

ĀMIO

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HONOURING THE LATE KĪNGI TŪHEITIA PŌTATAU TE WHEROWHERO TE TUAWHITU

A local government delegation attended Tūrangaewae Marae on 2 September 2024 to honour the late Kingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu.

Pictured here are the Mayors, elected members and staff from Ōtorohanga, Waitomo, Waipā, Waikato District, Waikato Regional, Hauraki, South Waikato and Matamata-Piako councils, along with Sir Paul Adam.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Kāwhia Community Board	Thursday 3 October 4.00 pm
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Monday 7 October 4.00 pm
Citizenship Ceremony	Tuesday 8 October 10.00 am
Grants and Awards Committee	Wednesday 16 October 3.00 pm
Creative Communities Scheme Committee	Wednesday 16 October 6.00 pm
Risk and Assurance Committee	Monday 21 October 10.00 am
Council	Tuesday 22 October 10.00 am



A DAY OF RENEWAL AT HUIPŪTEA RESERVE

Mana Whenua representation, community members and Ōtorohanga District Council Elected Members and staff came together to witness a moment of renewal and connection as eight kahikatea saplings found their new home underneath Huipūtea – a 300 year old kahikatea tree which is a living testament to a significant historical event – a battle between Ngāti Maniapoto and Ngāpuhi in 1822. The planting of these trees provides a place for future generations to experience the significance of our history.

DAFFODIL DAY

Staff supported the annual Daffodil Day appeal this year by dressing up in yellow and running a raffle which raised \$220 for Cancer Society.



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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Are you receiving invoices by mail and have moved?

Do we have your latest phone contact details?

If you wish to have your invoices and Council corresponds emailed or sent to another address, please complete the form online at

www.otodc.govt.nz/contact-us/update-contact-details

DOG REGISTRATIONS

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

HOWEVER, if you get your dog registered TODAY (27 September 2024) we will waive the late fee!

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.

LIBRARY

STEM



Are your children interested in science, technology, engineering, or maths? Do they want to try new things in a hands-on, fun environment? Do they just love making stuff? Then they'll love our Term 4 STEM sessions!

Mondays 3.30pm – 4.30pm: Ozobot, for ages 8+

Code the movements of our Ozobots! These clever little fellas use sensors to follow lines and read colour codes you make with markers. They can also be programmed on-screen with OzoBlockly. There's so much the Ozobots can do; choose paths, race, dance, navigate mazes, and more! Come play with them!

Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm: KEVA Contraptions, for ages 7+

Build structures with "the world's most captivating construction toy": towers, bridges, ball runs, chutes, ships, castles... KEVA planks are limitless! This was our most popular STEM class last year, so don't miss out!

Places are limited, please contact the Library to register and reserve your spot.

Phone (07) 873 7175, email library@otodc.govt.nz, or message us on Facebook www.facebook.com/otolib

Interested in these sessions but can't make it into the library? No problem! We've made it easy to explore STEM at home. Sign up to the year-long STEM Mayhem challenge on Beanstack now at otorohangalibrary.beanstack.com



Hey kids! Don't let the days drag on these school holidays... join in Dragon Mania at the Ōtorohanga Library and create some crafts fit for a dragon's treasure stash!

Dragon Mania craft sessions will be running at the following times:

- Monday 30 September 10am-11am
- Thursday 3 October 2pm-3pm
- Monday 7 October 2pm-3pm
- Thursday 10 October 9.30am-10.30am

Intermediate-aged students and high schoolers can have a go at **Dungeons & Dragons**, the classic tabletop role-playing game as seen in Stranger Things. This campaign is perfect for beginners and all supplies are provided. Let us know your availability for the dates below and Dungeon Master Molly will be in touch by Monday 30 September to let you know which session you'll be playing.

- Tuesday 1 October 3pm-4pm
- Wednesday 9 October 3pm-4pm
- Friday 11 October 3pm-4pm

Please contact the library on (07) 873 7175 or library@otodc.govt.nz to register for these events.

Don't worry, we haven't forgotten about the Kāwhia kids! Tamariki out at the coast can swoop by the Kāwhia Hall on Wednesday 2 October 1pm-2.30pm and get crafty with Annette and Gaylene! Please let us know that you're coming via Facebook or email.