

OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - May 2023



Tell us what you think  
by 5pm Monday,  
5 June 2023

## Got a min? We want to hear from you!

Whakatāne District Council is in the early stages of working on their long-term vision for the District.

'Let's Keep Moving: Whāia Tonuhia' not only sets Council's priorities and direction but will carry the thoughts and aspirations of our communities and turn them into action.

Join the conversation today and tell us what you think at:  
[koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/lets-keep-moving](https://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/lets-keep-moving)



## Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board update

The Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board believe that Community Boards really do make a difference in our rohe/district, and help to provide a strong and diverse local voice to contribute to Council decision making.

Meetings are every 7 weeks at 5.30pm on a Monday to consider funding applications and Council issues – everyone is welcome to come along!

Current projects include working with WDC on the CCTV network upgrade, the Long Term Plan, and representing communities on the Climate Change Community Panel.

WHAKATĀNE-ŌHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS:

- Carolyn Hamill
- Linda Bonne
- Chris Howard
- Mark Inman
- Jahn Ozgúr
- Doug McLean
- Councillor Toni Boynton
- Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink

For Community Board calendar and contact details please visit [whakatane.govt.nz](https://whakatane.govt.nz)

## EDGE CUMBE WE'RE BRINGING A SAFER TRAVEL ROUTE TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

WE'LL SOON BE STARTING CONSTRUCTION ON SEVERAL MAJOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON COLLEGE ROAD.

- Four new raised courtesy pedestrian crossings, one on Rata Ave and three along College Road for easier access and crossing points
- New wider footpath from Rata Ave to past Edgumbe College
- New kerb and channel along all new footpaths
- Additional stormwater along the length of the project
- New parking layout, creating additional parking spaces from the Pre-school to Edgumbe College
- New entrance ways to all schools

Weather dependent, the works will take place in three stages between Monday, 22 May and Friday, 29 September 2023.

For more information visit [whakatane.govt.nz/activewhakatane](https://whakatane.govt.nz/activewhakatane)



## Meet the team Kanohi kitea



### Richard Hamer – COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISOR

#### What I love most about my job

I'm driven by the desire to assist people and communities to care for each other and to make sure that whatever I'm doing has a positive impact. I'm also passionate about giving a voice to our most vulnerable community members. This job certainly ticks all the boxes!

#### What I find most challenging about my job

The learning of new policies and processes is a massive change from my past role, but I understand their importance. What I do find difficult is the filtering and sorting of the mass of ideas that pop into my head daily, mostly of fun and creative events, activities, and campaigns.

#### Why I love the Whakatāne District

I moved here 21 years ago and it's always felt like home. I honestly believe this is one of the most genuinely friendly places to live on earth, with everyone sharing smiles and hi's! Couple this with the beautiful environment, what's not to love about living here.

#### Hobbies/interests outside work

I love coffee and most weekends can be found with whānau at a café. I also love mountain biking and paddle boarding, and as President of the Whakatāne MTB Club and Bike Whakatāne Trustee, I'm rarely bored.

Each month, we'll introduce a Whakatāne District Council staff member so you can 'meet' the team working for our communities.

For further information, visit [whakatane.govt.nz](https://whakatane.govt.nz) or phone 07 306 0500

