

Time to register your pooch!

There are 1,255 registered dogs in Ōtaki and they all need a new blue registration tag for the 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017 period.

You should have received your registration form in the post by now (if you haven't, please ring us on 0800 486 486). Bring your completed form into any Council service centre or Postshop to pay your fees by 5pm, Friday 29 July 2016.

Alternatively, post your registration form with fee to Kāpiti Coast District Council, Private Bag 60601, Paraparaumu 5254 or pay by internet banking (see the back of your form for details).

We've got three free registrations to give away. Just register your dog by 29 July and go in the draw to get your fee refunded!

Dog registration fees are structured to reward good ownership. They are used to promote responsible ownership in the district and safety around dogs, manage risks arising from wandering or troublesome dogs, provide and maintain the district pound/shelter, and meet our statutory obligations.

For details about current fees and other information, go to kapiticoast.govt.nz/animal-control-fees



The new pump station under construction.

Stormwater system upgrade

Residents on Moana Street, Ōtaki Beach are closer to having an improved stormwater system in their area and less flooding during storms.

Old underground stormwater pipes are being replaced with larger ones and a new pumping station is being built on a Council-owned property at the northern end of Moana Street to increase the capacity of the existing stormwater network.

The pumping station will discharge stormwater into the dune area opposite Marine Parade, substantially reducing the amount of stormwater presently discharged directly into the Waitohu Stream.

"This new system will mean there is much less likelihood of flooding on Moana Street and surrounding properties," says Disna Pathirage, Council's Stormwater & Coastal Asset Manager.

This project, due to be finished in September this year, is part of our ongoing work to upgrade the district's stormwater system.

Making a splash

Whatever the weather this winter, you can always take a splash at Ōtaki Pool!

Ōtaki Pool is a community facility catering for all ages and aquatic abilities and is the perfect place for a paddle.

Recreation Services Manager Brent Harvey says there is a lot on offer at the pool – anyone can take part in lessons, have a leisurely swim or just enjoy relaxing poolside while the kids or grandkids take a dip.

This month there was the perfect opportunity with the teddy's bear picnic event, where a good group turned out to share a picnic, have their 'paw traits' taken and bring their teddies to the pool.

The fun and festivities didn't stop there, with pool staff

tickled pink to see patrons embracing a Pink Ribbon breakfast fundraising for breast cancer as well.

"It was great to see such a wonderful bunch getting behind the worthy cause with a bite to eat and some stellar fundraising efforts," Mr Harvey says.

More exciting plans are afoot for the facility this year with the pool's redevelopment and the building of a free, publicly-accessible Splash Pad next to the pool scheduled to start in October.

The pool will be closed for about eight months while work

is carried out and during this time Ōtaki residents will be able to swim for free at the Council's pools in Waikanae and the Coastlands Aquatic Centre in Paraparaumu.

"We're excited to be modernising the pool complex this year, which is a key initiative in our FutureKāpiti Long term plan 2015-35," Mr Harvey says.

"More design details and a clearer timeline will be available later this year - watch this space!"



Paraparaumu locals Jonty (7) at left with Tom (5) show off their teddy bear portraits.