



Rangitāiki Community Board

Te Poari Hapori o Rangitāiki

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

Rāapa, 17 Paengawhāwhā 2024

Lions Reading Room, Edgecumbe Library
College Road, Edgecumbe
Commencing at: 5:30 PM

Chief Executive: Steph O'Sullivan

Publication Date: 10 April 2024

A Membership - *Mematanga*

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Board Member L Waaka - Chairperson

Board Member R Gardiner - Deputy Chairperson

Board Member C McIndoe

Board Member H Brown

Board Member P Falwasser

Board Member P Flowerday

Councillor G Dennis

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Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002 details the role of a community board:

- a. represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- b. consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- c. maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- d. prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and
- e. communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- f. undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

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1 Opening Karakia - *He Karakia Tīmatanga*

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Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day</i>
Tīhei mauri ora!	

2 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae*

No apologies were recorded at the time of compiling the agenda.

3 Acknowledgements / Tributes - *Ngā mihimihi*

An opportunity for members to recognise achievements, to notify of events, or to pay tribute to an occasion of importance.

4 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interests they might have.

The Elected Member Register of Interest is available on the Whakatāne District Council website. If you wish to view the information relating to Community Boards, please click this [Register link](#).

5 Public Participation - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

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5.1 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui*

The Board has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each meeting. Each speaker during the forum may speak for five minutes. Permission of the Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak during the public forum. Applicants seeking funding from the Board are encouraged to speak in support of their application at this time.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Board Members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

5.2 Deputations - *Ngā Whakapuaki Whaitake*


A deputation enables a person, group or organisation to make a presentation to Community Board on a matter or matters covered by their terms of reference. Deputations should be approved by the Chairperson, or an official with delegated authority, five working days before the meeting. Deputations may be heard at the commencement of the meeting or at the time that the relevant agenda item is being considered. No more than two speakers can speak on behalf of an organisation's deputation. Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes, or with the permission of the Chairperson, a longer timeframe may be allocated.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the deputation.

6 Confirmation of Minutes - *Te whakaaetanga o ngā meneti o te hui*

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6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 21 February 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.32 PM
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), R Gardiner, H Brown, P Flowerday, and Councillor G Dennis
	In Attendance:	Councillor O'Brien, F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships), N Burgess (Manager Tourism and Events), V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning), L Devany (Tourism Product Development Advisor), and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	M Leaming, M Ruitter and supporters, D McCarthy (Beacon)
	Apologies:	P Falwasser

The meeting was opened at 5:30 pm with a Karakia led by Member Brown.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

3.1. PUBLIC FORUM

3.1.1. *Jason Newton – CAYAD Coordinator Te Tohu o Te o Ngāti Awa*

An apology was received by Mr Newton advising he could no longer attend the February meeting.

3.1.2. *Margaret Leaming*

Refer also to the tabled document, page 7a.

Ms Leaming raised concerns that would impact those Edgumbe orchardists with boundaries adjacent to a potential section of the proposed Rangitāiki River Walkway – Edgumbe to Thornton extension:

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 21 February 2024(Cont.)

- Initially felt there had been no consultation in the early stages, prior to funding be granted and no targeted consultation to effected landowners.
- Riverbank was a mix of public and private ownership and concerns there could be loss of private land rights if access was not given by the landowners.
- Health and Safety; consideration, communication, and mitigation in relation to orchard spraying.
- Safety and security of assets and livestock.
- Potential loss of income from land grazing and/or if orchard was reduced due to spraying issues.
- Financial concerns including if the complete project had been costed, how any cost overruns, annual maintenance would be covered and the potential impact on rates.

Mr Ruiter explained that in 2025, Zespri would be introducing rule that impacted if spraying close to sensitive areas, and how structures could not be erected on the Riverbank to protect spray drift and hence the orchardists felt they were in a 'no-win' situation.

In conclusion Ms Leaming suggested a meeting with all parties in attendance would be beneficial.

Manager Tourism and Events emphasised the project was within the research phase and no decisions had been made as to where the final track would be located. She reported several landowner group meetings had occurred where opportunities and issues were discussed, and Council staff had requested to meet landowners to enable onsite viewing of the public (DOC) and private boundaries. She added that Council staff were also working with Department of Conservation and that as part of the research phase, full costings would be investigated.

Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning explained the community project was originally identified in 2011 and had full support of the E.D.I.T (Edgecumbe Development and Improvement Team) and the community. This project was also reconfirmed as a priority through community engagement following the Edgecumbe Flood in 2017, and the Edgecumbe Collective had also confirmed this within the Edgecumbe Community Plan document.

Attendance: N Burgess, V Richards, and L Devany left the meeting at 6:03 pm.

3.1.3. *Ezra Herangi*

Miss Herangi received discretionary funds to assist her student exchange to the United Kingdom in December 2023. She reported the trip helped shape her as a person and as a leader, that she was involved in new experiences, and had enjoyed being immersed in a different culture. She stepped up to new challenges and her confidence had increased. Miss Herangi expressed her gratitude to the Board for the grant.

Attendance: Miss Herangi left the meeting at 6:12 pm.

3.2. DEPUTATION

Nil

4. APOLOGIES

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 21 February 2024(Cont.)

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board accept the apology from Member Falwasser.

CARRIED

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-11 of the agenda.

It was noted Councillor O'Brien attended the November meeting.

Moved Member Brown / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 29 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1. Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report

Refer to pages 12-27 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships highlighted several key dates relating to Council activities.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Flowerday

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board - Activity Report February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

7. Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

7.1. Chairperson Report

Refer to pages 28-29 of the agenda.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

6.1 Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 21 February 2024(Cont.)

7.2. Councillor Report

Refer to pages 30-31 of the agenda.

Councillor Dennis reported the Matatā Blue Light Whānau day, held in January, was very successful.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor – February 2024 report be accepted.

CARRIED

7.3. Rangitāiki Community Board Strategic Plan

Refer to page 32 of the agenda.

Chairperson Waaka would follow-up regarding the history section. As it was a living document, it was agreed to retain current photographs and they could be replaced at another revision of the plan. It was suggested the plan also be embedded within Facebook, as well as being available on the Board's website.

7.4. Member Reporting

Refer to page 32 of the agenda.

Members spoke of meetings attending and some concerns were raised. Members were reminded to contact the Council and log a job when it was in relation to maintenance. The following points were noted:

- Member McIndoe was provided contact details to follow up his query regarding tree trimming. A status update on the Local Alcohol Policy would be provided to members.
- Member Flowerday had been elected to the Rangitāiki-Tarawera River Scheme Committee.
- Progress was happening regarding a BBQ table to be installed at Matatā Beach and for a potential new location for the bus stop at Mapou.
- A booking system had been setup for the use of the Community BBQ trailer.
- It was suggested the Board could assist at the Rangitāiki River Festival.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY MEMBER BROWN AT 7:12 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:

CHAIRPERSON

7 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Date: **Wednesday, 17 April 2024**

Author: **F Begley / Manager Community Partnerships**

Authoriser: **B Gray / General Manager Infrastructure**

Reference: **A2645636**

1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata*

This report provides the Community Board with an update on several projects and activities delivered within the Rangitāiki Board to the end of March 2024 and covers the following activities:

- Long Term Plan 2024/34
- Elected Members Remuneration Related Policy
- Quarterly Report
- Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) Transport
- He Waka Hono Hapori Community Connections Outreach Initiative
- Transport Update
- Community Update
- News
- Discretionary Funds

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report March 2024 report be received.

3. Long Term Plan 2024/34

Consultation on our Long Term Plan for 2024-34 Te Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34 closed last week.

The LTP advises our communities what we expect to deliver for the District over the coming 10 years, and the budget required to deliver it. The Local Government Act 2002 requires us to consult the community in the preparation of the LTP - a 10-year plan renewed every three years to account for the changing opportunities and challenges facing the district. In February 2024, Central Government's Water Services Acts Repeal Bill was enacted, returning the responsibility for water services and ownership of water assets back to councils. Given the timing of this bill and the impact on the development of the LTP, additional options for LTP adoption were made available to Council. Staff have worked hard to respond to this shift enabling Council to continue to target an end of June adoption date. Councillors and staff attended a range of events and hui across the District as part of

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

the LTP 2024-34 consultation process. Staff are busy processing these submissions ready for the hearings process. Community members who indicated in their submissions that they wanted to be heard by Councillors and the Mayor have the opportunity to do so on 18 and 19 April 2024, followed by deliberations on 8, 9 and 10 May 2024. The final plan and budget will be adopted in June 2024.

4. Elected Members Remuneration Related Policy

The Elected Members Remuneration Related Policy was recently adopted at a Council meeting dated 14 March 2024. A copy of the [policy](#) is available on Council's website. The previous policy was adopted in 2016 with a validity period of three years (2019).

The policy outlines the expenses, allowances, and reimbursements payable to Elected Members (Councillors and Community Board members) of Whakatāne District Council as set out in the Local Government Members (2023/24) Determination 2023. The policy does not include salary figures, as per the schedule remuneration section within the Members Determination.

The policy is being reviewed and updated to ensure that it is in line with the current legislation through the provisions of the Local Government Members Determination. To meet requirements, a copy of the policy has been provided to the Remuneration Authority for their records.

The Remuneration (Rem) Authority are currently doing preparatory work on the Local Government Members (2024/25) Determination 2024 (the principal determination).

LGNZ was heavily involved in the initial stages of developing the Rem Authority's model for setting remuneration. The Rem Authority meets with the National Council of LGNZ annually and these members consistently argue that remuneration should be increased to make the job of being an Elected Member more attractive and to recognise that the task of being an Elected Member has become more complex and demanding. The Authority also meets regularly with LGNZ's CEO and similar points are made.

The call for submissions to the Local Government Members (2024/25) Determination 2024 closed on Friday 12 April 2024 and the determination should be released ahead of the next financial year (July 2024).

5. Quarterly Report

The results of the 'Dot Loves Data' quarterly report for Whakatāne District (to end December 2023) are summarised in brief below. Please refer to appendix one - full Community Compass report for further information.

This quarter's key findings:

- As of December 2023, the District saw 18 new business registrations. This is a decrease of 43.75% compared to September 2023.
- The Jobseeker support rate has increased in this quarter with 11.2% of the working population seeking support, a 2.55% increase from December 2022.
- Instances of reported crime are up by 7.89% in comparison to September 2023, at a rate of 13.4 incidents per 10,000 people.

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report(Cont.)

- Electronic gambling spend has continued to increase, with an average of \$118 spent by individuals 18 years and older. This is an increase of 2.71% compared with June 2023.
- As of December 2023, the median household income was \$81,693. This is 17.8% lower than the national median.

6. Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) Transport

The Draft GPS Transport was released for public consultation on 6 March, 2024. Our Transport team reviewed the document and submitted a formal submission.

Overall, the GPS is well aligned with the Transport Programme our team has prepared as part of the Long Term Plan, with a focus on maintenance (in particular pavement renewals and resurfacing) and resilience. There are a couple of new points signalled in the GPS that don't have a lot of detailed information that we are seeking further clarification on, in particular a comment that the Funding Assistance Rate for walking and cycling activities (including maintenance) may be reviewed. The Transport Team will continue to keep Elected Members and the community updated as new information comes to light. In the meantime, for those wanting to dive into the GPS – here are the links:

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/strategy-and-direction/government-policy-statement-on-land-transport-2024/>

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/GPS-on-land-transport-2024-Consultation-4-March-2023-.pdf>

7. He Waka Hono Hapori Community Connections Outreach Initiative

Whakatāne District Council is launching two new vans to bring Council services and information closer to rural and isolated communities. If your community is interested in the Hono Hapori Community Connections service coming to your town, please email: Communityconnections@whakatane.govt.nz or Hewakahonohapori@whakatane.govt.nz .

You can find out more information on the project and keep-up to-date [here](#) .

The vans, funded by the Department of Internal Affairs Better Off Funding package, will be ready by the end of 2024. They will be equipped with laptops, free Wi-Fi, printers, and other adaptable technology as well as access to library borrowing services and some council services. One van will serve the northern areas of the District, including Rangitāiki, Tāneatua, Waimana, Ōhope and Whakatāne Community Boards. The other van will serve the southern areas of the District, from the Matahina Dam inland, including the Murupara Community Board areas and Te Urewera, Murupara, Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivisions. The vans are expected to arrive by June 2024 and will undergo a special fit out before being available within the community.

8. Transport Update

8.1. Seal Extensions - Matata Causeway

Sealing has been completed and a concrete drain at the beach carpark has been installed.

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8.2. Braemar Road Storm Damage Repair

Works started on Tuesday, 12 March. All environmental control measures are in place. The project is now well underway and tracking for completion in April 2024.

8.3. Thornton Safety Improvements – Smith Road to Walker Road

- The final stage of the roadworks is nearing completion.
- Remedial and finishing works are underway for the noise wall.
- Painting the noise wall and planting beside this will be some of the last tasks undertaken as part of this project.



9. Community Update

9.1. Whakatāne District Youth Council Get Busy

Our Youth Council is well underway, with 16 young people attending their second meeting of the year on 25 March. Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink and Councillor Toni Boynton gave a comprehensive 'Council 101' presentation, providing valuable insights for our youth into the way Council works. Additionally, Council's Senior Strategic Policy Analyst, joined the meeting to discuss the significance of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and why it is essential for rangatahi to get involved, get informed and make submissions. We made significant strides in structuring the Youth Council so it runs efficiently, with key roles established for self-leadership. Presently, we have a chairperson, two deputy chairpersons, two members dedicated to communications, and one administrator. Notably, we've

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formed an LTP project team tasked with driving youth-centred submissions to the LTP to ensure youth voices are heard. One of the Youth Council's next assignments is to better understand how Community Boards work.



9.2. Tourism Bay of Plenty Report

The Tourism Bay of Plenty Six-Month Report provides an overview of key activities that have been delivered by the agency throughout the region.

The report features updates on the following areas:

- Domestic and Events Marketing
- International Travel Trade and Operator Capability
- iSite services and Cruise Sector Facilitation
- Destination Management.

The full report is attached as Appendix two - Tourism Bay of Plenty Six-Month Report.

10. News

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/news>

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/public-notice>

10.1. Social media: Social media is also a useful way for members to keep up to date with Council activities in your hapori.

<https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneDistrictCouncil>

<https://www.facebook.com/WhakataneAquaticCentre/>

The Council Facebook page is a critical communications channel for our emergency management team and posts will always be put up during times the Incident Management Team is monitoring weather or other emergency events.

7.1.1 Appendix 1 - Community Compass report

10.2. Events: For up-to-date listings on community events, information can be found here

<https://www.whakatane.com/events/community-events-and-markets>

11. Discretionary Funds and Reserve Balances

11.1. Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as March 2024

The current unallocated grants and subsidies year to date, as at 31 March 2024 is \$13,230.31. Allocations are summarised below.

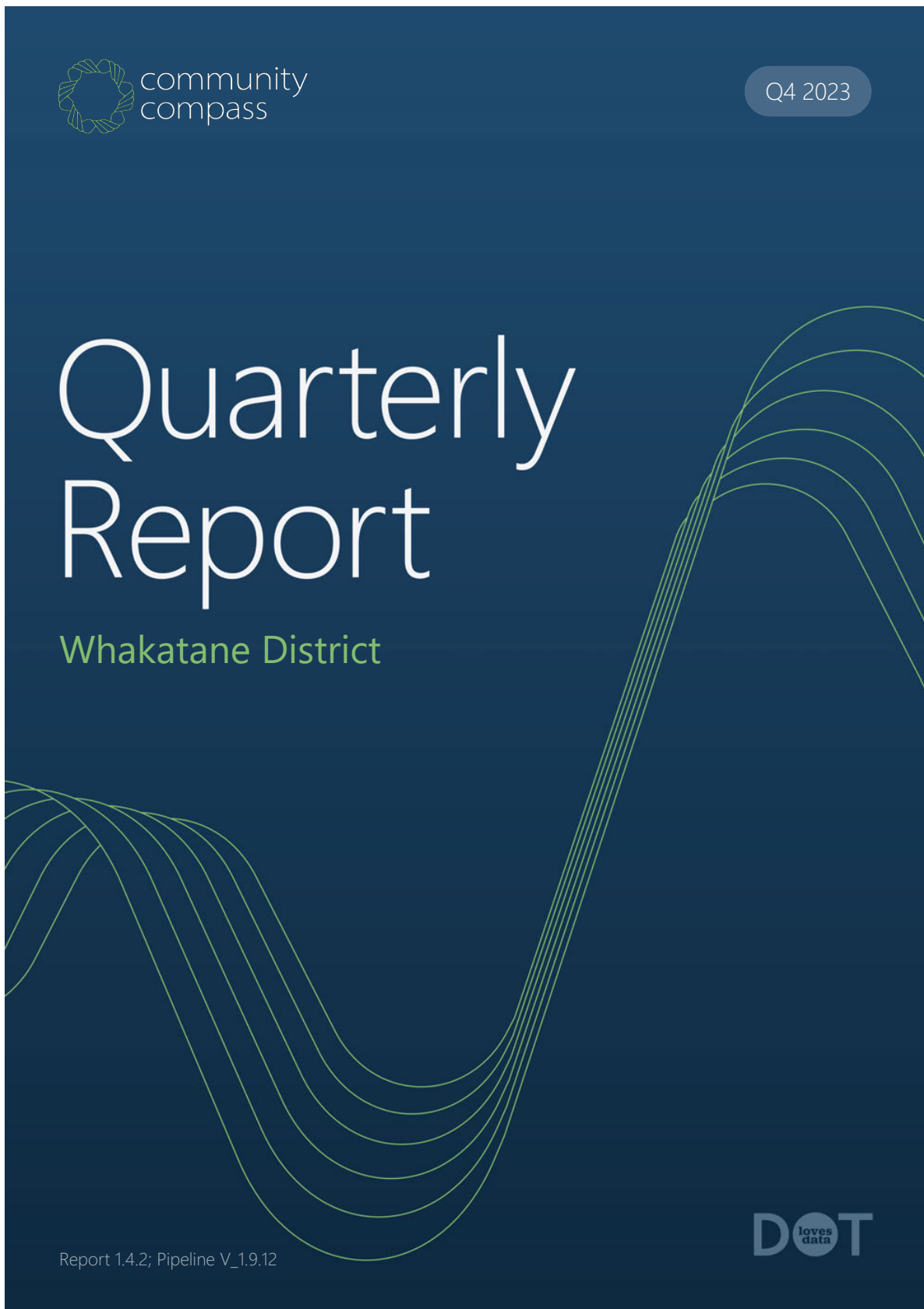
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Unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund) as at 31 March 2024 is \$13,230.31		
Opening Balance carried forward from prior years		4,768.28
2023/24 Annual Plan		20,471.00
2023/24 Revised Balance of Grants and Subsidies to allocate		25,239.28
2024 Allocations		
MAYORAL YOUTH AWARDS EVENT	400.00	Approved & Paid
TAMANUI HALE	1,500.00	Approved & Paid
NEW SHADE SAIL, CENTRAL KIDS KINDERGARTENS	1,600.00	Approved & Paid
HAMIORA HALE	500.00	Approved & Paid
TUHURA WILDERNESS	1,000.00	Approved & Paid
TUIKA BOSWELL GRANT TO ATTEND JAMBOREE DECEMBER 2023	200.00	Approved & Paid
HAREPAORA & REVE NGAHEU-REFUND	-1,000.00	Approved & Paid
EDGEKUMBE CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2023, EDGEKUMBE BLUE LIGHT VENTURES INC	3,413.44	Approved & Paid
EZRA HERANGI, FUND TO HELP WITH SCHOOL EXCHANGE TRIP IN DEC 23-JAN 24	500	Approved & Paid
MATATA CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2023, MATATA BLUE LIGHT VENTURES INC	2,800.00	Approved & Paid
LAPSED TE TEKOKI	1,768.28	Committed & not Paid
REFUND AWAKAPONGA HALL	-672.75	Committed & not refunded
Year to Date allocations		\$ 12,008.97
Current unallocated Grants and Subsidies (Discretionary Fund)*		\$ 13,230.31

Attached to this report:

- Appendix 1 - Community Compass report
- Appendix 2 - Tourism Bay of Plenty Six-Month Report

7.1.1 Appendix 1 - Community Compass report

7.1.1 Appendix 1 - Community Compass report(Cont.)



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Summary

Below we've presented a summary of Whakatane District's key metrics this quarter:

 New Business Registrations this month


 **18.0**

As of December 2023, Whakatane District saw 18.0 new business registrations, a decrease of 43.75% compared with September 2023.

 Years to save for a house deposit

 **12.0**

As of December 2023, it would take 12.0 years to save for a 20% home deposit in Whakatane District, an increase of 1.89% compared with September 2023.

 Gambling spend per capita

 **\$118**

As of September 2023, an average of \$118.0 was spent by individuals over 18 years in Whakatane District through electronic gaming machines, an increase of 2.71% compared with June 2023.

 Crime rate

 **13.4**

In December 2023, Whakatane District had a crime rate of 13.4 incidents per 10,000 people, an increase of 7.98% compared with September 2023.

 Deprivation Index

 **9.0**

As of December 2023, the deprivation within Whakatane District is 9.0 and this is unchanged since November 2023.

 Job seeker support rate

 **11.2%**

In December 2023, 11.2% of the working population (15-64 years) in Whakatane District claimed Job Seeker Support, an increase of 2.55% compared with December 2022.

 Trending Up  Trending Down  Improving  Worsening  No Change

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 Economy

△ Trending Up ▽ Trending Down ● Improving ● Worsening — No Change

Key Pillar Changes

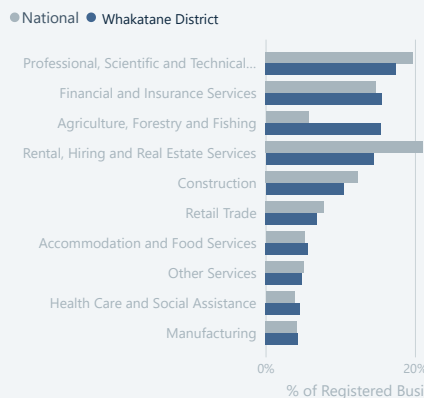
New Business Registrations this month	Dec 2023	18.0	▼ 43.75%	% change is from September 2023
Business Deregistrations this month	Dec 2023	10.0	▼ 54.55%	% change is from September 2023
Total tourism spend this quarter	Jul 2023	\$21.5M	▼ 22.94%	% change is from April 2023

Total number of businesses registered to date



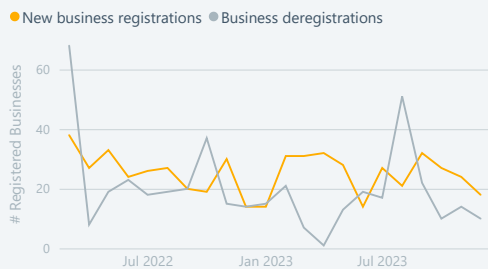
As of December 2023 there were 5051 registered businesses in Whakatane District. Over the last 12 months the number of registered businesses has increased by 99. Nationally, the number of registered businesses has increased by 1.65%.

Distribution of registered businesses by industry



Professional, Scientific and Technical Services is the largest industry operating in Whakatane District and makes up 15.2% of all currently registered businesses.

Business openings and closings in the last year



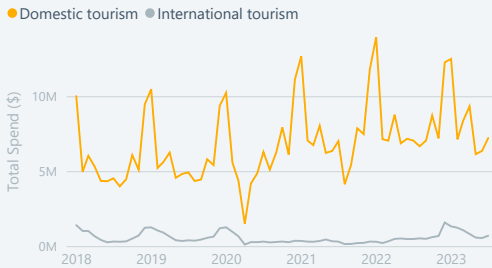
Comparing December 2023 with December 2022 Whakatane District has seen an increase in the number of new business registrations of 28.6% and a decrease in the number of business deregistrations of 28.6%.

7.1.1 Appendix 1 - Community Compass report(Cont.)

 Economy

△ Trending Up ▽ Trending Down ● Improving ● Worsening — No Change

Tourism spend this quarter



In July 2023, \$7.9M was spent in Whakatane District from domestic and international visitors to the district. Domestic tourism made up 91.2% of total tourism spend, and has increased by 2.49% since the same time last year, whereas international tourism has increased by 44.55% in the same time period.

Visiting regions with the greatest spend

Visiting region	\$ Change	Spend
Gisborne	▲ \$206K	\$1.6M
Waikato	▼ \$799K	\$3.6M
Auckland	▲ \$340K	\$3M
Wellington	▼ \$47K	\$680K
Bay of Plenty	▼ \$688K	\$8.2M

This quarter, the largest spend from domestic tourists visiting Whakatane District came from the Bay of Plenty region, with tourists spending \$8.2M. This represents a decrease of \$688K since the same quarter last year.

Visiting regions with the greatest % change

Visiting region	\$ Change	Spend
Marlborough	▲ \$53K	\$94K
Taranaki	▲ \$102K	\$262K
West Coast	▼ \$17K	\$13K

This quarter, Whakatane District saw the greatest % change in domestic tourism spend from those visiting from the Marlborough region since the same quarter last year, with a \$53K increase in spend.

i Domestic tourism spend is calculated using the monthly spend of in-person electronic card transactions in the district, which come from individuals living outside of the district and whose own home district's largest urban centre is at least 40km away.

Note that our source of tourism spend data has been deprecated and no longer updating. DOT are seeking an alternative replacement.

Visiting countries with the greatest spend

Visiting country	\$ Change	Spend
Africa and Middle East	▲ \$38K	\$59K
Australia	▼ \$158K	\$625K
Rest of Europe	▲ \$56K	\$117K
United Kingdom	▲ \$103K	\$422K
United States of America	▲ \$137K	\$301K

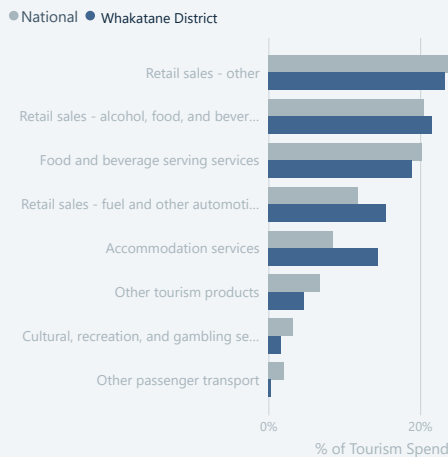
This quarter, the largest spend from international tourists visiting Whakatane District came from Australia, with tourists spending \$625K. This represents a decrease of \$158K since the same quarter last year.

Visiting countries with the greatest % change

Visiting country	\$ Change	Spend
Korea	▲ \$982	\$982
Japan	▲ \$26K	\$26K
China	▲ \$14K	\$15K

This quarter, Whakatane District saw the greatest % change in international tourism spend from those visiting from Korea since the same quarter last year, with a \$982 increase in spend.

Tourism spend by industry



In Whakatane District tourists spent the most on Retail sales - other this quarter, which was 23.2% of all tourism spend. This is 13.8% smaller than the national proportion.

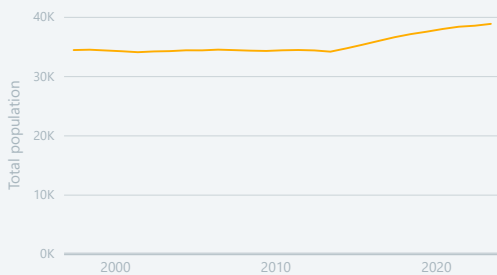
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 **Demographics**

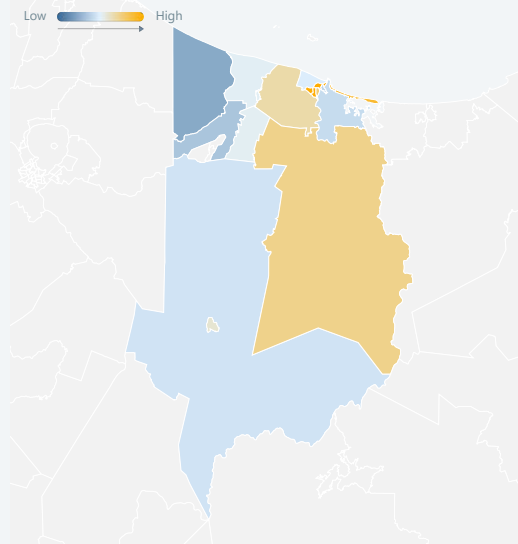
Estimated population

38.82K

Is the estimated total population in Whakatane District in 2023. The population in the area has increased by 0.8% or 310 people since 2022.



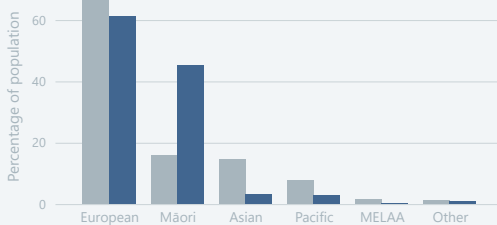
Population distribution



In June 2023, Galatea saw the greatest change in population, with an increase of 7.6% since June 2022.

Ethnic distribution

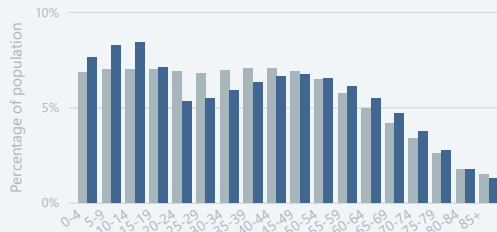
● National ● Whakatane District



As of March 2018 the largest ethnic group in Whakatane District is European (61.1%), 9.7% less than the national percentage. The ethnicity that has had the greatest change since March 2013 is MELAA, increasing by 88.24%.

Age distribution

● National ● Whakatane District



As of June 2023 the largest age band in Whakatane District is 10-14 (7.5%), 14.2% larger than the national distribution. The age band that has had the greatest change since June 2022 is 75-79, increasing by 5.79%.

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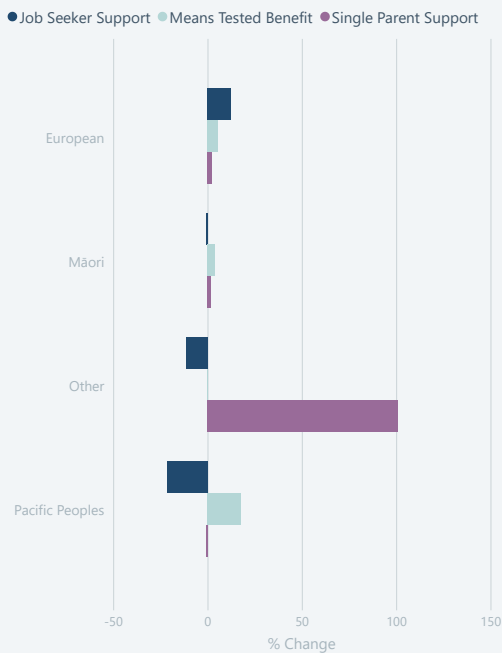
Employment

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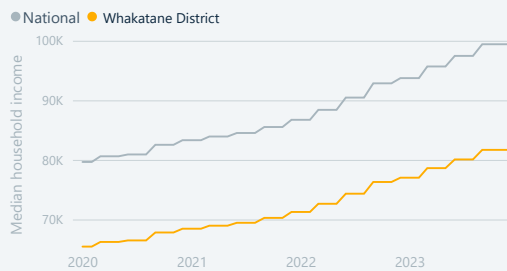
Key Pillar Changes

Job seeker support rate	Dec 2023	11.2%	▲ 2.55%	% change is from December 2022
Means tested benefit rate	Dec 2023	4.4%	▲ 5.99%	% change is from December 2022
Sole parent support rate	Dec 2023	4.8%	▲ 2.01%	% change is from December 2022

Change in benefit rates by Ethnicity



Median Household Income over time



As of December 2023, the median household income (adjusted for inflation) in Whakatane District was \$81,693. This is 17.8% less than the national median.

Within Whakatane District, the benefit rate by ethnicity with the greatest increase in the last 12 months was Single Parent Support for Other ethnicities (Asian, MELAA and other), up 101.02% to a value of 1.23 claimants per 100 working adults (15-64yrs). Comparatively, Job Seeker Support for Pacific Peoples saw the greatest decrease over the last 12 months, down 21.56% to 8.7 claimants per 100 working adults.

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Housing

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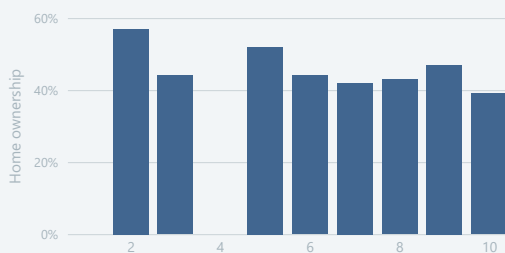
Key Pillar Changes

Years to save for a house deposit Dec 2023 **12.0** ▲ 1.89% % change is from September 2023

Rental affordability (% of income spent on rent) Dec 2023 **30.9%** ▼ 0.26% % change is from September 2023

Purchasing affordability (% of income spent on mortgage repayments) Dec 2023 **9.3%** ▲ 2.01% % change is from September 2023

Home Ownership by Deprivation Index



In Whakatane District, communities with a deprivation index of 2 have the highest rates of home ownership. The home ownership rate in these communities is 1.5 times greater than those communities with a deprivation index of 10 (the deprivation decile with the lowest home ownership rate). Deprivation and home ownership are as at March 2018.

Greatest Change in Purchasing Affordability

Matata-Otakiri saw the greatest change in the percentage of income spent on mortgage repayments, with a 13.1% decrease over the last 3 months. Of these communities, Allandale was the most unaffordable in December 2023, with 12.9% of annual household income spent on mortgage repayments.

Community	% Change	Purchasing Affordability
Allandale	▲ 6.61	12.90
Coastlands	▼ 9.28	8.80
Matata-Otakiri	▼ 13.10	7.30
Murupara	▲ 12.82	4.40
Ohope	▼ 2.68	10.90

Greatest Change in Rental Affordability

Multiple communities saw the greatest change in the percentage of income spent on rent over the last 3 months, with a 0% unchanged. Of these communities, Edgecumbe was the most unaffordable in December 2023, with 27.1% of annual household income spent on rent.

Community	% Change	Rental Affordability
Edgecumbe	— 0.00	27.10
Manawahe	— 0.00	18.20
Matata-Otakiri	— 0.00	25.90
Onepu Spring	— 0.00	14.30
Thornton-Awakeri	— 0.00	20.80

i Purchasing affordability is the percentage of annual median household income that would be spent on mortgage repayment (based on purchasing at the median house price with a 20% deposit over 30 years assuming a fixed interest rate of 4%). Rental affordability is also based on the median annual household income.

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 Education

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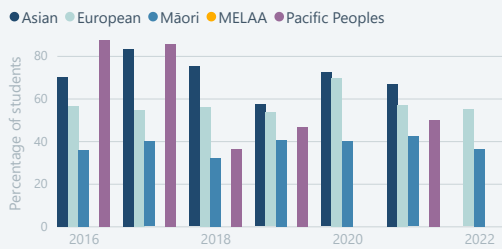
Key Pillar Changes

Secondary school retention Jan 2022 **68.0%** ▼ 8.61% % change is from January 2021

Secondary school with highest proportion of students leaving with NCEA level 3 Jan 2022 **Trident High School**

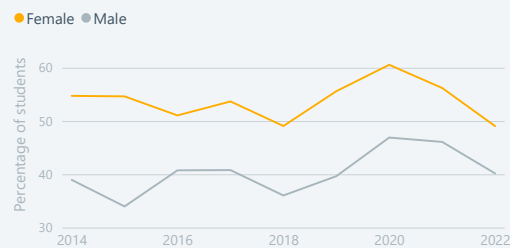
Ethnicity with greatest change in secondary school retention Jan 2022 **Asian** ▼ 100% % change is from January 2021

School leavers with NCEA3 level by ethnicity



In 2022, European students in Whakatane District had the greatest proportion of students leaving with NCEA3. This is 1.51 times larger than Māori students, who have the lowest proportion of students leaving with NCEA Level 3. Māori students have seen the greatest change in NCEA Level 3 pass rates, with an increase of 5.6%. Māori NCEA Level 3 pass rates in Whakatane District are 102% of National Māori rates.

School leavers with NCEA3 level by gender



Since 2014, on average the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 in Whakatane District for female students has been 1.33 times larger than male students. In 2022, the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 for female students compared with male students was less than average. Compared to national figures, in 2022 the pass rate in Whakatane District were lower for both females and males.

Schools with greatest change in NCEA3 pass rate

In 2022, the school with the greatest change in the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 (pass rate) since 2021 was Trident High School, with a 7.41% decrease. Note that the table includes only those schools with more than 50 students.

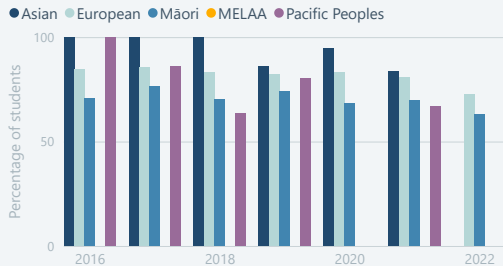
School	% Change	Pass Rate
Trident High School	▼ 7.41	48.33
Whakatane High School	▼ 3.76	47.77

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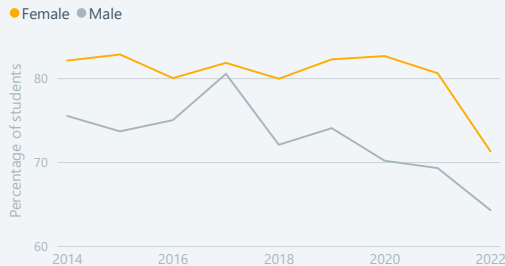
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Secondary school retention by ethnicity



In 2022, European students in Whakatane District had the greatest retention rate. This is 1.15 times larger than Māori students, who have the lowest retention rate. Māori students have seen the greatest change in retention, with an increase of 2.4%. Māori retention rates in Whakatane District are 97% of National Māori rates.

Secondary school retention by gender



On average, since 2014, the retention rate in Whakatane District of female students has been 1.11 times larger than male students. In 2022, the retention rates of female students compared with male students has remained the same as the average. Compared to national figures, in 2022 the retention rates in Whakatane District were lower for both females and males.

Schools with greatest change in retention

In 2022, the school with the greatest change in retention rate since 2021 was Trident High School, with a 9.45% decrease. Note that the table includes only those schools with more than 50 students.

Community	% Change	Retention rate
Trident High School	▼ 9.45	68
Whakatane High School	▼ 5.46	70

i Education data is released by Education Counts at the end of each year, and pertain to the year prior to release.

i Secondary school retention is defined as the percentage of secondary school leavers who are at least 17 years of age.

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Deprivation

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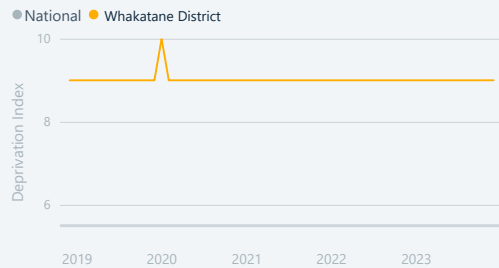
Key Pillar Changes

Deprivation Index Dec 2023 **9.0** 0% % change is from November 2023

Community with greatest decrease in deprivation score Dec 2023 **Trident** 2.35% % change is from December 2022

Community with greatest increase in deprivation score Dec 2023 **Mokorua Bush** 1.46% % change is from December 2022

Comparison to National Deprivation Index



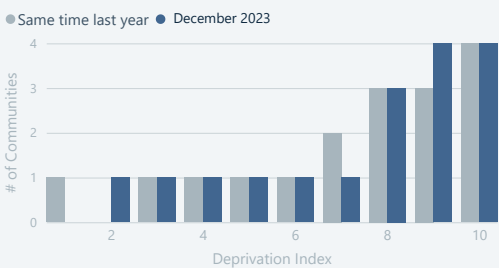
Compared to the same time last year, the deprivation index of Whakatane District has seen no change by 0%, and is now 9 in December 2023. The deprivation index is 63.6% above the national median index of 5.5.

Communities with the Greatest Change

Community	% Change	Depr. score
Trident	2.35	1,110.24
Waingarara-Waimana	1.89	1,288.53
Mokorua Bush	1.46	897.29
Allandale	1.38	1,091.47
Edgecumbe	1.27	1,054.11

The community with the greatest change in deprivation score since the same time last year was Trident, with a 2.4% decrease.

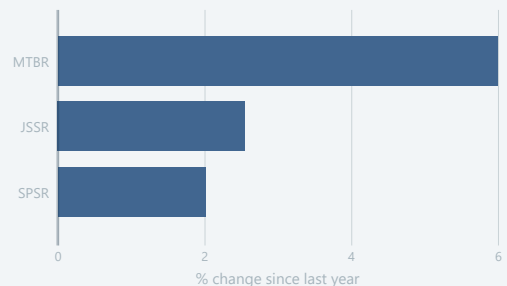
Distribution of Deprivation Index



In Whakatane District, 64.7% of the population live in highly deprived communities (deprivation index 8-10), whereas 11.8% live in high socio-economic performing communities (deprivation index 1-3).

Each month, small geographical areas are assigned a deprivation score. These areas are then assigned a deprivation index through deciles. A deprivation index of 1 represents the least deprived areas and a deprivation of 10 the most deprived.

Benefit Deprivation Indicators



The benefit deprivation indicator that has changed the most in the last year is Means Tested Benefit Rate (MTBR) which saw a 5.99% increase. The bars above represent Single Parent Support rate (SPSR), Means Tested Benefit rate (MTBR) and Job Seeker Support rate (JSSR).

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Crime

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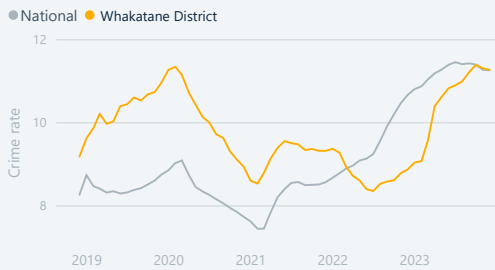
Key Pillar Changes

Crime rate Dec 2023 **13.4** ▲ 7.98% % change is from September 2023

Crime type with the greatest change in crime rate Dec 2023 **Robbery, Extortion and Related Offences** ▲ 27.06% % change is from September 2023

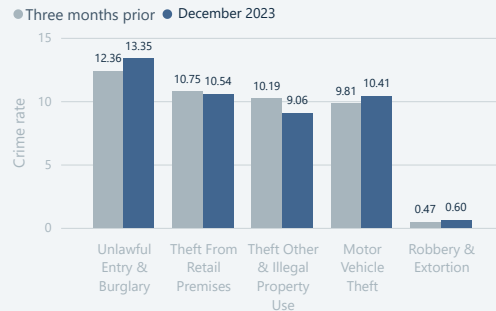
Community with greatest change in crime rate Dec 2023 **Wainui** ▲ 29.79% % change is from September 2023

Comparison to National Crime Rate



Compared with the same time last year the crime rate in Whakatane District has seen no change by %, and is now as at December 2023. The crime rate is % same as the national rate of .

Crime Types with the Greatest Change



Within Whakatane District, the most prevalent type of crime in December 2023 was 'Unlawful Entry/Burglary/Breaking & Entering'. The type of crime that had the greatest change in the last 3 months was 'Robbery, Extortion and Related Offences', with an increase of 27.1%.

Crime Rate by Deprivation Index



In Whakatane District, communities with a deprivation index of have the highest crime rate. The crime rate in these communities is times higher than those with a deprivation index of , the group with the lowest crime rate. Communities with a deprivation index of have seen the greatest change in their crime rate over the last 3 months, with of %.

Communities with Greatest Change

Community	% Change	Crime rate
Wainui	▲ 29.79	34.6
Onepu Spring	▲ 22.03	27.0
Mokorua Bush	▲ 14.93	13.6
Waingarara-Waimana	▲ 11.17	23.9
Trident	▲ 10.94	53.7

Wainui saw the greatest change in crime rate over the last 3 months in Whakatane District, with an increase of 29.8%.

i Crime rate is defined as the the number of victimisations over the last 12 months per 10,000 people

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Welcome to the Six-Month Report for Tourism Bay of Plenty, a joint CCO of Tauranga City and Western Bay of Plenty District Councils'. Covering the period 1 July to 31 December 2023, this report provides an overview of the key activities that have been delivered by Tourism Bay of Plenty in accordance with our Statement of Intent 2023-2024.

Below is an overview of our key program delivery (projects outlined in more detail within the report) that we have undertaken on behalf of our shareholders.

- **Domestic & Events Marketing:** We partner with local media, councils', event and conference organisers and through our various consumer and special interest databases to maximise and maintain an integrated programme of PR and online digital and campaign promotions. This ensures our destination profile not only remains 'top-of-mind' with domestic visitors, but also reinforces our growing reputation as an event destination.
- **International Travel Trade & Operator Capability:** We work constructively alongside our local tourism operators and key industry agency and travel partners to grow the awareness and understanding of Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty region. We coordinate and host international media and travel trade, as well as support the capability building of our local operators (both new and existing) to better understand and promote their offerings in key offshore markets such as Australia, North America and UK/Europe through the likes of Tourism NZ and others.
- **iSITE Services & Cruise Sector Facilitation:** We deliver destination visitor services across multiple iSITE locations in downtown Tauranga, main street Mount Maunganui and on the Port of Tauranga over cruise season. Between October to April this year, we will welcome just under 200,000 cruise passengers (plus 90,000 crew) to the shores of Tauranga. Our staff also facilitate the daily cruise desk arrangements of up to 16 local day tour operators, liaising between them, the Port of Tauranga, Tauranga City Council, Traffic Management personnel, retailers, local Iwi and residents.
- **Place DNA© delivery across Horticultural Provenance, Environmental Sustainability & Cultural Storytelling:** Resulting from significant community and business sector consultation in 2019, our Destination Management Plan (DMP), Te Hā Tāpoi | The Love of Tourism continues to steer our focus across such projects as Flavours of Plenty, The Green Room and Native Nations, Te Rere ō Ōmanawa | Ōmanawa Falls and the Te Ara Whānui App. All of which are going from strength to strength as work in partnership with local community, Iwi and business to deliver programmes and experiences that celebrate our Place DNA© and identity as a region.

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In addition to this programme of delivery, we continue to contribute significant staff time, resource and specialist skills in support of a range of additional council projects and community priorities (including AIPs) relating to major events, cycleways, wayfinding, climate change, city branding, spatial planning and Te Manawataki o Te Papa.

In December 2023, we also made significant accommodations to assist our sister-CCO the Tauranga Arts Gallery to co-locate their entire management and programme personnel to our office, whilst work is being undertaken on improvements to the Art Gallery building in 2024.

Like our shareholder Councils', we are acutely aware of the importance of prudent and efficient use of funds in the programs and outcomes we deliver. We are cognisant also of the inner-city businesses that contribute to our baseline funding, which is why programs such as Flavours of Plenty are so crucially important in providing year-round networking, training and supply opportunities, as well as direct participation in the NZ Event double award-winning Flavours of Plenty Festival.

Whilst we look forward to the next 6 months program delivery, we are also diligently working as proactively as we can to ascertain and mitigate any significant decrease in service provision given the reduction of 600K in Airport Reserves funding to our bottom line from FY 2024/25.

In closing, despite the challenges and uncertainty of the past few months I am extremely proud of the work program my team has been able to deliver. We are the specialist Regional Tourism Organisation for the region and we are proud of our ability to provide our shareholders with quality outcomes and value as we deliver on our purpose 'to lead the prosperity of our people and place through tourism'.

Noho ora mai,

Oscar Nathan
Manahautū | General Manager
Tāpoi Te Moananui ā Toi | Tourism Bay of Plenty



Tourism Bay of Plenty, Six Month Report Jul-Dec 2023

8 Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

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8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – April 2024



To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 17 April 2024**

Submitted by: **L Waaka / RCB Chairperson**

Reference: **A2646212**

1. From the Chair

Tēnā koutou ngā hapori ō Rangitāiki

He maurea kai whiria!

Ignore small matters and direct effort toward important projects.

This whakatauki encourages us to keep things in perspective, urging us to maintain perspective, directing our energy towards significant projects rather than becoming consumed by minor details. It serves as a reminder to prioritise what truly matters, even amidst complexity.

As temperatures begin to drop and we anticipate the conclusion of daylight savings, autumn unveils itself as a season characterised by its beauty, transformative essence, and symbolic representation of life's cyclical journey and the passage of time.

As we navigate the Long Term Plans outlined by both the Whakatāne District Council and the Bay of Plenty Regional Councils, it's evident that significant rises are on the horizon, impacting us all. As I write this report, I'm optimistic that our community members who harbour questions and concerns, seeking clarification, have engaged in dialogue with our esteemed Mayor, BOPRC, WDC Councillors, and Community Board Members. Prior to submitting or voicing your concerns, solutions, and aspirations, I encourage you to participate actively in these conversations. Your input is invaluable in shaping the final decisions that will affect our collective future.

While money certainly plays a role in driving many aspects of our world, the collective efforts of our community far surpass its influence. I am deeply grateful for the numerous community groups within Rangitāiki, each dedicated to preserving, nurturing, and protecting mother nature (Papatūānuku).

One such community group is the Edgumbe Lions, who have been the cornerstone of numerous community projects over the years since chartered in 1964. Their latest community venture being the Rangitāiki River festival, yet another testament to their dedication. The festival not only showcased the natural beauty of our surroundings but also served as a reminder of the invaluable role community organisations like the Edgumbe Lions play in bringing together our Rangitāiki schools, community organisations and community, ngā mihi nui!

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

8.1 RCB Chairperson Report – April 2024(Cont.)2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – 17 April 2024 be received.

3. Activity/Engagement

1 February	Manawahe District Hall Committee <i>Assigned RCB rep – Ross Gardiner</i>
28 February	Edgumbe Development & Improvement Team (E.D.I.T) <i>Assigned RCB rep - Leeann Waaka</i>
5 March	Edgumbe Collective <i>Assigned RCB rep - Clive McIndoe</i>
5 March CANCELLED	Te Teko Residents Association <i>Assigned RCB rep - Pete Falwasser</i>
6 March	Awakaponga Hall Committee meeting <i>Assigned RCB rep – Heemi Brown</i>
12 March	Matatā Residents Association Meeting <i>Assigned RCB rep – Peter Flowerday</i>
12 March	Combined Community Board Meeting <i>RCB members attended</i>
16 March	Rangitāiki River Festival <i>RCB members attended and involved in supporting Edgumbe Lions activities</i>
17 April	Rangitāiki Community Board Meeting <i>5.30pm Edgumbe Library, Lions Reading Room</i>

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – April 2024

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To: **Rangitāiki Community Board**

Date: **Wednesday, 17 April 2024**

Author: **Councillor Dennis**

Reference: **A2613289**

1. Reason for the report - Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata

The report is to provide an overview of the activities undertaken and meetings attended since the last meeting, ensuring members are informed.

2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor Report – April 2024 be received.

3. Meetings

Once again, the last two months seem to have been dominated with Council briefings or meetings discussing the Long-Term Plan and what that means for the future work programme of Council but also the rates level required to pay for it. Also, LTP discussions and engagement occurred at several of the events held in the district. These included Awakeri Top School event, Rangitāiki River Festival, Awakaponga Pre Easter market, as well as the various Resident Association meetings.

Te Teko Residents Association (TTRA)	
Tuesday, 5 March 202	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting 5 March was postponed, then cancelled due to Tangi.
Tuesday 2 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There seems to be still no resolution to the situation with the boat on the old petrol station site. The lessee is now living onsite.• A successful netball tournament was held last month. Some of the hinged metal covers over the tennis net post holes had been 'bent up' and due to safety/trip issues, these had been removed on day of tournament.• It was noted that due to concrete in the base of the netball post holes, the netball posts did not seat fully in their mounting holes.• Everyone looking forward to the upgrades of the Te Teko Memorial Hall being finished.• Presentation given on the Long term Plan

8.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – April 2024(Cont.)

Manawahe District Society Incorporated Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting since the last Rangitāiki Community Board Meeting as it was postponed to the 18 April when they will have their AGM.
Matatā Residents Association	
Tuesday, 12 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the March meeting, there was an in-depth discussion about the Long Term Plan, and all were encouraged to put in a submission. Matatā Residents Association AGM; at which the chair and treasurer stood down.
Tuesday 9 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new chairperson is Peter Flowerday Regional Councillor Malcolm Campbell was the guest speaker and spoke about the BOPRC Long Term Plan.

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**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhingatahitanga
Ki te wairua tapu
Ake, ake, ake
Amine**

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
Forever and ever
Amen*