

OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - August 2023

NEED FUNDS FOR AN ARTS PROJECT?

The latest round of the Creative Communities Scheme is open for funding applications now!

Check out the Whakatāne District Council website or email grants@whakatane.govt.nz for more information.

Applications close Friday, 8 September 2023

New e-bike library up and running

Have you ever wanted to give an electric bike a whirl?

Maybe you just need one for a short amount of time, or have thoughts about upgrading to a different model. The new Whakatāne E-Bike Library could be right up your alley. The Waka Kotahi-funded initiative gives people the opportunity to borrow an electric bike (e-bike) for 21 days. All that's needed is a bit of paperwork and a \$100 koha to Cycling Without Age EBOP, the community partner operating the programme.

Visit whakatane.govt.nz/whakatane-e-bike-library for more info and to make a booking.



Join the Murupara Community Board Team

Want to be a game changer and give back to your local community? Nominations are now open for two Murupara Community Board members.

Visit whakatane.govt.nz/beagamechanger for all the details.



This month the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board has been out and about! The Awatapu Ōtamakaokao Kaitiaki Trust shared their vision and amazing efforts about establishing a community garden in the heart of Awatapu. We joined a meeting about starting a Coastlands community group to establish a strong voice for their area. It's great working alongside local groups and helping them grow stronger, safer and more vibrant communities.

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Are you part of a sports group with young people aged 5-18 years who need to travel to compete in regular local sporting competitions? If so, keep reading!



Sport NZ has recognised the need to assist rural communities (that includes us). Whakatāne District Council has money to give rural sports clubs and school teams with young people who need help with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

Visit whakatane.govt.nz/sport-nz-fund for more info and the application form.

LANDING ROAD ROUNDABOUT Renewal and upgrade

Expect delays. Plan ahead.

What's happening?

We're renewing and upgrading the Landing Road roundabout. This involves creating a new road layout, major road surface renewal work and safety improvements.

When is it happening?

Work has started, and the majority will be completed before Christmas. Further works on the footpaths and landscaping will be completed in early 2024.

Work will be completed between
7am-5pm Monday-Saturday.

What roads will be closed?

A section of Hinemoa Street (between the roundabout and Victoria Ave) and the Landing Road Extension (past the rowing club) will be closed from September.

Affected residents and rowing club members have been given access permits.

**Landing Road bridge
will remain OPEN**

What delays can I expect?

The work involved in this renewal and upgrade is substantial. There will be increased delays and interruptions to normal travel times. We'll do everything we can to minimise disruption to traffic, including ensuring traffic flow is maintained (i.e. no stop/go).

**We encourage everyone to use
this time to plan ahead.**

Find out
more



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whakatane.govt.nz/landingroad

Meet the team Kanohi kitea

Chirese Viljoen
MANAGER
GOVERNANCE SERVICES



What I love most about my job

The people, our spaces, serving our communities and the daily challenges that help me grow personally and professionally. Working with like-minded people, supporting our Elected Members, and seeing the positive results our work delivers to our communities.

What I find most challenging about my job

Getting one step ahead. I'm constantly adapting to new learnings in my new role and upskilling.

Why I love the Whakatāne District

Why not?! We have abundance of sunshine, the most beautiful scenic views, and there's only a matter of steps between beach and bush. It is amazing to see just how passionate and proud our communities are in keeping our district beautiful.

Hobbies/interests outside work

As a mumma to two gorgeous little girls under five, I'm always kept on my toes. Roller skating with my eldest keeps me hip and cool. I love going for walks and enjoying the peace and quiet when out fishing.

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 or phone 07 306 0500

