

## Ōtaki in Ākina Te Reo videos

Ōtaki residents have been featuring in a digital campaign Council is running to encourage people to have a go at Te Reo Māori.

Short videos, filmed around the district, are being posted on Council's Facebook page and website to celebrate the language and inspire people to use it.

The videos will be shown throughout the year, incorporating Te Reo phrases from Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori (the Māori Language Commission).

Two videos, filmed at Ōtaki locations, were released in August. The first featured the Whiti Te Ra 6s league team training at Ōtaki Domain and the second shows three Ōtaki women heading to the gym. The most recent video filmed a group of friends playing soccer at Weka Park in Raumati.

"Tāngata whenua have indicated Te Reo should be nurtured throughout all levels of the community and the use of social media enables an interactive space for our community to engage," Council's Iwi Relationships Project Officer, Maia Whiterod, says.

"The videos have reached a lot of people which is awesome. Tau kē nei!"

Check out these videos, and videos to come, at [kapiticoast.govt.nz/akinatere](http://kapiticoast.govt.nz/akinatere) and practise the Te Reo phrases featured in each one!

Council has an enduring partnership with tāngata whenua embedded through the Memorandum of Partnership and



Making a Te Reo ad at Ōtaki Domain.

the partnership committee Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti.

This committee has defined a vision for the district which includes four principles, the second of which outlines Te Reo as:

- the language of the tāngata whenua through which tikanga is conveyed and kawa and wairua expressed
- an official language of New Zealand and a deeply treasured taonga left by our Māori ancestors
- needing to be nurtured throughout all levels of the community
- a language which should continue to prosper and be spoken by future generations.

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## Share your memories of Ōtaki



Mill Rd, Ōtaki in 1945.

Would you like to share your memories of Ōtaki or find out more about the town's history now and then?

Come along to 'Memories on Monday' at Ōtaki Library on Monday 5 September from 10.30am-12pm.

Part of Heritage Month, this event will feature a small group of long-time residents who will talk about how Ōtaki has changed and the people they remember. Members of the Ōtaki Genealogy Society, based at the library, will also be at the session to offer their perspective.

"We encourage anyone to share memories or bring photos along to initiate discussion," Heritage & Māori Collections Coordinator, Tiriata Carkeek, says. "Or if people just want to listen in to the conversation, that's fine too!"

Pictures from the library's heritage collection will also be shared, plus you'll get the chance to meet two new librarians in the Maori and Heritage team who will be at the session.

Another event for Heritage Month takes place later in the week (Wednesday 7 September, Paraparaumu Library meeting room, 10.30am-12pm) with local historian Anthony Dreaver talking about the US marines camps which were set up on the Kāpiti Coast during World War II.