

OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community update - March 2026



Help shape the future of Awakeri

We're inviting anyone with an interest in Awakeri to join a new Community Reference Group and help shape ideas for the future of Awakeri.

Share local knowledge, talk through ideas and test possibilities for what good growth could look like for Awakeri.

We're looking for a mix of people and perspectives from across the Awakeri community to help bring community voices into the Awakeri Structure Plan. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, jump online and complete a nomination.

You can nominate yourself or someone else to be considered for the group.

Nominations close: 4pm, Monday 30 March 2026

Head to koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/awakeri to nominate.

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See the *Adaptation Explorer* in action

Want to better understand how climate change could affect different parts of the Whakatāne District over time?

Come along to our *Adaptation Explorer workshop* and learn how to use this new online mapping tool.



At this workshop, you can:

- learn how to use the Adaptation Explorer
- see what information is available
- understand how risks may change over time
- ask questions and talk with the project team

We have three workshops taking place:

When

- Tuesday 31 March, 10am-12pm
- Tuesday 14 April, 10am-12pm
- Tuesday 28 April, 10am-12pm

Where

Whakatāne District Council Chambers

Find out more at whakatane.govt.nz/climate-change-risks

Have your say in shaping our shared spaces

A major review of six key ture-ā-rohe/community bylaws is on the horizon.

Shaping our shared spaces is an upcoming bylaw renewal project that will look at six bylaws scheduled for review. These reviews are part of Council's formal responsibilities and ensure our local rules remain up to date, effective, and aligned with how our community uses shared spaces.

The bylaws being reviewed cover everything from dog walking and beach access to alcohol in public places.

This is an important moment for our community to influence how these rules evolve. Whether you're a dog owner, a beach lover, or simply someone who cares about how Whakatāne's public spaces are managed, your perspective will help guide the next chapter.

Public submissions open 1 April and close at 5pm on 30 April.

Keep an eye out - once consultation opens, you'll be able to have your say at: koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz



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