

# Murupara

## COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER



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### STAND *for* SOMETHING

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### Whakatāne District Elections 2025

#### Keep an eye on your letter box

Voting papers  
arrive from  
9 September.

What's in your voting pack:

- ▶ Voting papers
- ▶ Voter information guide
- ▶ Return envelope

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

## Celebrating recycling champions!

A Community Recycling Workshop was recently held in Murupara, bringing together locals keen to learn more about recycling and green waste. Led by Whakatāne District Council's Solid Waste team, Nigel Clarke and Tasha Thompson shared practical tips on sorting household waste and reducing landfill impact. The event featured plenty of kōrero and community engagement, with a fun recycling quiz won by Pania Taylor and Steve Zander—congrats! Thanks to New Beginnings Church for hosting, and to everyone who came along. Your efforts are helping build a cleaner, greener Murupara.



## It's not a rubbish bin.



**Greenwaste bins are  
for garden waste only.**



**Not sure what  
goes where?**

**Scan the code to find  
our greenwaste guide.**

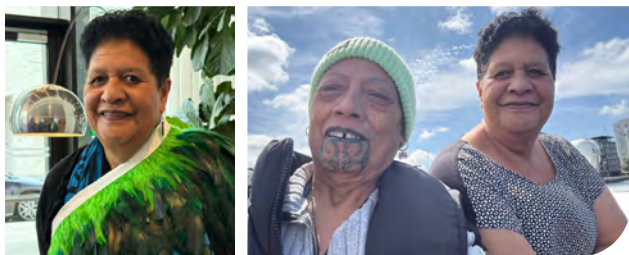


## Murupara Water Pipe Upgrade

Work is underway to replace old water pipes in Murupara, covering about 2.1km of pipe. The upgrade includes Oregon Drive and nearby streets like Beech Street, Ngaio Place, and Ngāti Manawa Road. Construction started in late July and should finish by December 2025. The project is funded over three years and is going well so far.

## From Murupara to Copenhagen: Mirimiri on the world stage

At a recent Murupara Community Board hui, attendees heard from Taima Rua, a respected Māori mirimiri practitioner who represented Aotearoa at the 8th Massage World Championship in Copenhagen. Whakatāne District Council acknowledges all Māori mirimiri practitioners from the Eastern Bay of Plenty who took part. Special commendation goes to Rita Tupe of Waiōhau (Ngāti Haka/Patuheuheu), who placed second globally among 58 countries. The kōrero heard from Taima was a source of pride and inspiration for all in attendance.



## The road to safer riding

Road Safety, Eastbay REAP, and Passmasters Motorcycle School are teaming up to support 15 Murupara whānau to gain their Motorcycling Basic Handling Skills Certificate.

Eastern Bay REAP will manage enrolments, ensure ID and paperwork are in place, and guide participants toward their Learner Licences using their licensing expertise and mobile testing service.

Launching in October 2025, this initiative builds on interest shown during the Rangatahi Road Safety Roadshow held earlier this year, where students and teachers called for a supported pathway to licensing.

## Murupara Aquatic Centre

The wait is over! Murupara Aquatic Centre is officially opening for the season on Friday, 25 October.

Now that the cooler months are over, it's time to dive back into those perfect warm days by the pool.

Whether you're ready for serious lap swimming, whānau fun in the sun, or just want to beat the heat with mates, your favourite seasonal escape is back!

Grab your togs, slap on the sunscreen, and get ready for another fantastic aquatic season in Murupara.



## Murupara Hub Facebook page

Remember to stay connected with us via our official Murupara Hub Facebook page!

This 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](https://www.facebook.com/muruparahub) > Search: Murupara Hub



Murupara Hub shares Whakatāne District Council updates for our hapori.



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