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Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - September 2020



ŌHOPE WHARF RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UNDERWAY

The Ōhope Wharf remediation complements work already taking place at Whakatāne Town Wharf and signals a significant investment in infrastructure improvements by Whakatāne District Council. Both projects are being carried out by Construction Techniques Ltd - trading as BBR Contech. The Ōhope project will be drawing upon a pool of 8-10 local workers, including welders, formworkers, and general labourers employed by BBR Contech especially for the works. All workers will receive skills development and training opportunities during their employment on these specialist projects.

Project Manager Phil Wardale says it will be noisy at times, but once complete will more than double the 70+-year-old structure's lifespan so it can go on serving the community for many years to come. Parts of the Ōhope Wharf will remain open to the public at all times. The project is due for completion by the end of the year.



Kōrero WITH Council

Mayor Judy Turner has reinstated regular, informal opportunities for people to share their thoughts with elected members.

The first 'Kōrero with Council' will be held:

Friday, 11 September
9:30am to 10.30am

The Bean – The Strand, Whakatāne

Nau mai, haere mai.



New funding for energy-efficiency infrastructure

Whakatāne District Council successfully secured funding to the tune of \$63,000 from the Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund (LEVCF).

The grant will go toward the purchase of further electric vehicles, the installation of five on-site double charge stations to support an electric pool fleet, visitors and the public, and also a secure lockup and charging site for ten staff e-bikes.

NATURAL BURIALS INFORMATION EVENT

As part of introducing natural burials as an alternative burial method, an information session will be held from 11am to 12:30pm on Monday, 7 September in the reception lounge at the Whakatāne War Memorial Hall.

Anyone interested in learning more about natural burials is welcome to attend.

Physical distancing and safe hygiene practices will be in place, aligned with Level 2 guidelines.



Early dog registration pays off for lucky winner

Pete West and his best mate, Tiger, were the lucky winners of a kennel and run worth \$850 thanks to a Whakatāne District Council early bird dog registration competition.

Dog owners were encouraged to register their dogs before Friday, 31 July 2020 to go in the draw for the kennel and run, as well as numerous pet food prizes donated by Nestle Purina PetCare.

Whakatāne District Council Manager Community Regulation, Graeme Lewer, says Mr West was rapt with the win. "It's good to acknowledge proactive dog owners. This giveaway is our way of thanking responsible people who take the time to register their dogs," he explains. "We also gave various Nestle Purina pet food products to 10 other dog owners who did the responsible thing and registered their dogs early," Mr Lewer says.

Kia Kaha Whakatāne Projects exceed employment expectations

More than 200 people are now working on roading, infrastructure and environmental projects throughout the district as part of the Kia Kaha Whakatāne programme. Whakatāne District Council received an \$8.2 million Provincial Growth Fund investment to support a range of redeployment projects. This includes roading, infrastructure and environmental projects that are providing urgent economic relief for the local workforce, particularly those who have lost jobs through COVID-19. So far, a vast majority of contractors appointed for the projects are from the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Two of the roading projects currently, or getting, underway are right-turn bays on Wainui Road intersections with Stanley and Harrison roads. This work increases the level of safety at these intersections and forms part of the long term safety strategy for Wainui Road. Please be aware of traffic safety measures in this vicinity.



Local Wild Food Challenge aims to return in October

Whakatāne's Local Wild Food Challenge is set to return at Labour weekend, encouraging locals to come together and celebrate the abundance of wild food from the Eastern Bay.

Event manager, Kim Fort says 2020 is a year no one will forget and events offer a way of bringing people together again and moving forward. "We've missed out on some amazing events this year and it's really highlighted the joy that events bring to people's lives."

The Local Wild Food Challenge will be held on Saturday, 31 October from 1-6pm at Mahy Reserve, Ōhope. Anyone interested in entering the challenge can visit the Local Wild Food Challenge website or contact Kim Fort, Event Manager on 027 544 0867.

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