future and acknowledgment of Treaty breaches, and a formal apology for those breaches.

HELP US REDUCE WASTE

We'd like to use less paper so that we can reduce our impact on the environment by producing less waste.

Will you support us? Yes? Great! You can help by signing up to receive all correspondence from us by email. How? Just contact our friendly Customer Experience Team on 0800 734 000 or 07 873 4000, email info@otodc.govt.nz and let them know you'd like all correspondence to be emailed to you or scan the QR code to fill out the online form.



Upcoming Council and Community Board Meetings

You can find each meeting's Order Papers (that's the topics and information they are talking about) on Council's website, one week before the meeting date. All meetings are live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

- **Council** - November 22, 10am, 17 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga
- **Ōtorohanga Community Board** - To be confirmed. *Updates will be on website*
- **Kāwhia Community Board** - To be confirmed. *Updates will be on website*