

Ōtaki

UPDATE



A monthly newsletter
from your local council

Counting down to local body elections

Elections are just around the corner and if you haven't received your voting papers yet, they should be delivered soon.

Anybody who hasn't received voting papers by Thursday 26 September should contact the Electoral Officer on 0800 486 486 or 296 4700.

Completed forms can be posted or deposited in ballot boxes at district libraries or the Civic Administration Building in Rimu Road, Paraparaumu. To be eligible they must be received by 12 noon on Election Day, 12 October.

Local body elections give voters a three-yearly opportunity to elect the district mayor, councillors and community board members, as well as representatives of Greater Wellington Regional Council and the District Health Board.

Kāpiti residents aged 18 or older can vote as long as they are on the Residential Roll or the Ratepayer Roll.

If you require a special vote for any reason, you should contact the Electoral Officer on the numbers above.

You can find out who is standing in your ward or constituency and other information about the upcoming elections at www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/elections



Fun at the library during the school holidays

Ōtaki Library has put together a fun-filled programme for primary-aged children and teenagers during the school holidays!

Younger kids will enjoy craft activities and story telling to celebrate all things green in spring. On Wednesday 2 October make cress heads (pictured above) and on Wednesday 9 October try your hand at making a junk robot out of recycled or found items (bring your own or use those provided). Both sessions run from 1.30-2.30pm.

For teenagers (12-17 years), artist & Kāpiti Coast Youth Council member Jacinta Leiataua offers two exciting art workshops – portrait drawing on Thursday 3 Oct (3-5pm) and block-portrait painting on Thursday 10 Oct (10am-12pm).

All activities are free but numbers are limited, so please book by phoning the library on 06 364 9300 or sending an email to tracey-lea.morgan@kapiticoast.govt.nz

And for adults...

Tuesday 22 October, 10.30am: Rosemary Barrett talks about colour in your garden.

Thursday 10 October, 10.30-11.45am: 'Tea & tales' - share an hour of stories, poems, excerpts and anecdotes.

Thursday 24 October, 10.30-11.30am: 'Time for a yarn' - chat to like-minded people while you work on your craft.

Ōtaki Pool closed soon for renovations

Ōtaki Pool will close next month for renovation work, but users will be able to swim free at other facilities in the district until it reopens.

The pool will be closed from 14 October to 17 December, so repairs can be carried out on the roof and the lane pool repainted. Ōtaki residents will be able to swim free at Coastlands Aquatic Centre and the Waikanae Pool, once it opens in early November.

To gain free entry to these pools, people will need to show a voucher (given to Ōtaki Pool users before the closure) or ID and a utility bill or other proof they live in Ōtaki.

"I hope Ōtaki residents will keep swimming at the other great facilities in Kāpiti until their pool reopens," says Aquatic Facilities Manager, Alison Law.

"We hope people won't be too inconvenienced by the closure which is simply part of the maintenance we have to do to keep our pools in tip top condition."

For more information, go to www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/otaki-pool

If you have any questions, phone 0800 486 486 or send an email to swim@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Peace of mind for Ōtaki residents



Flooding in Ōtaki Beach, June 2013. Scenes like this will be a thing of the past with an upgraded stormwater system and pump station being installed in Moana Street next year.

Work will begin early next year on an underground stormwater pump station designed to channel water away from a flood-prone area of Ōtaki Beach.

The \$3.3 million pump station will be built on Moana Street, near Koromiko Street and will replace an old pump station in Rupini Street that isn't able to cope with water volumes, even during moderate rainfall.

"Because of a history of flooding in the area, this project has become a priority," says Matt Aitchison, Council's Stormwater & Coastal Assets Manager.

"We want to give residents peace

of mind for the future, particularly with the prospect of more storms as a result of climate change."

The work, part of a district-wide upgrade of stormwater systems, will involve laying new, larger pipes under Moana Street and building a modern underground pump station that will pump water to a new outfall on the beach.

Work is expected to start early in 2014 and take 12 months to complete.