

ĀMIO

JULY 2024 ISSUE

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 Rebate for Rating year 2024-2025, is now open and will close in June 2025.

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



DOG REGISTRATIONS

It's time to register your best friend!

When do fees need to be paid?

Fees are payable 1 July and must be paid before 1 August 2024.

If you don't register your dog, you will incur a late registration fee and may also be issued with an infringement notice, a fine of \$300 and disqualification from the special owner scheme.

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

How do I pay?

You can pay at the council office or online at www.otodc.govt.nz

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 1 August, 4pm
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 5 August, 4pm
Ōtorohanga District Council	Tuesday 27 August, 10 am

WESTERN WAIKATO CIVIL DEFENCE READINESS EXERCISE

In light of recent natural disasters like Cyclone Gabrielle, and even more recent weather events, it's clear how crucial it is to be prepared.

On June 5th, staff from Ōtorohanga, Wāipa and Waitomo District Councils joined forces to conduct a civil defence exercise, simulating an earthquake response. We were observed by Waikato Region Civil Defence staff, testing our readiness and coordination as we set up an Emergency Operations Centre in the Ōtorohanga Chambers.

"The opportunity to test our response and recovery to a significant disaster is valuable, and we always take learnings from them in order to be better prepared if and when the real one does happen in the future," says Civil Defence Controller Dave Simes.

Want to get involved in Civil Defence?

Contact Cathie Shaw cathie.shaw@waipadc.govt.nz



ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANTS

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

"Make, design, stage, play, and share your creative vision"

\$21,150 available for the next 12 months.

Applications open from 1 August – close 31 August

RURAL SPORT TRAVEL

"Helping our children and young people get to play and practice sport, this fund can cover travel expenses such as petrol and van hire for schools, clubs, parents and caregivers"

\$15,500 is available for the next 12 months.

Applications open from 1 August – close 31 August

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COMMUNITY GRANT

"Supporting our people to make good things happen"

Applications open from 1 August – close 31 August

\$100,000 available for the next 12 months

ŌTOROHANGA ORA GRANT

"Supporting indigenous excellence" and Kaupapa māori initiatives

Applications open from 1 January 2024 – close 31 December 2025 or until funds are exhausted.

\$100,000 available over the open period.

To apply for the grants visit

engage.otodc.govt.nz



DO YOU LOVE YOUR LIBRARY?



It's that time again, where we want to hear what you have to say and what we can do to make your Library work for you!

Our library team are dedicated to making our libraries welcoming, user friendly, and ensure they provide our community with services you need. As we strive to improve our service we seek your feedback through this quick survey. It will help us understand what we are doing well and where we can do better. We invite you to take 10 minutes to share your experiences.

Follow the link below or pop into one of our Libraries or main office to collect a hard copy from our friendly team.

www.engage.otodc.govt.nz/love-your-library



MAINTENANCE ON THE LETHBRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE DECK

We're excited to announce that the new bridge deck on Lethbridge Road has been successfully installed without any unexpected issues!

A Stop/Go will be in place while we complete the finishing touches, including handrails, guardrails, surfacing, and fencing.

A huge thank you to the local community for your patience and understanding while we work to improve our infrastructure.

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



CELEBRATING OUR TUIA RANGATAHI MYSTEEQ!

Recently we proudly waved farewell to Mysteeq Taukiri on her train to Wellington and ferry to Picton for a wānanga as part of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Tuia Programme! Mysteeq will join other rangatahi in a unique experience that will tautoko (support) and empower them to pave the years ahead and weave the future of tomorrow's leaders.

The Tuia Programme is an initiative by MTFJ that is dedicated to fostering the leadership potential of young Māori. Through a year-long mentorship with local Mayors, selected rangatahi (young leaders) engage in meaningful community service projects and receive leadership training at four annual wānanga. This intergenerational approach not only enhances the leadership skills of participants but also bridges cultural and generational gaps, creating a robust network of young leaders across New Zealand.

This year we will follow Mysteeq as she embarks on this inspiring journey!



Day (ŌDC), Cassidy (ŌDC), Mysteeq (Rangitahi), Nicki (ŌDC) at the Ōtorohanga Train Station Platform.



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