

# ĀMIO

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## POUKAI AND POP UP

### Kanohi ki te kanohi – Pop Up Council

With over 70% of our residents living outside Ōtorohanga township, we know that traditional engagement methods do not always work. That's why we created Kanohi ki te kanohi – Pop Up Council – a proactive approach that brings Council directly to our community.

Last week, our staff along with our leadership team and elected members were privileged to attend Pop Up Council and Poukai at Waipapa and Maketū Marae. These face-to-face engagements reinforced our commitment to being present, listening and strengthening relationships with our people. By meeting in spaces that are meaningful to our communities, we continue to break down barriers, build trust and ensure that local voices help shape our district's future.

Pop Up Council isn't just about gathering feedback – it's about listening, responding, and ensuring community voices shape our decisions. It's a commitment to making engagement meaningful, accessible and effective for everyone.

When you see us out in the community, we encourage you to stop by, share your thoughts and be part of the conversation. Together, we're building a more connected and engaged district.



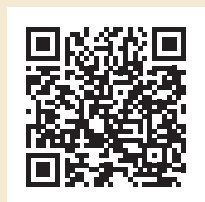
## MONTHLY ROAD MAP

### 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.



## COMING UP

Ōtorohanga District Council is planning how we'll deliver safe, reliable water services in the future, as part of the Government's Local Water Done Well policy. We are currently exploring the options available to us and will look for your input once this process is completed.

## GROWING COLLECTION

We are lining our Ōtorohanga District Library shelves with an expanding collection of Te Reo Māori books, supporting our commitment to bilingual literacy and cultural inclusion. This initiative aligns with our goal to make Te Reo Māori more accessible to all members of the community, from fluent speakers to those beginning their language journey. From children's picture books and beginner readers to advanced literature, historical texts and contemporary works, the collection caters to a wide range of interests and age groups.

Library Manager Heather says, "We recognise the importance of Te Reo Māori as an official language of Aotearoa and want to provide our community with resources here in our Library to cater to everyone. Whether you're reading to your tamariki, studying for school, or simply enjoying a good book, we have something for you."

The growing collection includes works from celebrated Māori authors such as Airana Ngarewa alongside beautifully illustrated children's books like Kara te Kākāpo. The library also offers Te Reo Māori translations of popular English-language books, providing a familiar entry point for learners.

For those wanting to develop their language skills, the collection includes Te Reo learning resources such as dictionaries, grammar guides and structured learning books suitable for all levels.

We invite you to explore the collection, borrow books and participate in activities that celebrate Te Reo Māori. Whether you are a fluent speaker or just beginning to learn, there is a place for you at Ōtorohanga District Library.

For more information on available titles or upcoming events, visit the library or check our website and social media pages.



## WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

Always wanted to know how to use the apps the library has? Don't know where to start?

Join us at one of our 'appy hours to learn. This series of workshops will show you how to use each of the library apps we have and how to get the most out of them.

### COMING UP:

#### 26 March:

- Using Libby (eResource platform) 10.30 – 11.30 am
- Using BorrowBox (eResource platform) 2.00 – 3.00 pm

#### 30 April:

- Using eWheelers (eResource platform) 10.30 – 11.30am
- Using Beamafilm (Movies, documentaries and more) 2.00 – 3.00 pm

#### 14 May:

- Using our Library App 10.30 – 11.30am
- Using Beanstack (an app with fun reading challenges) 2.00 – 3.00 pm



### 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

Fridays 10.30am – 11.00am

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## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 3 April 4.00 pm
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 7 April 4.00 pm
Extra-ordinary Council Meeting	Tuesday 8 April 10.00 am
Elected Member Workshops	Tuesday 8 April 12.30 pm
Council	Tuesday 29 April 10.00 am
Grants and Awards Committee	Wednesday 30 April 3.00 pm
Creative Communities Scheme Committee	Wednesday 30 April 6.00 pm



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## PLANNING TO BUILD?

We have implemented a new online **building consent** application system.

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

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

Guides on how to get started are available here:

[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)