

OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - September 2025

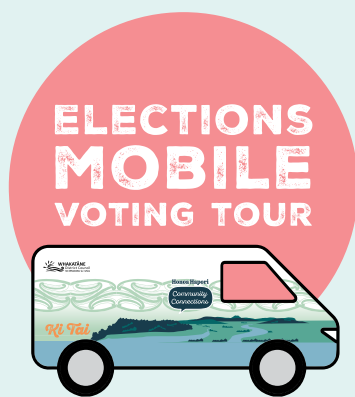


Join us for our Mobile Voting Tour!

We're bringing voting services to the places you're already going – local markets, community events and gatherings – making it easier than ever to vote!

Drop off completed votes, access special voting services, and get face-to-face support.

Find dates and details at
whakatane.govt.nz/standforsomething



Building community resilience

This month, Whakatāne District Council joined Bay of Plenty councils for Exercise Mōhiotanga – a regional emergency management drill. Our team practised responding to major weather events, building skills and teamwork to help keep our community safer and better prepared for emergencies.



Summer roading upgrades underway

With summer here, we're kicking off a series of road improvements across the Eastern Bay to make local journeys safer and smoother.

The first projects are already underway kicking off in Manawahē – we thank the local community for your patience while we complete this important mahi.

To help everyone stay informed, we've put together an overview of the significant roading projects planned for the season.

Find out more online:
whakatane.govt.nz



Honouring excellence in our rohe

We're proud to announce a new addition to the Lisa Carrington Lane road sign.

A gold plaque on the road sign in Ōhope, now recognises Lisa Carrington's Olympic gold medals from 2012, 2016, 2020, and 2024 – honouring the local legend as one of the most decorated athletes in Aotearoa.

This tribute was led by the Whakatāne Ōhope Community Board to celebrate Lisa's achievements, which continue to inspire the Eastern Bay.



Celebrating inclusion, connection, and community

Last week, the Whakatāne Action and Inclusivity Group launched our new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy with a vibrant event attended by around 60 people from across Council and the wider community. The turnout reflected the spirit of the policy – welcoming, people-focused, and proudly diverse.

A special thank you to the Whakatāne Kerala Community for the delicious catering, and to everyone who helped make the event a success.



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