

OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - December 2025



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRES
Whakatāne and Murupara: Closing at midday Wednesday 24 December, and resuming normal opening hours from Monday 5 January 2026.

CONTACT US, ANYTIME
Even when our offices are closed, you can still call us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We're here to help!
Phone: 07 306 0500 Email: info@whakatane.govt.nz
Non-urgent requests: whakatane.govt.nz/fix-it



YOUR GUIDE TO A FABULOUS SUMMER
IN THE WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT

whakatane.govt.nz/summer

AGED 14–24 AND WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Apply for the 2026 Whakatāne District Youth Council by Friday, 20 February.

Join motivated rangatahi, influence positive change, and shape local youth initiatives.

Gain leadership skills, real-world experience, and a Mayor-signed certificate – great for your CV or scholarships.

APPLY NOW
whakatane.govt.nz/youth-council-apply



Plan ahead: Major infrastructure works scheduled for Whakatāne in January

As part of ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and flood resilience in Whakatāne, two coordinated projects are scheduled to begin in January 2026.

These works have been timed to align with the quieter school holiday period to help minimise disruption. Emergency access and detour routes are confirmed.

What's happening?

- Awatapu Dr & Bridge St roundabout works** (Whakatāne District Council). 5-30 Jan (weather permitting). Full roundabout closure with detours in place.
- Trident stopbank upgrade** (Led by Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council). Culvert installation (Jan-Mar), stop bank works from April. Expect road closures, detours, and parking disruptions.



To find out more about summer road closures in the rohe visit:
whakatane.govt.nz/summer-roading

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT KERBSIDE COLLECTION

Holiday collection date changes 2025/26

If your usual collection day is...	Put your rubbish out...
Thursday, 25 December	Saturday, 27 December
Thursday, 1 January	Saturday, 3 January





whakatane.govt.nz/kerbside-changes

Applications open for Community Board Discretionary Fund

Round one of the 2026 fund is open for Murupara, Rangitāiki, and Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Boards.

This fund is a way to support local projects that boost community wellbeing, events, beautification, youth programmes, and sport.

Community groups or voluntary organisations in these wards can apply via the Council's online portal for criteria and dates.

Apply now whakatane.govt.nz/community-board-funds



For further information, visit
whakatane.govt.nz or phone 07 306 0500