## **OUR PLACE**

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council Community Update - September 2023 Tell us what you think by 5pm, Monday 25 September 2023

Kórero mai Let's talk

Climate Change Strategy Te Rautaki Huringa Āhuarangi



koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/climate-chans

# Let's Talk Safety

Public drop-in session, 10am to 12noon Friday 22 September Council's Customer Service Centre, 14 Commerce St, Whakatāne

Community Police Constable Rob Jones and Council's Community Safety Advisor Richard Hamer will be available to talk with you about any community safety matters you might have. Whether it's road safety issues, anti-social behaviour, property damage, how to stay safe at night or something completely different, you can discuss your issue with Rob and Rich. This is an opportunity to learn about how to keep safe in our community and what to do or where to go if you need support.

No need to make an appointment. Come along and have a korero!



The Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board has been engaging with communities about the Climate Change Strategy, as well as collating feedback about the proposed changes to fees and charges. We encourage the public to share their thoughts with Council on these reviews via koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz

Tell us what you think about different projects we're working on!



Via **koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz** or come and see us at 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne.

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

- Climate Change Strategy Review closes 5pm Monday,
   25 September
- Fees and Charges Proposal closes 5pm Monday, 2 October

• Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan – closes 5pm Monday, 9 October

# Kanohi kitea Meet the team



Deepthi "Dee" Ravi OFFICER - BUILDING

TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION
OFFICER - BUILDING

#### What I love most about my job

I'm captivated by my job's potential - problem-solving and collaboration are my passions, whether it's communicating with tradies and builders, or learning building terminology. Seeing tangible results and being part of a team that strives for excellence brings me immense joy and fulfilment.

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

Managing deadlines and balancing multiple tasks simultaneously. I thrive in fast-paced environments, but sometimes it can be overwhelming. Navigating complex situations and finding innovative solutions can be demanding, but these challenges are opportunities for growth and development within my role.

## Why I love the Whakatāne District

Arriving in the Whakatāne District marked an incredible beginning to my journey in New Zealand. Coming from a bustling commercial metropolis, I instantly fell in love with the district's natural beauty, welcoming residents, and deep cultural heritage. Whakatāne is an inviting and fulfilling place to call home.

## Hobbies/interests outside work

I enjoy biking and exploring local walking trails with my husband, and indulging in painting. These activities bring me joy and allow me to unwind and find balance in my life.

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

## Whakatāne Reorua



Whakatāne is becoming a reorua/bilingual centre! This is a collaboration between Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa and us to feature more Ngāti Awa reo/language across the Ngāti Awa rohe.

We're encouraging all residents, community groups, businesses and organisations within the Whakatāne township to get involved in this awesome revitalisation effort.

We'll keep you updated on how you can become a reo champion - watch this space!

For more details check out our website whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/whakatane-reorua



