

ĀMIO

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OLDER PERSON HOUSING VISIT

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all the residents at Windsor Court, Elizabeth Place, and Rosamond Terrace who took the time to engage with our Council Pop-up Team in recent weeks. It was truly a pleasure to meet with you, enjoy some delicious soup and freshly baked scones, and distribute our goody bags!

Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us as we continuously work to improve our services and better meet your needs as tenants. We hope our visit provided you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas in a relaxed and friendly setting.

If you haven't had a chance to complete our annual survey yet, and would like to, please give our team a call. The survey is crucial in helping us understand what we're doing well and where we can enhance our services.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and valuable feedback. We look forward to continuing to serve you and make positive changes based on what we've heard.



DOG REGISTRATIONS

As of 1st August 2024, dog registrations are overdue and may incur a late registration fee of 50%. You may also be issued with an infringement notice and a fine of \$300.

You can pay at the council office or by visiting our website www.otodc.govt.nz.

Talk to us if you're having difficulty paying - phone us on 07 873 4000 or email info@otodc.govt.nz.

WHAKAARO MARAMA – THE CLEAR THINKERS

As part of our work in Community Development, Council are investigating new ways to work with and empower rangatahi. Our current group of focus is Ōtorohanga College.

The Curious Sponge Project is a new annual youth programme which mentors a group of five young people to understand and discuss current issues by attending national youth conferences.

Council staff then support those team members to identify and design a public facing project for our district as their way of giving back.

The 2024 team comprises of; Kaelis Campbell, Taylah Montgomery, Dequan Atarangiata, Kaia Turner and Samiah Grey and together they are...“Whakaaro Marama – The Clear Thinkers”.

We are excited to be working with these amazing young leaders and will be updating you on the teams project as it unfolds – watch this space!

For the full story check it out on our website www.otodc.govt.nz/latest-news/article/304/whakaaro-marama-the-clear-thinkers

RATES

If you have not received your Rates invoice by now, please contact our friendly Customer Experience Team on info@otodc.govt.nz or phone on 0800 734 000

Rates Instalment 1 is for 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024 and is due **30th August 2024**.

To ensure your payments go to the correct Rates account, please reference as:

Particulars: Surname, Initial

Code: RATES

Reference: Valuation number – exclude first 0 if not enough spaces in field.

If you are making a payment for Water, please reference:

Particulars: Surname, Initial

Code: WATER

Reference: Water Account number - different than Rates (8 numbers on right of invoice)

RATES REBATES

Rates Rebates for the 2024-2025 Rating year are now open and will close next year in June.



To find out if you are eligible for a Rates Rebate, please visit the website at www.govt.nz/rates-rebates or call our friendly Customer Experience team on 0800 734 000 to discuss.



ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANTS

Community grants close Saturday 31st August 2024 for any enquiries contact grants@otodc.govt.nz

- Creative Communities
- Rural Sport Travel
- Ōtorohanga District Community Grant



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 2 September 4.00 pm
Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 5 September 4.00 pm
Elected Member Workshop	Tuesday 10 September 10.00 am
Council	Tuesday 24 September 10.00 am

DORA (DIGITAL ON ROAD ACCESS) ON TOUR!

26th–30th August 2024 & 2nd–6th September

No booking is required—just drop in for assistance with your digital devices.

We can help with

- Tech help with your smartphone or tablet
- Support with your health app
- Tips for staying safe online

DORA Te Waka Matihiko Hauora, a mobile learning centre, is currently in the Ōtorohanga District until September 6, to help residents access their health records online. The initiative will guide locals in using online health portals like Manage My Health or My Indici 2.0. These platforms enable users to view their medical records, order prescriptions and book appointments with GPs.

This visit highlights the importance of digital health literacy, ensuring that no one is left behind as the healthcare industry increasingly adopts technology. Local library and pop-up staff will provide on-site training, and those who miss DORA's visit can still access ongoing support from council staff.

See more: www.otodc.govt.nz/latest-news/article/299/dora-digital-on-road-access-on-tour-in-otorohanga



CELEBRATING OUR TUIA RANGATAHI MYSTEEQ!

Mauri Ora e te Iwi! Last month, Mysteeq went on her way to the Tuia I Roto wānanga, at Waikawa Marae, near Picton. The team welcomed her back, safe and well, from her wananga and thought we would give her some time to settle back in at home and digest all that Matauranga Māori.

As she shared her experience you could feel the enthusiasm in her words. The cold mornings would kick off with jump jam to warm up the tinana (body), followed by warming the puku (stomach) with a delicious breakfast prepared by the dedicated tuakana (experienced rangatahi).

After fuelling the rangatahi with kai, the days featured meaningful sharing sessions where rangatahi delved deep into personal and collective reflections of “wanting to help more, to help kids in general, like youth work”, Mysteeq says.

“My favourite part was getting to talk about myself, Roto is all about opening up, to share your story, to share my story, my full story”

Mysteeq and co visited the historic Te Rae o Karaka Point. They listened to enlightening kōrero about the migration from Taranaki to Waikawa and heard stories that shared the significance of the location. The group then enjoyed a peaceful walk along the beautiful beach, connecting with the land and each other.

Mysteeq returned from the wānanga feeling inspired, connected and ready to apply the lessons learned to her next journey and community.