



Happy 2018 from the Mayor

Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou!

I'd like to thank you all for a full and successful 2017 and take a moment to acknowledge a year of hard work and great progress across the District.

The Harbour Team (made up of representatives from Council, Regional Council, a few central government agencies, Whakatōhea and industry experts) pushed hard to get the business case across the line. The end result is a great document that pulls together a wealth of information into a cohesive and compelling case for central government support and funding.

Other projects are also making good progress – the sewer upgrade is cracking along, there are new bridges, park upgrades, garden care, and successful programmes for driver licencing and dog de-sexing. Big-picture planning is well underway with our Long Term Plan and District Plan both in full swing.

We also survived a winter of pretty awful weather and our civil defence processes and communications are stronger for that. I would like to thank again all those who worked so hard through those events to keep everyone up-to-date and safe.

Hopefully you were able to enjoy a well-deserved break over the Christmas period. If you are still in summer-mode, grab a copy of the Events Calendar and get along to some of the fantastic Summer Events that our iSite puts on for locals and visitors.

Enjoy the summer, keep safe and healthy this holiday season.

Happy New Year!



Summer fun!

Did you see the fantastic Christmas parade last year? A huge thanks to all those that took part, created memorable floats and made it a uniquely Ōpōtiki Parade.

The events haven't stopped yet – don't forget to grab a copy of the event calendar for a full list of the fantastic events the iSite is putting on over summer. Check out the What's On column for a taste of some of the big events around the corner this summer.



What's on

All Ōpōtiki events are 

• 8 - 26 January

Loads of school holiday fun at the Library. 10am each day for fun free and fantastic activities

• 13 January

Ōpōtiki New World Scary Night Out

• 18 - 21 - January

Slims Bar Family Fishing Competition

• 20 January

Ōpōtiki Lantern Festival with Avalanche City, L.A.B and Three Houses Down feat General Fiyah.

• 3 February

Ōpōtiki Clubs "Give it a Go" Expo

• 10 February

Williams, Tai Whānau Horse Sports

• 17 February

Ōpōtiki New World Raft Race

• March 2nd-4th

Island View Jazz n Blues Food & Music Festival

• 16-18 March

Ōpōtiki ITM 2018 Fishing Competition

• 24 March

Waiōtahi School Gala

a huge thanks to all our Ōpōtiki Summer Festival sponsors, The Southern Trust, The Lion Foundation, The Eastern Bay Energy Trust and Ōpōtiki New World.



For more information on any of the wide range of Ōpōtiki clubs, groups, activities and events, visit the Ōpōtiki i-SITE or www.opotikin.z.com or call (07) 315 3031.



The ever popular Ōpōtiki New World Beach Dig was held on Friday 29 December. We're delighted to see how this event grows from year to year, and the fun our families have.

The Ōpōtiki New World Gourmet Food Market & Movies Under The Stars was held the following day and, for the first time, we combined the food market with the movie night. We kicked the food stalls off at 6pm with live music from the Feenix Band who played right through until the movies started at 8:45pm. Demand took us a little by surprise, so we know we're on to a winner and are already planning to add more food stalls and a wider range of foods next time.

Finally, these events cannot happen without some pretty special people helping us out. A special thank you to The Ōpōtiki Cadets for helping out as traffic/parking wardens and supervising the zero waste rubbish station. Also, thanks to our event sponsor Ōpōtiki New World and Robert Monk for supplying the truck to screen the movie on.





Pool safety this summer

Whether you have an in-ground swimming pool, a para pool or even just a small clamshell in the backyard, there are things we must all do to prevent drownings in our district.

Active supervision is crucial - within sight and reach, without distraction. Have rules and a plan.

Keep your pool secure. For children under five, unsupervised access is a leading cause of fatal or non-fatal drowning in pools.

More than 80 pools are registered with Council, and we carry out pool safety inspections once every three years. The main reasons for inspection failures are faulty gates and climbable objects like pots and garden furniture near the pool fence.

So, this summer make sure you have inspected your pool fences and help keep young ones safe.



KEEPING SAFE OVER SUMMER

Keep healthy this summer with the 3 C's
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CHILL



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Happy Birthday to our library

It was a really special occasion marking the 50th birthday of the district library last month. We had a few faces from the library's history there to help cut the cake. Philippa Wheeler, previous Ōpōtiki librarian, noted that she never made it to the opening ceremony as she was up on Hospital Hill giving birth to her first child. This time round, she nearly missed the cake-cutting to get to Auckland on time for her daughter's 50th birthday party!



In brief

Make sure you take a moment after dark to visit Jamie Boyton's stunning Light Waka on the corner of Church and Elliott Streets. It is a beautiful piece of public art and well worth seeing while it still has its Christmas colours.



Ōpōtiki's Proposed District Plan was released for public comment in 2016 and we received 60 submissions on a wide range of topics. We held public hearings in mid-2017 and the independent commissioners have been working through those responses and feedback. They are expected to provide a report and recommendations for Council early this year. Council will inform submitters and the appeal period (30 working days) commences.



Don't forget, you can sign up for text message alerts on your phone from Bay of Plenty Emergency Management. The website also has great information to make sure you are prepared and the whole whānau has a plan if a disaster strikes - www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz.



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