

Murupara

COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER



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New basketball hoop for Oak Street playground

Remember how Oak Street Playground scored the most votes in our region for Basketball New Zealand's Hoops in the Parks Project? Well, it's all happening now, our new hoop is on its way!

Here's the play-by-play

- Foundation work: Saturday, 5 April
- Hoop installation: Tuesday, 15 April
- Fresh court lines coming through
- Ready for your basketball fun by Easter Weekend

The court itself will remain open during installation, so you can still enjoy the space. Only the hoop will temporarily be out of action.

Get ready to showcase your skills on that fresh new hoop and crisp court markings!



Murupara Hub Facebook page

We've just launched our official Murupara Hub Facebook page! This new platform will be your go-to online destination for all council-related information tailored specifically for our Murupara community.

Give our page a like and follow today to stay in the loop! We'll be bringing you exciting updates about our local services, plus, you'll never miss important announcements and events happening right here in our community.

Join us on this journey as we connect and grow together. We can't wait to engage with you all!

www.facebook.com > Search: **Murupara Hub**



Te pokapū o Murupara
MURUPARA HUB



Heads up local commuters! Matahina Dam Road Closure

From Friday, 2 May Manawa Energy will be doing some maintenance work on the dam spillway and will need to close the dam section of Galatea Road on certain days and times. Detours will be in place. The maintenance work involves lifting the road with a crane and taking out the stop logs from their storage holes, then placing them in the spillway, as well as completing road inspections, cleaning and painting.

Check out the WDC website for further info and updates on the road closure dates and times >> [whakatane.govt.nz](https://www.whakatane.govt.nz)



Murupara Community Board member sworn in

New Murupara Community Board member, Mansahn Weku Kereopa made his declaration, which was witnessed by Mayor Luca, at our last hui in Murupara.

It was special to have Mansahn's mum attend in support and we're looking forward to working together and achieving great things for our community!



Tō mātau matakiteinga – Ki te whakamana, me te mahi ngātahi ki te whakapakari hapori.
Our vision – To empower and actively strengthen communities.

Murupara Aquatic Centre closing for the season

That's a wrap, Murupara! Our Aquatic Centre will be closing for the season on Friday, 11 April as the autumn temperatures drop.

What an incredible summer it's been! From early morning lap swimmers to afternoon splash sessions and everything in between, you've made this season truly special.

Got time for one last dip? Come join us for these final days and make a few more memories before we close!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who visited, our amazing staff, and all who made this season such a success.

We can't wait to welcome you back when the warm weather returns.

Mimiha Stream Bridge upgrade

The upgrade of the Mimiha Stream Bridge is nearing completion – exciting!

The original Mimiha Stream Bridge was built around 1945 following World War II, was at the end of its useable life, and due a bit of a spruce up!



The team has worked hard through all seasons of weather to upgrade the bridge while minimising the footprint on the taiao/environment and avoid the use of plastics wherever possible.

We'll let you know once the new bridge is fully open and operational and post a final 'glow up' pic!

Looking after our shared spaces



We've recently experienced some unfortunate damage to three of our picnic tables in the playground and skatepark area, with repairs now needed for both tops and seats.

We're also still experiencing challenges with motorbikes entering our reserves, despite fencing. We understand this is disappointing for all who enjoy these peaceful spaces.

Some good news though – a new low timber rail fence will soon be in place around the reserve by the skatepark. This should help keep the area vehicle-free and preserve it for everyone's enjoyment.

If you notice anything concerning in our community spaces, we'd appreciate you letting us know.

Thanks for helping us look after these special places that belong to all of us. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou!

Think before you toss

Never bin your batteries.

Batteries can explode and ignite fires in rubbish trucks and landfills. Take them to a safe disposal point.

- **Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre** – two dedicated battery recycling units.
- **Murupara Resource Recovery Centre** – batteries are collected and transferred to Whakatāne for safe recycling.
- **Other locations** – Waste Zero Whakatāne stall (first Whakatāne Sunday Market each month), Bunnings, and Supercheap Auto (for car batteries only).

Scan me

whakatane.govt.nz/battery-recycling

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Applications are now open for the Creative Communities Scheme and Rural Travel Fund

Scan the QR code or go to whakatane.govt.nz/community-grants for more information and to apply.

You've got until Wednesday 30 April 2025.

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