

Rangitāiki

COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

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Edgecumbe's Amazing Race

Around 100 whānau in 24 teams took part in an Amazing Race event in Edgecumbe on a fabulously sunny first day of the school holidays. The event was hosted by Edgecumbe Collective with assistance from the Eastern Bay Road Safety Group and Whakatāne District Council.

Participants had to complete a number of safety-themed activities and gather information on the Edgecumbe community along the way, with prizes up for grabs and some free kai. The Edgecumbe Collective took the opportunity to quiz locals on what they like about their community, what could be improved and what they'd like to see in the future. Information gathered will be used to inform an update of the Edgecumbe Community Plan.

Thanks to all those who attended – especially caregivers, parents and grandparents – and event coordinators including: Whakatāne District Emergency Management, WDC Animal Control Team, Youth Council, Edgecumbe Library, The Temple Gym and Riverslea Mall shops.



Matatā Community Plan

The Matatā Collective attended the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting this month to present the completed Matatā Community Plan. This is part of an ongoing process to share the plan with the Matatā community through workshops, events and hui.

The completed document is the culmination of a huge amount of mahi led by the Matatā Collective. The Collective is made up of representatives of local groups and residents who over the past year have committed themselves to creating a plan for Matatā. They started the process by undertaking engagement with the community to prioritise goals and aspirations. They are now excited to be able to share the completed document with key community stakeholders, iwi and the wider Matatā community.



Check it out here: whakatane.govt.nz/residents/community-plans

**Waiho ake mā te au o Rangitāiki koe e kawe atu ki tua o pae.
Let the current of the Rangitāiki river guide you to the horizon and beyond.**

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, phone 07 306 0500 or email grants@whakatane.govt.nz for more information.



Routes 131 135 Edgecumbe loop

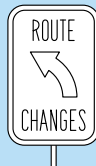
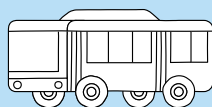
Starts 28 April

The routes and stops are changing to improve safety while keeping key connections to Matatā, Kawerau and Whakatāne. One new stop added and another moved across the road.

Routes 131 and 135 will now travel into Edgecumbe using Bridge Street, Rata Avenue and College Road. A new stop has been added on Rata Avenue. The existing stop on College Road has moved to the opposite side of the street.



Find out more at baybus.co.nz
or call 0800 4 BAYBUS



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IT MATTERS



**Hey Rangitāiki community,
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.**

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)

scan here



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