

# Ōtaki Update

29 June 2017



## Council plans for 2017/18 take shape

Following a review of activities for the year ahead, Council has agreed the contents of the annual plan for 2017/18, which will result in an average rates increase of 5.7%. Thanks to all those who took the time to make a submission on the plan. Submitters will receive a response from Council in the coming weeks.

## WE'RE HELPING KĀPITI GET TSUNAMI READY

Over the next few months, the Kāpiti Coast District Council is teaming up with local volunteers to go on a door-knocking mission! In Kāpiti, there are over 8000 properties sitting in tsunami evacuation zones, with over 20,000 people living in them and our research shows some don't know they're in a zone.

Good planning can save lives, so we want to help people get better prepared. If you're in an Ōtaki tsunami evacuation zone, you can expect a knock on the door this weekend. We'll be dropping by to hand over some detailed information about tsunami – the warning signs, and what to do and where to go. If you're not home we'll pop the info in your letterbox. Following the door-knocking, we'll be holding a community drop-in session between 7pm and 8.30pm on Wednesday 12 July at the Ōtaki Fire Station, 96 Mill Road, Ōtaki.

This drop-in session will also be your chance to be part of a community conversation about warning systems in Kāpiti.

We know that there was confusion after the November earthquake within our community around whether or not people living in evacuation zones should evacuate, and that some were concerned about the absence of tsunami warning sirens. These sessions are an opportunity to come and talk to us about what's in place, and the pros and cons of different options for Kāpiti in the future.

## Tasman Road Reserve playground reopens

The pirate ship is complete, the swing seats have been installed, and the Tasman Road Reserve playground is once again open for play!



## Dog park for Ōtaki

A new dog park is coming to Ōtaki!

Over the next couple of weeks you'll see some work happening on the corner of Aotaki and Hinau Street. The area will be fully fenced, have seating, a drinking fountain and two double gate entry points. We'll be looking at adding more in the future too so watch this space.

If you're a dog owner, you've also probably received your dog registration forms either by post or email. We're now offering a discount to owners aged 65 years and over, as well as the usual discounts for NZ Kennel Club members and Approved Owners. You'll need to pay your registration fee by 5pm on 31 July to avoid a late payment penalty.