



OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - August 2019

## Funding sought for skatepark extension'



Whakatāne District Council, in partnership with Sport BOP, has supported applications to external funding agencies for a planned Whakatāne Skate Park extension.



The Whakatāne Skate Park Committee has engaged with park users, Sport BOP and Council over the past three years to develop design concepts for the extension, which aims to build the facility into a regional skate park.

Council has so far supported the project by providing technical advice and funding the cost of the detailed design. It has committed \$50,000 a year to support recreational initiatives through its Partnership Facilitation Fund as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The cost of the project will be fully externally funded. The Skate Park Committee looks forward to receiving positive support for the project in the near future.

Places and Open Spaces manager Mike Houghton says the planned extension will enhance and modernise the skate park, and create areas suitable for people of all ages and skill levels.

"The skate park extension will provide recreational opportunities for the youth and residents of the wider district. This development meets Council's vision of making Whakatāne a great place to live, work and play."



## Whakatāne Regeneration Programme

The Whakatāne Regeneration Programme is an exciting programme which aims to reinvigorate Whakatāne's Central Business District, re-establish our connections to the riverfront and provide fit-for-purpose infrastructure to support development for our marine and tourism economies.

This is a significant opportunity for project partners - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa and the Whakatāne District Council - to take full advantage of an opportunity to co-invest with Central Government, and accelerate economic development opportunities in the Whakatāne District.

The New Zealand Government has allocated \$3 billion dollars over a three-year term to invest in economic development opportunities and sustainable job creation through the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF). We are working quickly to take advantage of this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity, while bringing together and accelerating multiple strands of Council's existing economic development work.

The Whakatāne District's marine and tourism sectors have been identified as key vehicles for delivering economic development opportunities to our people. These industries provide a huge array of tangible benefits that will lead to more jobs, more training opportunities, and more prosperity.

The key infrastructure we need to develop for both the marine and tourism industries

is a fit-for-purpose boat harbour that caters for the many commercial and tourism-focused boat operations and provides protection from the river environment. In recognition of the waterfront's historical and cultural significance, the involvement of Ngāti Awa as a key partner is crucial to the success of the programme.

To inform the development of this application, we are using feedback from the community already received about the future of the town including community feedback from the 2008 and 2016 Town Vision projects, Whakatāne Ki Mua 2017 community engagement initiative feedback, recent Annual Plan consultation submissions, and feedback from engagement with key interest groups during recent years.

The team members developing the funding application are currently seeking input from a number of key interest groups and stakeholders. We will be seeking input from our wider community to inform the next phase of the project, which will involve a town reference plan as a starting point for consultation.

## Pre-election report now available

Whakatāne District Council's pre-election report for this year's local government elections will soon be available to the community.

The report provides a snapshot of progress and projects, and guides people on how to find further information. It is a useful resource for people looking to stand for Council or Community Boards, as well as for voters.

This report outlines the key opportunities facing our district today and highlights some of the big issues the incoming Council will face. It provides high-level information about our performance, priorities, major projects and financial situation and direction.

The pre-election report can be downloaded from [whakatane.govt.nz](http://whakatane.govt.nz) and is available as a hard copy from Council service centres and district libraries.

## Consultation underway on climate change principles

Whakatāne District Council has approved draft principles to support its wider strategy as part of its work to address climate change.

The Policy Committee approved the draft principles on July 11, enabling staff to begin community engagement to develop final principles. The engagement period will run until the end of August, with the principles scheduled for Council adoption on 18 September.

"We've planned some targeted engagement initiatives, working closely with councillors, community board members and iwi," says Council manager strategy and community development Cashy Ball.

The Whakatāne district is vulnerable to natural hazards, and climate change is likely to exacerbate the consequences of them. Whakatāne Ki Mua feedback has shown that people in this district are concerned and want to see action.

Climate change is therefore a priority for Council; by acting now we can reduce risks for future communities and foster climate resilience.

Once adopted, the principles will inform Council's wider Climate Change strategy, which addresses challenges and opportunities and aims to help build community resilience and sustainability. The full Draft Climate Change Principles document is available at [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz).

A Have your Say page has also been set up on the council website. If you'd like to share your thoughts visit [www.whakatane.govt.nz/contact-us/have-your-say/draft-climate-change-principles](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz/contact-us/have-your-say/draft-climate-change-principles).

### OUR CLIMATE CHANGE PRINCIPLES NGĀ KAUPAPA TAKE ĀHUARANGI



We will act now  
*Ka mahi mātou ināianei*



We will look after our people and place  
*Ka tiaki mātou i o tātou tāngata me tō tātou kāinga*



We will acknowledge those more affected  
*Ka mihi mātou ki a rātou kua pā mārīka i ngā Take Āhuarangi*



We will think and act long term  
*Ka whakaaro pae tawhiti, ka mahi pae tawhiti mātou*



We will learn  
*Ka ako mātou*



We will be part of the solution  
*Ka āwhina mātou ki te whakatika i ngā raru*



We will build capacity to recover from difficulties  
*Ka whakakaha mātou i a tātou*

## BEACON BUSINESS AND LEISURE SHOW

Whakatāne District Council staff will be promoting three key projects at the upcoming Beacon Business and Leisure Show on 10-11 August. There will be an opportunity for people to have their say on the Stormwater 2050 and Climate Change projects, and to learn more about the Whakatāne Regeneration Programme. Please feel free to drop in to our stand if you'd like to know more about any of these projects.

## What's on at Te Kōputu?



Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi is proud to present *Traverse*, by illustrator Ross Murray. Starting on 17 August, this exhibition comprises a collection of giclée prints showcasing celebrated scenic locations and Eastern Bay sites. Giclée prints are fine art digital prints made on inkjet printers.

Ross Murray is based in Mt Maunganui. He studied graphic design and worked as an in-house artist for an Auckland ad agency. He's well-known for his comic book-inspired artwork and vintage travel-style illustrations.

To complement the exhibition, Ross has designed line versions of his "Traverse" prints for visitors to colour in. Sarah Hudson, Te Kōputu Curator Exhibitions, says Ross has composed some beautiful illustrations to be coloured in.

"This hands-on element offers an opportunity for our community to come and get creative with its own unique colour combinations."

This exhibition is on from 17 August to 26 October.



## WAIMANA MURAL

Last month local Tūhoe artists Te Marunui Hotene, Te Haunui Tuna and Tina Tangiweto teamed up with Waimana locals to create a mural on the back of the village's toilet block. Te Waimana Kaaku spearheaded the project, which was funded by Creative Communities and Tāneatua Lions, and delivered by Toi Te Ora, Whakatāne Ki Mua and the Youth of Kōpeopeo project.

