

## OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - January 2024



## YOUR RECYCLING IS CHANGING - KA PANONI TE HANGARUA

From 1 February, everyone in New Zealand can recycle the same things.

**What's changed for you?** You can now recycle plastic bottles, containers and trays with a number 5 and empty pizza boxes. You can't recycle aerosol cans.

Recycle these in your yellow-lid bin



Plastics 1, 2 and 5 only  
Kirihou 1, 2, 5 anake



Tins and cans  
Tini me ngā kēne



Paper and cardboard  
Pepa me te pepamārō

Recycle right, visit [whakatane.govt.nz/recycling](https://whakatane.govt.nz/recycling)

## Kōpeopeo Service Lane UPGRADE AND LAYOUT CHANGE

Kōpeopeo Service Lane (between James Street and Kope Super Liquor), is currently undergoing significant upgrades and layout changes. This work includes channel drain works, re-sealing, line marking and parking adjustments and a change to the current layout which will see the Kope Super Liquor end changed to exit only. The service lane is currently coned off to a one-way operation from the James Street entrance to allow works to be completed safely. This layout change will soon be permanent, and entry will no longer be permitted from the King Street end.

We're doing this because the boundary line of the existing service lane at the Kope Super Liquor end currently encroaches into privately owned neighbouring land. Due to an upcoming development in the area, we need to reposition the service lane on to Council-owned land. This means there is no longer sufficient room for a two-way entry/exit at King Street end. The James Street end of the service lane will remain both an entry and exit. We're expecting this work to be completed by the end of January 2024 (weather dependant).

Tēnā koutou i ngākaunui mai/Thanks for your understanding!

## Kanohi kitea Meet the team

David Wathall  
TEAM LEADER  
CAPITAL PROJECTS



### What I love most about my job

I enjoy the challenge of solving problems and the different projects I'm involved in. I get to witness the change that projects create, and feel a sense of pride when I deliver successful outcomes.

### What I find most challenging about my job

Keeping everyone happy all the time is impossible. One of my biggest challenges is finding the sweet spot between keeping as many people as happy as possible for most of the time and keeping those who are less happy, satisfied.

### Why I love the Whakatāne District

It has everything – awesome climate and awesome people, and is an awesome place to raise a family.

### Hobbies/interests outside work

I like exercise and the outdoors; the family enjoy a tiki tour in the caravan as often as possible, and I'm currently frustrating myself trying to lower my golf handicap!

## LOCAL WILD FOOD FESTIVAL

MAHY RESERVE, ŌHOPE BEACH

Join us for a day of cooking challenges, demonstrations and tastings, food trucks, live music, market stalls and more.

### TICKETS

Early bird \$10 - until 31 January  
Adults \$15, Kids under 17 FREE

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