

### 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)

The 2025 resealing programme has begun and you can find out more on our website.



### RATES

Rates invoices for instalment 2 (for the period 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025) are due Friday 28th February 2025.

If you have not received your invoice, please get in contact now to avoid penalties.

Water invoices for Ōtorohanga Urban and Rural Water Schemes are also due this month.

Rates rebate 2024/2025 – you may be eligible. To check your eligibility, please visit [www.govt.nz/browse/housingand-property/getting-help-with-housing/getting-arates-rebate](http://www.govt.nz/browse/housingand-property/getting-help-with-housing/getting-arates-rebate)



### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 3 March 4.00 pm
Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 6 March 4.00 pm
Risk and Assurance Committee	Monday 10 March 10.00 am
Elected Member Workshops	Tuesday 11 March 10.00 am
Council	Tuesday 25 March 10.00 am



### SMEAR YOUR MEA CAMPAIGN VISITS ŌTOROHANGA

The *Smear Your Mea* campaign, dedicated to raising awareness for cervical cancer, made a special stop in Ōtorohanga on Wednesday 19th February as part of the Ride for Talei convoy. The riders arrived at the Village Green, where they were warmly welcomed by Mayor Max Baxter, who thanked them for their incredible mahi in spreading awareness and encouraging cervical screening.

A support crew and purpose-built bus was stationed behind the library, offering cervical screening and self-testing options, alongside important information and promotional materials to support the cause.

The story behind *Ride for Talei* can be found on the Facebook page “*Smear Your Mea*”



### BUZZY BEE HEADS TO THE DOCTOR FOR WING REPAIR

After a busy December full of festivities, Buzzy Bee is taking a short break to visit the doctor for a much-needed wing repair. Unfortunately, during the excitement of the holiday celebrations, Buzzy Bee's wing took a bit of a tumble. But don't worry—Buzzy is in good hands!

Thanks to the skilled team at the Menz Shed, Buzzy's wing will be fixed up and back to full working order. The Menz Shed team is well-known for their craftsmanship, and we're confident they'll have Buzzy buzzing around in no time.

We've got photos of Buzzy's journey to the Menz Shed, where his wing will be carefully mended, ensuring he's ready to continue bringing smiles to the community.

Stay tuned for updates on Buzzy's recovery, and let's all wish him a speedy repair!

Read more council news on our website; [www.otodc.govt.nz/latest-news#morenews](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/latest-news#morenews)

### LIBRARY 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. Find out more on our website or come in and see one of our friendly staff.

Card Swap Meet  
Wednesday 5th March 3.00pm-4.00pm

STEM - LITTLEBITS  
Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm

STEM - LEGO  
Thursdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Ages 6+

STORY TIME  
Thursdays 10.30am - 11.00am

WRIGGLE & RHYME  
Friday's 10.30am - 11.00am

### 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:

- March 13 – Young adult graphic novel
- April 10 – eRead

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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### PLANNING TO BUILD?

Ōtorohanga District Council is implementing a new online building consent application system.

From **Wednesday 12 February 2025** applications will be submitted via the Objective Build Applicant Platform.

Objective Build is simple and intuitive to use, with agents and owners having full visibility of how the application is progressing.

The Objective Build platform covers all aspects of the building consent process including applying for amendments to an approved building consent and applying for a code of compliance certificate when you have finished building.

Our website has guides on how to get started. See more: [www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/building-consents-and-information/building-consents](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/building-consents-and-information/building-consents)

