

# ĀMIO

JANUARY 2025 ISSUE

## MONTHLY ROAD MAP

### STAY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR ROADS!

Check out our website to find details about our roads and streets including maintenance, how to report issues, traffic management, stock crossing permits, vehicle crossings, temporary road closures and more.

[www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/roads-and-streets](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/roads-and-streets)

Some of our current temporary road closure work can all be found at: [www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/roads-and-streets/temporary-road-closures](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/roads-and-streets/temporary-road-closures)

Some of our maintenance work that we continue to do around the district can be found here: [www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/roads-and-streets/maintenance-programme](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/roads-and-streets/maintenance-programme)



## RATES

Rates invoices for instalment 2 for the period 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 will be sent out mid-January 2025 and payment will be due Friday 28 February 2025.

If you have not received your invoice by the end of January 2025, please check your spam for ([rates@otodc.govt.nz](mailto:rates@otodc.govt.nz)) or alternatively contact ODC via phone or email.

Water invoices for Ōtorohanga Urban and Rural Water Schemes are also due in February 2025.

You may be eligible for a Rate Rebate. To check your eligibility, please visit [www.govt.nz/browse/housing-and-property/getting-help-with-housing/getting-a-rates-rebate/](http://www.govt.nz/browse/housing-and-property/getting-help-with-housing/getting-a-rates-rebate/)



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

No meetings are scheduled for January 2025. All meetings will resume in February.

Chief Executive's Review Committee	Monday 10 February, 10am
Elected-Member Workshops	Tuesday 11 February, 12.30pm
Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 13 February, 4pm
Council	Tuesday 25 February, 10am

## WISE UP ON WATER



Smart tips below on how to save water this summer.

### In the kitchen:

- Use a bowl or plug when washing dishes by hand instead of running water.
- Run dishwashers only when full and use the eco setting if available.
- Collect unused water (like when rinsing veggies) and use it for plants.

### In the bathroom:

- Take shorter showers—aim for 4 minutes or less.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Fix leaks on taps and toilets—they waste more than you think.

### Laundry:

- Wash only full loads of laundry to maximise water efficiency.
- Use the eco or cold water setting on your machine.

### Outdoors:

- Water plants in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation.
- Set sprinklers on timers.
- Sweep driveways instead of hosing them down.

## LIBRARY

### TERM ONE STEM SESSIONS

**LITTLEBITS** AGES 8-10  
MONDAYS 3.30PM - 4.30PM  
Create inventions with electronic building blocks

**LEGO** AGES 6+  
THURSDAYS 3.30PM - 4.30PM  
Build with LEGO

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## RAUMATI TOA SUMMER LEGENDS

A fun, interactive reading programme for tamariki (children) ages 0-18, which has now opened and runs until 31 March 2025. There are 15 unique cards to collect, including 12 common cards and 3 rare ones, each wrapped in mystery envelopes to keep the excitement alive.

### How to Collect Taniwha Cards

Earning Taniwha Cards is all part of the adventure! Here are just a few ways to earn them:

- **Find rocks:** Search parks and reserves around Ōtorohanga to find painted rocks with the taniwha footprints.
- **Wear your badge:** When you head into town or to places such as the pool or rock climbing and be rewarded with a card.
- **Visit your local library:** Issue books and explore what's on the shelves.
- **Complete Summer Legends quests:** Attend craft sessions, write reviews, sign up to the challenge in Beanstack and other fun activities.
- **Participate in activities:** Each activity offers a chance to engage with friends, explore new ideas and earn cards.

## HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Thursday 30 January 10.30-11.30am  
Ōtorohanga Library

- Taniwha feet
- Print making

Remember you will earn a card in our Raumati Toa Summer Legends programme.

## RAVENOUS READERS BOOK GROUP

Join us for Ravenous Readers Book Group on the second Thursday of each month at the Ōtorohanga District Library, 1.30pm - 2.30pm and 5.15pm - 6.15pm.

The dates and themes for our 2025 meetings are:

- February 13 - What you read this summer
- March 13 - Young adult graphic novel
- April 10 - eRead
- May 8 - Murder mystery genre
- June 12 - Māori
- July 10 - Fiction set during the decade you were born
- August 14 - Books about libraries or librarians
- September 11 - Retelling
- October 9 - Something scary
- November 13 - Non-fiction
- December 11 - Celebrity author

Can't make it in person? No need to miss out - join the Ravenous Readers Challenge on Beanstack: [otorohangalibrary.beanstack.org](http://otorohangalibrary.beanstack.org)

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