

OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - April 2025

Apply now!

Community funds now open for applications!

Two community funds are now open for applications until Wednesday, 30 April via the Whakatāne District Council website. These include the Creative Communities Scheme Whakatāne and the Rural Travel Fund.  
Visit [whakatane.govt.nz/community-grants](https://whakatane.govt.nz/community-grants), phone 07 306 0500 or email [grants@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:grants@whakatane.govt.nz) for more information.



ANZAC HOURS FRIDAY 25 APRIL

Whakatāne District Council Office	CLOSED
Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi / Library, Art & Heritage Galleries	CLOSED
Te Whare Taonga o Taketake / Museum & Research Centre	CLOSED
i-Site	9am – 2pm
Whakatāne Refuse Recovery Centre	1 – 4pm
Whakatāne Aquatic Centre	1 – 6pm



**Anzac Day Services – Friday, 25 April**  
Dawn Service – 5am, Wairaka Marae  
Civic Ceremony – 10am, Whakatāne War Memorial Hall

Wai  
IT MATTERS



**Hey Whakatāne, we need to make big decisions about how we deliver drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater services – and we need your input.**

Rising costs, aging infrastructure, and new regulations mean we must find smarter, fairer, and more cost-effective ways to manage water services.

**We've got some ideas. Let us know what you think.**

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Wade in on the future of our water services by 5pm Sunday, 18 May 2025 at [koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/wai-it-matters](https://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/wai-it-matters)

**Diving into improvement: Aquatic Centre to make a splash with upgrades**

From 15 May to 5 June, we're closing for a vital makeover. After years of serving our swimmers, the facility's hard-working systems deserve some TLC.

We're revamping 18 circulation pumps, breathing new life into the air systems, and coating the pool decks with sleek non-slip surfaces. This shutdown is investing now, to ensure many more years of reliable splashing, swimming, and sliding!

Thanks for your patience while we ensure our facility stays in the swim for generations to come!

Exhibitions on now at Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi

Make sure you head along to experience three powerful new exhibitions on display.

**Toka Tū**  
A multi-artist exhibition celebrating resilience and contemporary Māori aesthetics that honors traditional knowledge while embracing innovation.

**Kawe Mate**  
The powerful work of Te Kira Whakamoe returns to Whakatāne after its original commission with Hastings Art Gallery.

**E hoki mai nei ki te ūkaipō | Return to Your Place of Nourishment**  
Four wāhine Māori artists explore whānau and hapū stories, examining conflict, survival, and how political division and curated histories have shaped our present.

For further information, visit [whakatane.govt.nz](https://whakatane.govt.nz) or phone 07 306 0500