



## What's in our community

Welcome to the charming village of Ōwhango! As the friendly folks of the Ōwhango Residents and Ratepayers Society, we're absolutely thrilled to have you join our vibrant community. Whether you're young or young-at-heart, we can't wait to meet you at one of our upcoming events, community gatherings, or just around town.

**ORRIS** - Meets every first Thursday of the month, 7pm - 9pm at the fire station.

**Market day** - Open on the first Sunday of the month from February - December, Open from 9am - 1pm

**Ōwhango Alive** - next meeting Tuesday, 15th of November 2024. For more info please contact us at [owhangoalive@yahoo.com](mailto:owhangoalive@yahoo.com) at the Pavilion, 7pm - 9pm

**Fantails** - Fantails We meet on Thursday night at the Ōwhango pavilion from 7 to 9 pm. Our meetings are usually involving a good laugh, a cup of tea along with a game of cards. With the help of Orris we plan to paint the inside of the pavilion. If you like to come along we are always happy to have new ladies join us.

**Blue Hill Café SH4 Ōwhango** - Open from 8am-2pm 7 days week.

**Ōwhango Volunteer Fire Brigade** - meets Wednesdays at the Fire Station. Fire Chief: Cara O'Donnell phone 07 8954600

**Hall & Pavilion Bookings** Phone 027 3343131 or email [owhangorris@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:owhangorris@yahoo.co.nz)

**Ōwhango Transfer Station** is open: Monday 1pm-5pm. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday 8am -12noon. State Highway 4 Ōwhango.



### Volunteers Mowing Around The Village

A big shout out to all of you who mow the verge in front of your homes and go that step further and mow some of the public spaces in the village. The place always looks great. Thank you so much.

## Dump Road

The track to the dump has been in disrepair for some time. We are happy to say this has been tidied up by a RDC contractor. The road has been graded with drains cleared on both sides of the culvert so the water will drain. This will hopefully keep the road in better repair. Thanks to Gerald Quirke (envirowaste), and pressure by citizens of ŌWHANGO and ORRIS on Council to make this happen.



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# Spring 2024

This spring, we celebrate the remarkable achievements of Owhango Alive! Our recent gathering for the 10th World River's Day was a resounding success, bringing together 45 enthusiastic attendees who helped plant 160 native trees.

This incredible effort not only enhances our local environment but showcases the dedication and hard work of our amazing volunteers. Your commitment to preserving our natural heritage is truly inspiring! As we continue our mission to protect and restore our precious Ohinetonga Reserve, we encourage everyone to get involved.

Don't forget to grab your newly printed 2025 calendar before they're gone! (\$20 each, via [owhangoalive@yahoo.com](mailto:owhangoalive@yahoo.com) or at the next market day.) Thank you for your ongoing support—together, we can make a difference!

Check us out on facebook.  
Owhango Alive Chairperson  
Amber-Krystle Stier



## Constitution Review

All incorporated societies have to re-register under the new Incorporated Societies Act to remain as incorporated societies. ORRIS with the able guidance of Heather Morrell is in the process of rewriting the constitution. Its turning out to be a very good way of understanding what we're here for, how things can go wrong and how to operate well.



# T42

## Message from Total Sport

We've been having a look at the T42 event over the past few years (since the big slip on the 42 Traverse track) and have sadly made the decision to not commit to running the event next year, and possibly further into the future.

I'm really sorry as I know the T42 has been a big event for the community over the past 10+ years, and it's an event that our team has always held really fondly in our hearts. Very sad to hear as it always been a great community get together.

Thank you,  
Total Sport team  
we will miss, you.



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# Ōwhango School News

The kura is trucking along through the sunnier spring weather with the end of the school year in sight.

At the time of writing we are preparing for the Mountain School Athletics Day. This is where Ōwhango hosts our nearby schools (Kaitieke, Manunui and National Park) in the domain for the day. You are all welcome to come and watch, it is on Friday 25th October, postponement day Wednesday 30th.

Alternatively, you could come to the school for our Pet Day and Spring Festival on Monday 4th November from 12:01pm. This is where the children bring their pets to school for the afternoon and compete in the classrooms for a range of creative activities such as baking decorated as an animal or spring theme, a decorative sand saucer or miniature garden, a gift for a grandparent, a raft that is paddled across the school pool. Some of the children sell their creations after the judging is completed, so bring some cash.

Property news- we have recently had new carpets installed in all of the classrooms, building work on our new staffroom is starting on the 1st of February, at the same time we will be getting ceiling insulation installed in the administration area of the school- as currently there is none and in winter it is an icebox unless the heat pumps are constantly on! We will also be converting one of the classrooms into a technology room next year with ovens and a range of appliances and tools installed to enable this to be taught in a designated area- this is a consequence of the high school withdrawing technology lessons at the start of last year.

If you would like to keep up to date with the school news on a weekly basis by receiving an emailed copy of our weekly newsletter, Pānui, then contact the school via [principal@owhango.school.nz](mailto:principal@owhango.school.nz)

Ewan Starkley

*Charlotte's baking from last year's Pet Day and Spring Festival*



## Domain Vandalism

A community meeting was held early in October to gauge community feeling about the damage done by hoons doing wheelies on the domain. The lower hockey field is very vulnerable as it is much wetter than the larger field. Around 35 people participated in the meeting. The upshot was that we need to install cameras and a sign warning of the cameras, restrict vehicular entry and exit to the domain to just the main entrance. There were several offers of volunteers help.

ORRIS has taken this on but as always needs to extract a fair chunk of any costs from Council. Council staff have since seen the damage. They agreed that things need to change but were shy about committing any funds – at this stage.

Anyone seeing bad behaviour at the domain take photos and forward them to Orris or ring police.

## Annual Owhango Sports Day

19 January 2025

Cricket Match to comprise  
2 teams east verses west

Starts 3 pm

bring BYO drinks and  
nibbles,



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# Owhango Memorial Park

A big shout out to the staff at Green By Nature (formally Recreational Services) for the wonderful job they do with the mowing and general "keeping tidy" of the park areas. Please know it is greatly appreciated.

As plantings mature we are seeing more spring colour. It was nice to see spring bulbs flowering. More will be planted in the same areas for next spring.

For any farmers reading this.....we would love a couple of bales of baleage (damaged ones that you can't use) to mulch some of the garden areas. Please call me on the number below if you can help. Many thanks.

Stage 2 of the revitalisation programme is progressing. Hopefully we will see movement on this early next year. Thanks to Ruapehu District Council for their input towards making things happen.

We are planning on having a couple of working bees in the gardens early to mid November. We would love to have you along to pull a few weeds, have a chat and a coffee. It's fun.

If you would like your name added to the phoning list please give me a call on 0274255596  
Enjoy this spring season.

Cheers, Janet Lankshear..



# Owhango Directory

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