



MATATĀ LAGOON
Community planting day
1.30PM TO 3PM
SUNDAY, 27 JUNE

Join us to plant out some new habitat vegetation to complete the recent lagoon maintenance.

Whakatāne District Council is planting out some new habitat vegetation to complete the recent lagoon maintenance.

Meet at tennis courts at 1:30pm for briefing and directions.

Please bring your own spade or garden trowel and covered shoes/boots.

Sausage sizzle – powered by Matatā Bluelight – to follow (outside the Matatā Fire Station)

Enquiries to: Luke Shipton, 306 0500

AWATARARIKI OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Following on from the second community hui held in April, and because of a number of factors discussed at this meeting, the Awatarariki Open Space Development Project is currently on hold.

The historical context and significance of the site and the wider environment is being thoroughly researched in order to progress the project when the time comes.



Blue lines = Safety fencing

We are planning to hold another community hui at a later date. In the short term, Whakatāne District Council will install signage and any other measures needed so the vacant land meets health and safety requirements. *Please see map (above) for where safety fencing will be installed.*

MATATĀ WASTEWATER SOLUTION

Nicholas Woodley, Council’s Manager Policy, Planning and Consents Compliance is confident of the progress being made to find and deliver a sustainable wastewater solution for Matatā.

“Ultimately, that solution has to be one that improves public health and community wellbeing, prevents or minimises the adverse effects on the environment, reflects co-design principles with iwi, and is affordable to build and operate – so there are many ‘moving parts’ that need to be worked through.”

One of the actions underway is a review of previous reports, data and information so that we learn from past experience but don’t repeat unnecessary work.

We’ll continue to provide updates through Matatā Matters and we’re also due to attend the Matatā Residents Association meeting in August to share progress.

Do you want to receive your rates invoices by email? Whakatāne District Council has launched an e-invoice service to save money and save time!

Sign up for e-invoices before 5pm Monday, 5 July and go in the draw to win one of these fantastic prizes:

- ★ Trip for four to Moutohorā with Moutohorā Island Sanctuary - Whale Island – valued at \$476
- ★ Four A:M Clothes T-shirts – valued at \$160
- ★ Ōhiwa Explorer guided kayak tour with KG Kayaks – valued at \$440
- ★ Two family passes with Awakeri Rail Adventures – valued at \$190 each
- ★ Four-person pass for the EPIC Escape – valued at \$128
- ★ 20 x Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre family passes – valued at \$15 each

Visit the Whakatāne District Council website for more information and to sign up >> whakatane.govt.nz/rates



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR DIRECT DEBIT?

Whakatāne District Council is encouraging ratepayers to take advantage of a new function to sign up online to pay their rates by direct debit. With cheques no longer accepted as a payment method, it's a great time to consider direct debit.

Direct debit is a safe and convenient way to pay your rates, and you can decide whether you pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly, per quarterly instalment or annually. If you use the new online direct debit registration form before

5pm on Friday, 5 July you'll go in the draw to win one of three \$200 grocery vouchers!

To sign up for direct debit online, visit whakatane.govt.nz/direct-debit. You'll need your bank account details and the property's valuation number. Please call 0800 306 0500 if you need any help.



MATATĀ CADETS

Matatā Bluelight have been running a weekly Matatā Cadets programme with 30 cadets attending on Tuesday nights. The cadets learn life skills, team bonding and how to march. They also had the privilege of marching at the Matatā Dawn Parade held at Rangitīhi Marae on ANZAC Day.

FIRE AWARENESS AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMME (FAIP)

Fire and Emergency New Zealand offer a free programme to assist young people who are showing an unhealthy and unsafe fascination with fire.

Anyone can submit a referral form, which can be found on the website, fireandemergency.nz/kids-and-parents/what-to-do-if-your-child-is-starting-fires/

The aim of the programme is to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and millions of dollars' worth of property damage caused by juvenile fire setting. The programme is delivered by a trained practitioner and is strictly confidential with varying content depending on the child's age and maturity. The practitioner will educate the child on the dangers of fire and work with them to correct the negative fire lighting behaviour.

Over 90% of young people who have completed this programme are not involved in further fire setting. Visit the website above for further details!



WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT POLICE?

When to use **105**

New Zealand Police encourage you to make a report online at 105.police.govt.nz, but you can also call them 24/7 on 105.

Use 105 to report things like:

- Your car or bike has been stolen
- Someone has vandalised your wall
- You've lost your wallet or phone, or your handbag was stolen at the library
- Someone broke into your car and might have taken something
- You're a retailer and someone has shoplifted or driven off without paying for gas
- You suspect a scam or drug dealing
- Your house has been burgled (if you think the burglar may still be in your home, or running down the street, do not go inside- contact Police immediately by calling 111)

You can also use 105 to:

- Add information to your existing Police report
- Get in touch with your local Police station

If you can't get through to 105 for any reason, please call 0800 105 105.

When to call **111**

- There is a fire of any sort
- You need an ambulance because someone is seriously hurt
- Someone is breaking into your house right now
- There is car accident where people might be hurt, or cars are blocking the road
- Someone has been assaulted and the offender is still there
- You are afraid for your safety and / or for those around you
- You need an emergency Police response

Call ***555** (mobile phone only)

- For urgent but not life-threatening traffic matters that don't need an emergency response
- Continuous poor driving
- Traffic congestion, breakdowns and obstructions on the highway

Please note: *555 calls are answered with less priority than 111 calls.



Keep in touch

Find information, ask us questions or give the District and Regional Councils your feedback by contacting us as below:



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