

ĀMIO

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT CONNECTION

September 15 2022

Kia ora

Welcome to Āmio! Nice to see some beautiful spring weather lately – we hope you've been making the most of the sunny days.

Just a reminder that **submissions to the Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan (OTCP) close tomorrow 16th September at 5 pm.** Just head to our website to fill out the form and find answers to frequently asked questions: <https://www.otodc.govt.nz/town-concept-plan>.

What happens next? Once we've received community feedback, including those speaking at the hearing, Council will consider what changes need to be made to the Draft Plan. The final plan then gets presented to Council for formal adoption.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES?

Which candidates will you be voting for?

Mayor (1 vacancy)

Baxter, Max

Jeffries, Kit

Councillors

Kāwhia-Tihiroa Ward (2 vacancies)

Jeffries, Kit

Mahara, James

Williams, Annette

Waipā Ward (1 Vacancy)

Gadd, Neville

Johnson, Roy

Kio Kio-Korakonui Ward (1 Vacancy)

Dow, Rodney

Ōtorohanga Ward (2 Vacancies)

Christison, Katrina

Coventry, Peter

Hughes, Steve

Wharepuhunga Ward (1 Vacancy)

Prendergast, Cathy

Rangitātea Māori Ward (2 Vacancies)

Hemara, Donna

Morgan, Gabrielle

Tamaki, Jaimee

Tāne, Wikitoria

Willison, Roy

Ōtorohanga Community Board (4 Vacancies)

Brown-Merrin, Kat

Butcher, Jo

Christison, Katrina

Coventry, Peter

Erikson, Michelle

Gadd, Neville

Muller, Tori

Kāwhia Community Board

Aotea Community Subdivision (1 Vacancy)

Good, Geoff

Kāwhia Community Subdivision (3 Vacancies)

Briggs, Ken

Walsh, Dave

Whiu, Hinga



Our elected members play a huge role in shaping the future of our district, so it's important to find out what your candidates stand for and get out and vote! Head to our website to **view candidate profiles and find out more about their priorities** for our district: <https://www.otodc.govt.nz/council/elections/2022-elections/meet-the-candidates/>

Voting papers will be sent to you from Friday 16 September to Wednesday 21 September. If you haven't enrolled to vote yet, head to vote.nz and fill out the online form. You have until **12 pm on Saturday 8 October to vote**, by mail, or by dropping your voting form into the ballot box at the Ōtorohanga District Council office.

BECOME A CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME ASSESSOR

We're seeking passionate local arts advocates to be voluntary assessors for the Creative Communities Scheme arts funding programme.

We're looking for people that have some or all of the following: art experience, local connections, cultural knowledge. This is a great opportunity to help assess applications and ensure that funding processes are fair, democratic, and representative of our diverse community. To apply contact Nardia Gower: nardia@otodc.govt.nz



COLLABORATION

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

up to \$5000 per application

TO FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY
WWW.OTODC.GOV.TZ



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ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MEET THE TEAM

Each month we're focusing on a different team at Council so you can find out more about the people doing the mahi to keep the district running smoothly.

This month, we're looking at the **Business Support Regulatory Team.**

Who are they and what do they do?

Tracey looks after all things building – from submissions, and building consent applications, to Code of Compliance Certificates. Claire administers the health side of things – from special alcohol licences to food registration and sending reminders and invoices. Tiffany is all about regulatory, she's one of the friendly people answering your phone calls and responding to your emails, maintaining and scheduling inspection books, and animal control administration and reporting with our Animal Control Officer. Then there is Jo, who manages the team and specialises in everything regulatory.

Fun facts about the team

Tracey has a green thumb and loves gardening! She comes from good gardening stock with her great-grandfather Robert Todd Simpson being the Head Gardener at Ellerslie Racecourse and her grandfather Fong Ping owning several market gardens in Panmure, Mangere and Papatoetoe.

Claire is a big fan of true crime. So, if you see her with earphones in, there's a 90% chance she's listening to a crime podcast rather than music.

Tiffany is working towards her Celebrant Licence to become a marriage celebrant, providing bespoke ceremonies. She's hoping to start booking for the 2023 – 2024 wedding season soon.

Jo loves Zumba, as it makes everything better! Jo considers herself lucky to be a part of the Waikeria Prison build. The project started with the first building application on 2 May 2019 and the 178 building consent applications submitted to date, keep the team busy and learning.

The secret about the team: There is no beginning and no end, our strength is not doing it alone.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

The library's programmes are in full swing, with lots on offer to keep your children busy!

Wriggle and Rhyme

Music and movement sessions for babies and toddlers aged 0-2 years with their caregivers. Held every Friday at 10.30 am in the library.

Storytime

Join the team every Thursday at 10.30 am at the library for stories and songs for children of all ages.

Lego Club

Themed brick-building session for children aged 5 years and upwards. This programme runs on the last Tuesday of every month at the library from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

Keva Contraptions

Does your child love to build things? Then send them to the Keva Contraptions programme, held every Monday from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

Makey Makey

If your child is into technology, then they'll love Makey Makey, where they'll learn to transform everyday objects into computer interfaces. Held every Thursday from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

Find out more by contacting the library team on 07 873 7175 or library@otodc.govt.nz

Wild West winners!

Ka pai Jacob Tarrant, Madden Morrow and Henry Hofer for winning the 'Wild West Reading Quest'! Children were very busy reading and completing challenges to complete the programme. Well done!



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** - 20 September, 27 September (Hearings for Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan) St David's Church, Cnr Ranfurly & Turongo Streets, Ōtorohanga
- **Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee** 4 October, St David's Church, Cnr Ranfurly & Turongo Streets, Ōtorohanga
- **Ōtorohanga Community Board** - 4 October, St David's Church, Cnr Ranfurly & Turongo Streets, Ōtorohanga
- **Kāwhia Community Board** - 23 September, Kāwhia Community Meeting Room, Jervois Street, Kāwhia