

# ĀMIO

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## CELEBRATING TUIA RANGATAHI MYSTEEQ!

As we near the end of the wananga year for Mysteeq, it's been a great time to reflect on her personal growth. Thank you so much to Mysteeq for all the smiles and giggles that lightened up the office. Mysteeq will not be a stranger too; we are sure she will be around for a while, whether running initiatives or joining in kaupapa in our community.

The Tuia Programme is all about building leadership and connection and seeing the incredible transformations in our rangatahi. We know the mātauranga Māori (knowledge) that Mysteeq has taken in will lead her to a path of philanthropy in community spaces.

Mayor Max Baxter has proudly watched the growth of each rangatahi he has mentored over the years and keeps in touch with them regularly. His contribution and commitment to this kaupapa has been the pillar for rangatahi in our district.

Read more at: [engage.otodc.govt.nz/tuia-rangatahi](https://engage.otodc.govt.nz/tuia-rangatahi)



## ON THE ROAD TO A SAFER COMMUNITY

### 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](https://www.otodc.govt.nz/council-services/roads-and-streets)

### SAFETY FIRST

#### Child car restraint checks

Our road safety team will be gearing up to make sure you and your tamariki are safe this summer. Drop in to see our team who can help or give advice if you need.

Dates: Dec 3rd and 10th

Time: 9.30-11.30 & 12.30-2.30 Both days

Where: Countdown (small carpark out front)

#### Fatigue Stop

Planning to travel to meet whanau and family? Stay fuelled and energised by stopping regularly over your travels to 'Take a break'. Our team will be setting up to support drivers to take a break in our district.

Date: Dec 21st

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Kiokio School carpark



## LIBRARY

Did you know that the library offer way more than just books?

See below some of the amazing programmes and spaces you can join to learn new skills.



## RAUMATI TOA SUMMER LEGENDS SUMMER READING

Something exciting and a little bit different is happening over the summer months from 2nd December 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Open for 0-18 years, you can join the latest craze and collect your very own set of Taniwha Cards with Waitomo and Ōtorohanga District Libraries. Register now and be part of our LEGENDARY summer adventure!

There will lots of ways you can collect cards, from attending library events, sharing your summer reads with the library staff, to finding Taniwha rocks hiding in our local parks and reserves – can you find them all and collect a whole set of summer legend taniwha cards?

## BLACK OUT POETRY COMPETITION

A Black Out Poetry Competition is running for the teenagers of the Ōtorohanga District. This a chance for rangatahi to get creative over the summer break and be into win a Prezzy Card – 1st, 2nd, 3rd places. It is open to all high school students. Entries close 24th January 2025. Want to know more? Scan the QR code here:



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Before Santa arrives, the libraries are running a fun Christmas Crafts session open to tamariki of all ages. Make a variety of Christmas decorations for your tree or give to family and friends. Before you watch the Kāwhia Parade on Wednesday 18th December pop down to the Community Hall from 1.30-3.00pm.

### Friday 20th December

Come to the Ōtorohanga Library from 10.30am-11.30am. This event will also earn you a card in our Raumati Toa Summer Legends programme.

## APPY HOUR!

Free workshops to learn how to use the apps the library has.

### 11 December

10 – 11am Beanstack - earn badges, start your reading streak and be in to win amazing prizes!

1 – 2pm Beamafilm - a streaming service for film lovers to enjoy the comfort of your own home.

Please register at the Ōtorohanga Library 07 873 7175 or [library@otodc.govt.nz](mailto:library@otodc.govt.nz)

### Questions / Registrations?

Phone 07 873 7175 | Email [library@otodc.govt.nz](mailto:library@otodc.govt.nz)

## TE KAWAU MAARO O MANIAPOTO HUI-AA-IWI POP-UP SUCCESS!

A huge thank you to everyone who visited our Pop-Up Council and Civil Defence tents over Labour Weekend, at Te Kawau Maaro O Maniapoto Hui-aa-iwi in Te Kūiti! We loved chatting with so many of you, answering questions, and connecting with whanau and tamariki. It was a fantastic weekend thanks to YOU!

Big shoutout to our team and our awesome partners from Waitomo District Council and Waipā District Council for helping to make this event happen. Ōtorohanga Māori Ward Councillor Jaimee Tamaki expressed how "amazing" it was, to have "councils available for whanau to engage with and learn how to communicate with councils" in the future. She mentioned how this created an environment that allowed people to feel comfortable to ask questions and/or ask how they can make a change.

For all our talented artists who entered the Colouring Competition, we had over 80 enter across 2 days and have contacted the 8 winners. – prizes have been posted, and you should have received yours by now! We hope you enjoy them and keep up the amazing creativity!

We're looking forward to our next Pop-Up adventure – stay tuned, and don't forget to check out more about the Pop-Up Council: [engage.otodc.govt.nz/pop-up-council](https://engage.otodc.govt.nz/pop-up-council)



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 2 December 4.00 pm
Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 5 December 4.00 pm
Council	Tuesday 10 December 10.00 am
Risk and Assurance Committee	Wednesday 11 December 10.00 am

## HOLIDAY HOURS:

Operating hours over the holiday period

### Ōtorohanga District Council Office

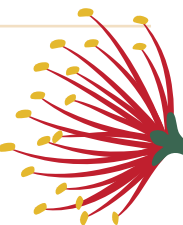
Monday 23rd – 9am to 4pm

Tuesday 24th – 9am to 12pm

25th to 5th Jan 2025 - CLOSED

Normal hours resume Monday 6 January.

More hours will be published on our website and in our next Āmio so keep an eye out for this.



# EMERGENCIES CAN HAPPEN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE - BE PREPARED THIS SUMMER

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere – earthquakes, floods, tsunami, fire, and other hazards can often occur without warning - the best thing you can do this summer is make sure you are prepared.

## MAKE A PLAN

Being prepared for an emergency starts at home – you and your whānau/family can begin by filling out a household plan.

- View a template for a household plan: [getready.govt.nz](http://getready.govt.nz)

## IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:

- Check in with others in your community and ensure your pets are safe
- If you or your neighbours are at immediate risk, don't wait to be told – go to the nearest safe place
- Head to [waikatocivildefence.govt.nz/our-region](http://waikatocivildefence.govt.nz/our-region) and continually check for updates
- Tune into the radio station local to your area – [waikatocivildefence.govt.nz/in-an-emergency/radio-frequencies](http://waikatocivildefence.govt.nz/in-an-emergency/radio-frequencies)
- Follow Waikato Civil Defence on social media - [www.facebook.com/WaikatoCivilDefence](http://www.facebook.com/WaikatoCivilDefence)
- Download the ANTENNO mobile app. If Civil Defence is activated and an emergency declared, Council's plan is to push out Civil Defence messages through the ANTENNO app, and our council Facebook page.
- Download Antenno here - [www.otodc.govt.nz/council/download-antenno](http://www.otodc.govt.nz/council/download-antenno)
- Follow Ōtorohanga District Council on Facebook here - [facebook.com/OtorohangaDistrictCouncil](http://facebook.com/OtorohangaDistrictCouncil)
- Please note - while these are useful communication tools, they will only work if internet services are not disrupted.

## KĀWHIA WATER WATER CONSERVATION AND RESTRICTIONS

As we head into what is predicted to be hot summer, with a high number of visitors to our district, it's important we all be conscious of our water use - water restrictions help everyone play their part. You will be notified of a change in water restriction level by updates to our website, social media and the indication arrow on the physical sign in Kāwhia township will be pointing to the current restriction level. The details of our water restriction levels are outlined below:

### NO RESTRICTION (GREEN)

No water restriction in place, but we ask that you please be mindful of water consumption as it is a limited resource and there needs to be enough to go around for everyone.

### LEVEL 1 – WATER CONSERVATION USE WATER WISELY (BLUE)

Sprinklers between 6-8am and 6-8pm.

Hand-held hosing is allowed anytime.

Water saving tips:

- Always use a twist or trigger nozzle when using your hose.
- Use a timer with your sprinkler or irrigation system and be mindful where you position it so that you are watering plants, not paved areas.
- Use a cover on permanent and portable pools to prevent evaporation and use appropriate chemicals to keep the water fresh.
- Use a broom and/or bucket to clean hard surfaces such as footpaths and driveways.
- Wash your car/boat/caravan on an area of lawn.
- Shorten your shower.
- Put a bucket in the shower while you're waiting for the water to warm up, and use the water you catch for watering plants, flushing the toilet or cleaning.
- Use water from your rain water tank or grey water wherever possible.

### LEVEL 2 - WATER RESTRICTION REDUCE NON-ESSENTIAL WATER USE (YELLOW)

Use sprinklers on alternate days between 6-8am and 6-8pm (e.g. even street numbers on even days; odd street numbers on odd days).

Hand held hosing is allowed at any time.

### LEVEL 3 - WATER RESTRICTION REDUCE YOUR WATER USE IMMEDIATELY (ORANGE)

No sprinklers allowed.

Hand-held hosing only.

Don't use Council water supply to fill or top up your pools - including portable and paddling pools.

Use a broom instead of water to clean hard surfaces such as footpaths and driveways.

Avoid using water to wash windows, buildings, cars and boats (boat motors may be flushed out).



### LEVEL 4 - WATER RESTRICTION ESSENTIAL WATER USE ONLY (RED)

Essential water use means that you may use water for drinking, food preparation, hygiene and sanitary purposes - includes washing clothes and taking showers.

Essential use outside means water may be used for activities like firefighting and emergency clean ups.

There is a complete ban on any outdoor water use - includes use of sprinklers, hoses, drip lines, irrigation systems, water toys like slip n' slides.

No filling of swimming pools - includes portable or paddling pools.

No outdoor cleaning - cars, property and boats (boat motors may be flushed out).

The only permitted way to water your garden at water restriction level 4 is to use collected rain water and/or to use greywater from inside your home.

If you notice a water leak or someone wasting water in your street, please contact us straight away on 07 873 4000 (24 hours).

## HOW TO CHECK FOR A LEAK



- Turn all taps off inside the house.
- Make sure all outside taps are turned off.
- Locate your water meter and check the dial. This should not be moving.

## THINK YOU HAVE A SLOW LEAK?

Do a night reading or leave all taps off for a few hours. Ensure no water is used including toilets.

- Read your water meter last thing at night.
- Re-read the water meter first thing in the morning.

If the water meter has moved during the night it is likely you have a leak.

