



Where can I find out more about the Long Term Plan 2015-25?

Whakatāne District Council has produced a Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document "The Big Decisions" which provides an overview of the main issues, priorities and key decisions facing the Council over the next 10 years. Copies of the Consultation Document have been distributed to households and businesses and are also available at all Council buildings, and on our website [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz).

Detailed information about the work that has underpinned the development of the Long Term Plan is also available on our website.



## KEY TIMEFRAMES FOR THE LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

*If you have any questions, contact your local Councillor, Community Board member, or the Council offices. Phone: 07 306 0500*

12 MARCH – 13 APRIL  
Submissions open

7 – 11 MAY  
Public hearings

14 – 22 MAY  
Deliberations

25 JUNE 2015  
Adoption of final LTP

## Your COMMUNITY BOARD

Community Boards provide a link between the Council and the Community and serve to represent and act as advocates for the interests of their community; consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Council or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board; and act as a channel of communication between the community and Council.

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## ŌHOPE BEACH FACT SHEET

# The Big Decisions

*Ngā whakataunga matua*  
LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

ŌHOPE BEACH  
Community Board Area

## What is the Long Term Plan and why is it important?

We are currently developing our 2015-25 Long Term Plan, which sets out the Council's direction, priorities, work programme and budgets for the next 10 years.

Regardless of whether or not you are a ratepayer, the Long Term Plan affects us all. It is more than just a work plan for the Council. Our District faces a number of big decisions, which will have an impact on the services the Council delivers and the costs of those services. We need to hear your views so that we can work together towards the kind of community we want to live in and a future we want to be a part of.

Have your say Submissions close 5pm Monday, 13 April 2015



## Our key proposals

Through the Long Term Plan 2015-25, Whakatāne District Council needs to make some big decisions about the future of our District. We need your help to make these decisions, so please tell us what you think about the following:



Redeveloping the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre



Developing the Whakatāne War Memorial Hall into a modern multi-purpose facility



Transferring pensioner housing to a Community Housing Provider



Increasing our focus on attracting jobs, investment, events and people to the District



Improving harbour facilities

For more detail on these and our other big decisions please see the Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document.



Find out more about your area

# Project snapshot for the Ōhope Beach Community Board area

Here is a snapshot of some of the key projects proposed for the Ōhope Beach Community Board area during the next 10 years. For more information about these projects, and to find out more about what is planned throughout the District, please refer to our Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document. The LTP and supporting documents are also available on the Council website ([www.whakatane.govt.nz/ltp-2015](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz/ltp-2015)).

## Ōhope stormwater system improvements

We are proposing to make improvements to stormwater systems in the Pohutukawa/Harbour Road and Miller's Stream areas. These projects will improve the level of service provided, in response to the flood damage caused by storm events in recent years, and will relieve the pressure on the existing drainage system during heavy rain. This work also reflects community feedback to the last Long Term Plan and recent Annual Plans. A budget of \$650,000 has been allocated for these works in 2015-16.

## Ōhope Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade

We have recently applied for a new resource consent for the Ōhope Sewage Treatment Plant as the existing consent has expired. The new consent will require us to carry out further investigations to understand any risks associated with the discharge of treated wastewater into the sea and to address those risks. We are proposing a budget of approximately \$1 million to complete investigations and undertake upgrades to the treatment plant.

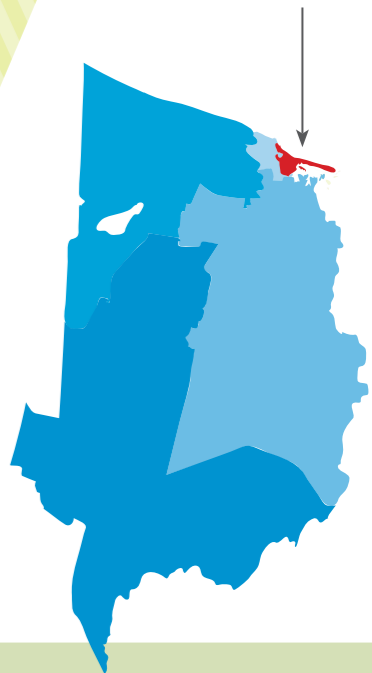
## Implement Port Ōhope Concept Plan - Site Development

The Port Ōhope Concept Plan guides the future development and enhancement of the Port Ōhope area, and aims to ensure we preserve the natural features of the area, improve connectivity with the beach and harbour, increase recreational facilities and allow for potential residential and commercial/retail opportunities. Work is planned to be undertaken over five years from 2016 and 2021 at a cost of \$337,000 per year. This work would be funded through the Harbour Endowment Fund with no impact on rates.

## Port Ōhope Wharf Structural Repairs and Strengthening

Port Ōhope Wharf is an important part of our ports and harbour infrastructure. To ensure that we maintain our assets to an appropriate standard, extend the life of the wharf, repair and strengthening work is required. Council has proposed a budget of \$550,000 to carry out this work in 2017-18.

ŌHOPE BEACH AREA



## Key services provided in the Ōhope area

Whakatāne District Council is responsible for delivering a wide range of essential services and facilities including water supplies, sewage treatment and disposal, solid waste management, roads and footpaths, parks and reserves, libraries, economic development and animal control, to name a few. Additionally, many key services located in the Whakatāne township also provide services to the communities of the Ōhope area such as the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre, Whakatāne Aquatic Centre and War Memorial Hall.

The Whakatāne District Council provides a wide range of services to the Ōhope Beach community, including:

- Ōhope Water Supply
- Ōhope Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Ōhope stormwater system
- Weekly rubbish and recycling and fortnightly greenwaste collections
- Road network
- Multiple parks and reserves
- Ōhope boat ramp
- Ōhope Community Hall
- Ōhope Library

## Proposed rate changes for 2015/16

The following average rates increases would apply if the Long Term Plan is adopted with no significant changes.

Average properties in Ōhope (capital value \$490,000) would see an increase in rates costs of around 4.27%. This is 1.07% higher than the district average of 3.20% and would represent an increase of about \$140 increase on the current annual rates cost. This is principally due to increases to the General Rate requirement and the Uniform Annual General Charge to cover the impact of inflation on the cost of Council services, offset in part by small reductions in other areas.