



OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - December 2019

## Season's Greetings

from the Mayor

Summer in the Eastern Bay of Plenty is pure magic – an irresistible combination of idyllic weather, incredible hiking and cycling trails, and gorgeous beaches, rivers and harbours.

Our local events calendar is jam-packed with fabulous events, so gather your friends and whānau together and enjoy our little piece of paradise to the full.

We also want everyone to be safe. Drive carefully, especially as the roads get busier, and remember to take it easy with alcohol. Please think of safety in and on the water.

Take care of yourself and those around you, so that everyone can enjoy a safe and happy year ahead.

On behalf of all the Whakatāne District elected members, I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year in our beautiful region.

Noho ora mai

Judy Turner - Mayor of Whakatāne District



## Cheers volunteers!

Whakatāne District Council hosted a function on Wednesday, 27 November to acknowledge the Whakatāne District Libraries and Galleries volunteers.

More than 75 people dedicate countless hours ensuring library and gallery services are delivered to an exceptional standard. Volunteer activities include: visiting those who are housebound with books and resources; staffing Edgecumbe and Ōhope community libraries; assisting at the Whakatāne Library; and hosting visitors as Kaiārahi at the gallery spaces.

An immeasurable thank you to all those who volunteer their time, expertise and knowledge to the Whakatāne District Libraries and Galleries service.

## Hot summer tips



Keen for a beach bonfire and sing-a-long? It's restricted fire season, so you'll need a permit before lighting a fire in the open air.

Visit [checkitsalright.nz](http://checkitsalright.nz) or contact 0800 658 628 for more information.



Most of us like to enjoy a tippie on a warm summer's day, but please drink responsibly. If you're drinking, plan ahead for a ride home. Know your limits and look out for family and friends.



Being safe while out on the water makes boating fun, like it should be – instead of risky or unsafe. Always wear a lifejacket. Remember the five-knot rule.



Remember to slip, slop, slap and wrap this summer – it's very easy to get burnt in our sunny region.



We need to be vigilant about natural disasters in our region. Stay across updates on the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence & Emergency Management website and Facebook page.



Summer is always a superb time to celebrate and we encourage you to have fun, but please consider your neighbours and keep your volume down.



Remember to take extra care of your furry friends during the warmer months. Make sure dogs have plenty of food and water and avoid leaving them in vehicles. Keep an eye on your dog – you don't want him or her to end up in the pound.



Water is precious – think about how you use it, even when we're not in a restricted period.



Take enough kaimoana to feed the whānau, but make sure you know the limits for species within our region.



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## Murupara Community Board By-Election

As there were insufficient candidates for the Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiohau Subdivision) in the recent elections, there will be a by-election on Tuesday, 18 February 2020.

As a community board member, you will be an advocate for your local community and act as a liaison with Whakatāne District Council. You will be responsible for allocating funds to local projects, and consulting with your community and other elected members. It's an excellent opportunity to make a positive difference, so if you would like to stand for one of the two vacancies, complete the nomination process by 12pm Monday, 23 December 2019.

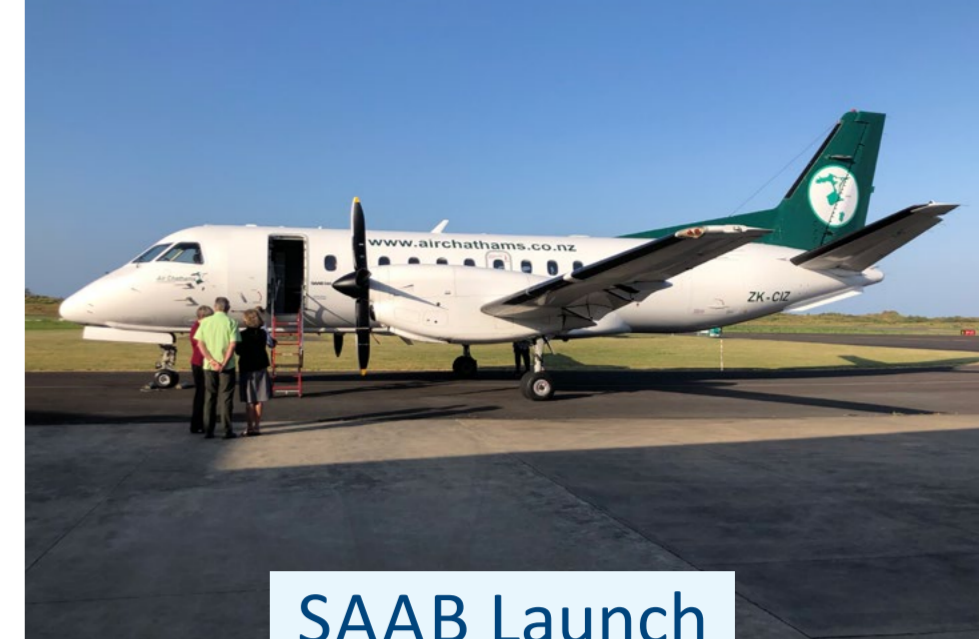
## Young Achiever Awards

The annual Young Achiever Awards held last month celebrated the achievements of 195 youth for excellence in academic, cultural and sporting fields at national or international level.

Mayor Judy Turner says the number of awards and the high standard at which the recipients are achieving is overwhelming, especially considering the relative population of the Whakatāne District.

"Our district produces incredibly diverse and talented people, and these awards are a chance to reflect and celebrate their achievements," she says. "It's critical that, as a community, we nurture this talent and recognise the immense dedication required to achieve at this level."

Congratulations to all recipients of a Young Achiever Award this year.



## SAAB Launch

Air Chathams celebrated the launch of its new larger SAAB 340 aircraft at Whakatāne Airport last week. The SAAB caters for up to 34 passengers, almost doubling the existing service, and will be used for peak demand flights over summer.

"We're really excited to begin bringing the SAAB to Whakatāne," says Duane Emeny, Air Chathams' General Manager. "We know our regular fliers will appreciate the extra comforts provided and this will give us some flexibility across the service where other flights exceed the Metroliner capacity. We hope to be able to offer the SAAB service more permanently in the future."

## HOLIDAY HOURS FOR COUNCIL SERVICES

### DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES

**Whakatāne District Council office:**  
closed 12 noon Tuesday, 24 December 2019  
until 8am Monday, 6 January 2020.

**Murupara Library and Service Centre:**  
closed 12 noon, Tuesday 24 December 2019  
until 10am Monday, 6 January 2020.

### LIBRARIES

	Whakatāne (includes Exhibition Centre and galleries)	Ōhope	Edgecumbe	Murupara
Mon, 23 December	9am - 5pm	10am - 12pm	2pm - 4pm	10am - 5pm
Tues, 24 December	9am - 12pm	Closed	Closed	10am - 12pm
Wed, 25 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thurs, 26 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fri, 27 December	9am - 5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sat, 28 December	10am - 2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun, 29 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon, 30 December	9am - 5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues, 31 December	9am - 12pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed, 1 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thurs, 2 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fri, 3 January	9am - 5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sat, 4 January	10am - 2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun, 5 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon, 6 January	9am - 5pm	10am - 12pm	2pm - 4pm	10am - 5pm

### MUSEUM

**Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi  
(Exhibition Centre & Galleries):**  
See hours for Whakatāne Library.

**Te Whare Taonga o Taketake:**  
closed 12 noon Tuesday, 24 December 2019  
until 8am Monday, 6 January 2020.

### WHAKATĀNE HOLIDAY PARK

Hours remain unchanged – 8am to 8pm  
throughout the holiday period.

For more information visit  
[whakatane.govt.nz](http://whakatane.govt.nz)

### WHAKATĀNE VISITOR CENTRE – i-SITE

Mon, 23 December	8:30am - 5:30pm
Tues, 24 December	8:30am - 3:30pm
Wed, 25 December	Closed
Thurs, 26 December	9am - 4pm
Fri, 27 December	8:30am - 5:30pm
Sat, 28 December	9am - 4pm
Sun, 29 December	9am - 4pm
Mon, 30 December	8:30am - 5:30pm
Tues, 31 December	8:30am - 5:30pm
Wed, 1 January	10am - 2pm
Thurs, 2 January	9am - 4pm
Fri, 3 January	8:30am - 5:30pm
Sat, 4 January	9am - 4pm
Sun, 5 January	9am - 4pm
Mon, 6 January	8:30am - 5:30pm

### AQUATIC CENTRES

	Whakatāne Aquatic Centre / Gym	Murupara Aquatic Centre
Mon, 23 December	6am - 8pm	6am - 6pm
Tues, 24 December	6am - 5pm	6am - 4pm
Wed, 25 December	Closed	Closed
Thurs, 26 December	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Fri, 27 December	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Sat, 28 December	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Sun, 29 December	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Mon, 30 December	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Tues, 31 December	7am - 5pm	10am - 4pm
Wed, 1 January	Closed	Closed
Thurs, 2 January	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Fri, 3 January	6am - 8pm	6am - 6pm
Sat, 4 January	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Sun, 5 January	7am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Mon, 6 January	6am - 8pm	6am - 6pm

### RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

**Refuse collection** – No kerbside refuse collection will take place on Wednesday, 25 December. Areas that normally have kerbside collections on Wednesdays will instead have rubbish collected on Saturday, 28 December.

No kerbside refuse collection will take place on Wednesday, 1 January. Areas that normally have kerbside collections on Wednesdays will instead have rubbish collected on Saturday, 4 January.



	Whakatāne Refuse Transfer Station	Murupara Transfer Station and Recycling Centre
Mon, 23 December	8am - 5pm	10am - 3pm
Tues, 24 December	8am - 5pm	2:30pm - 5pm
Wed, 25 December	Closed	Closed
Thurs, 26 December	9am - 4pm	2:30pm - 5pm
Fri, 27 December	8am - 5pm	10am - 3pm
Sat, 28 December	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm
Sun, 29 December	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm
Mon, 30 December	8am - 5pm	10am - 3pm
Tues, 31 December	8am - 5pm	2:30pm - 5pm
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Thurs, 2 January	9am - 4pm	2:30pm - 5pm
Fri, 3 January	8am - 5pm	10am - 3pm
Sat, 4 January	9am 4pm	9am - 4pm
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