

# Rangitāiki

## COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

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### STAND *for* SOMETHING

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### Whakatāne District Elections 2025

The 2025 Whakatāne District Council elections are coming Saturday, 11 October 2025. The candidates are locked in, the electoral roll is closed, and now it's time to get ready to vote!

From 9 September, you'll have the power to shape who leads your community for the next three years, choosing from a mayor, 10 councillors across six wards (including three Māori wards), and 24 community board champions. Plus, you'll weigh in on a poll about the future of Māori ward representation.

Your voting pack lands in your mailbox from 9 September with everything you need – voting papers, candidate info, and your guide to making it count. Voting closes at 12 noon on election day, so **stand for something** and make your mark on the future of the Whakatāne District.

[whakatane.govt.nz/standforsomething](https://whakatane.govt.nz/standforsomething)

### Fresh chapter for Edgecumbe Library

Exciting changes are underway at Edgecumbe Library. A recent community meeting brought out fantastic suggestions from locals. And the best part is, many are already becoming reality:

- Increased staffing
- Extended opening hours
- A fresh new exterior
- More school holiday activities



It's been great to turn community feedback into action, and even better that we've been able to do so within existing resources.

### One plan, four councils, one vision

The Our Places: Eastern Bay Spatial Plan has now been formally adopted by all four councils — Whakatāne District Council, Kawerau District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council and Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council. A major milestone in creating a shared, long-term vision for growth across our region.

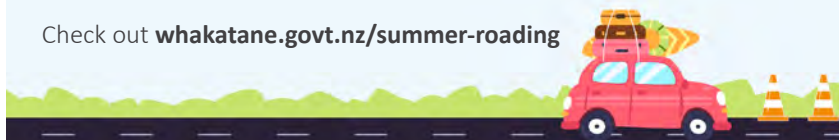
To find out more visit: [ourplacesebop.org.nz](https://ourplacesebop.org.nz)

### Warmer days, smoother ways

**We're gearing up to make your local roads safer and more enjoyable with our summer season roading upgrades.**

To help keep local road users in the loop, we've put together an overview plan of the upcoming significant summer roading projects.

Check out [whakatane.govt.nz/summer-roading](https://whakatane.govt.nz/summer-roading)



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.

## Need a venue in Edgcumbe?

The Edgcumbe War Memorial Hall is the perfect space for community groups, events, and private functions. Centrally located and well-equipped, the hall features:

- ✓ Indoor basketball court
- ✓ Conference room with projector
- ✓ Reception lounge and bar
- ✓ Full commercial kitchen

Booking is easy, and rates are affordable. Enquire today via the Whakatāne District Council website or phone 07 306 0500.



## Have your say on local buses

Bay of Plenty Regional Council wants your feedback on public bus routes in the Eastern Bay.

To learn more and have your say, visit: [participate.boprc.govt.nz/eastern-bay-buses](https://participate.boprc.govt.nz/eastern-bay-buses)

### Whakaarohi a anō te ara Rethink the route



## From planning to action in Matatā

The Matatā Collective recently presented their plan to Council's Living Together Committee on 19 June, receiving great feedback. The plan now moves into the implementation phase, with funding already approved for a community noticeboard.



## Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund now open

We're excited to launch the new Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Funds – a partnership between Whakatāne District Council and Trust Horizon. These funds aim to support local initiatives that reduce carbon emissions or build climate resilience across our rohe.

Apply now at [whakatane.govt.nz/climatefund](https://whakatane.govt.nz/climatefund)



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## Sort it right and avoid the third strike!

*Kia tika te kōmiri kia kore ai te tautuku tuatoru e haukuru*

Whakatāne District Council is introducing a three strikes system to help manage increasing contamination in recycling and greenwaste bins. If your bin is found to contain incorrect items, you'll receive two warnings. After a third strike, your bin may be removed for three months.



**Need help?** Contact our Customer Services team on 07 306 0500 or visit [whakatane.govt.nz/rubbish-and-recycling](https://whakatane.govt.nz/rubbish-and-recycling)



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