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## RATES

### RATES 'ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKS'

It's that time of the year again to do your rates 'annual health check' to make sure Rates payments and contact details are all up to date. Rates should now be paid for the 2023 - 2024 rating year. If you are having trouble paying your rates, please contact our Rates Officer on 07 873 4360 who will be able to assist with a suitable payment plan.

**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 invoices for next rating year 2024-2025 will be posted / emailed mid-July 2024.**

There are two instalment periods for the Ōtorohanga District:

Instalment 1 - 1st July - 31 December

Instalment 2 - 1st January - 30th June

Please check your invoice for the due date.

**Direct Debit:** If you are on Direct Debit, a letter will be sent out shortly advising what your Rates payments will be for the year. NB: Any changes made to Direct Debits are given 30 days' prior notice.

**Automatic Payments:** As Rates vary each year, please check with our Customer Experience Team or the Rates Officer to confirm you are paying enough or not paying too much. NB: Rates made by regular payments and paid in full by 31 May each year automatically have any penalties applied / remitted.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Are you receiving invoices by email and if not, would you like to?

Or are you receiving invoices by mail and have moved?

Do we have your current phone number?

If you wish to have your invoices and Council correspondence emailed or sent to another address, please complete the form at: [www.otodc.govt.nz/contact-us/update-contact-details](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/contact-us/update-contact-details)

## RATES REBATES

Reminder - if you have not completed a Rates Rebate Application for the Rating year 2023-2024, please note the close off date is 30 June 2024.

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



## NGĀTI WHĀWHĀKIA TAONGA GIFTING CEREMONY

Members of Ōtorohanga District Council were invited to attend a ceremony at the Ōtorohanga Museum on 25 May, alongside museum trustees and Mana Whenua, to receive taonga being gifted by Ngāti Whāwhākia of Aotea.

The intimate and moving ceremony was hosted in the refurbished old courthouse, where orator Professor Tom Roa spoke to the historic role the court played in the confiscation of Māori land and taonga. Professor Roa eloquently pointed to the new role that the historic building now embodies as a custodian of historic and culturally significant taonga.

The ceremony was attended by a large contingent of Ngāti Whāwhākia who had travelled from across Aotearoa. The day was an acknowledgement of the past and a celebration of charting forward new pathways of protection and partnership amongst communities.



## ŌTOROHANGA RAILWAY STATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of our staff were honoured to be asked to travel on the Northern Explorer train from Kirikiriroa to Ōtorohanga with the dignitaries to join the Ōtorohanga Railway Station 100th Anniversary celebrations.

Staff said it was amazing seeing the northern part of our district from such a different perspective, and coming into town being welcomed by so many people was very humbling.

What a fantastic event, and thank you so much to everyone who assisted with it!

## WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LIBRARY?



### MATARIKI STORY TIME

Join us for stories, waiata/songs, and fun on Thursday 27 June 10.30am in the library as we celebrate the Māori New Year of Matariki.

### THE SKY'S THE LIMIT - WINTER LITERACY BINGO CHALLENGE

Soon we are blasting off into our winter literacy bingo challenge - 'The Sky's the Limit'. Our journey begins on 8 July and ends on 16 August and is suitable for children aged 6-13 years old.

Complete some exciting activities to go in the draw to win some out of this world prizes.

You can enrol for this challenge on Beanstack or you contact our friendly library team in person, by phone (07) 873 7175 or email [library@otodc.govt.nz](mailto:library@otodc.govt.nz).

### THE SKY'S THE LIMIT - SPACE CRAFTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Sessions at Ōtorohanga Library:**

Wednesday 10 July 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Space crafts and Aliens

Friday 12 July 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Messy space crafts

**Session at Kāwhia (Kāwhia Hall)**

Thursday 11 July 2:00 - 3:30 pm Outer space crafts

Register for the Ōtorohanga sessions at the library or phone (07) 873 7175 or email: [library@otodc.govt.nz](mailto:library@otodc.govt.nz)

Attending one of the craft sessions will count as an activity on your 'bingo board' - go into the draw to win!

## DOG REGISTRATIONS

It's time to register your best friend!

**How much are the fees?**

Urban dogs - \$162 per dog

Urban dogs neutered - \$127 per dog

Urban dogs special owner scheme - \$127 per dog

Urban dogs neutered and special owner scheme - \$70 per dog

Rural dogs special owner scheme - \$70 per dog

**When do fees need to be paid?**

Fees are payable from 1 July and must be paid by August 1 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](mailto:info@otodc.govt.nz).

**How do I pay?**

You can pay at the council office or by visiting our website [www.otodc.govt.nz](http://www.otodc.govt.nz)

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 1 July 4pm
Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 4 July 4pm
Ōtorohanga District Council	Tuesday 23 July 10 am