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Community update - April 2026



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Whakatāne riverfront enhancement: baseline design approved

The Council has approved the baseline design for the Whakatāne riverfront enhancement, to be delivered as a result of Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council's upgraded flood defences.

The enhancement works aim to soften the visual impact of the floodwall and strengthen connections between the town centre and the awa.

The approved baseline design represents the minimum scope of work, with a total cost of \$7.5 million. This includes \$3.75 million funded by central government, with the remainder funded through Council's 2024–2034 Long Term Plan.

The project will now move into the detailed design and consenting phase.

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Applications close **Sunday, 3 May 2026**



Awakeri Community Reference Group first workshop update

Recently, around 30 people were nominated for the Awakeri Community Reference Group.

The group brings together local voices to support early conversations and input into the Awakeri Structure Plan. The first meeting was held on 15 April, with participants sharing local perspectives across five key focus areas: recreation and civic services, growth and new homes, transport and movement, water and environment, and the identity of Awakeri.

To find out more about the project, visit whakatane.govt.nz/awakeri



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