



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.

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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RANGITĀIKI FACT SHEET

The Big Decisions

Ngā whakataunga matua
LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

RANGITĀIKI
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 Rangitāiki area

Here is a snapshot of some of the key projects proposed for the Rangitāiki Community Board area for 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 full plan is also available on the Council website (www.whakatane.govt.nz/ltp-2015).

Edgecumbe water supply upgrades

We're proposing to make some improvements to the water supply network in Edgecumbe, to ensure that there is enough water pressure available for effective firefighting throughout the urban area. Council has set aside \$450,000 in its budget for the 2019/20 period of the Long Term Plan.

New Sewerage Reticulation System for Matatā

The Matatā sewerage treatment project is a major undertaking and will provide all households in Matatā with an effective and environmentally responsible sewage disposal system. The availability of Ministry of Health funding (\$6.7 million) and a grant allocation from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (\$1.88 million) means that this project can be carried out at an affordable cost to the community. A total project cost of \$13.2 million has been estimated, about one-third of which will be funded by all District ratepayers who are connected to Council sewerage schemes. Subject to the outcome of the recent Environment Court hearing, work is expected to begin in 2015/16.

Edgecumbe Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade

The resource consent to discharge treated effluent from the Edgecumbe Sewage Treatment Plant is due to expire in 2026. To obtain a new resource consent, we may have to carry out upgrades to the existing treatment plant and improve treated effluent quality. Council is proposing to set aside \$4.05 million for this work, to be carried out in the 2015-18 period of the Long Term Plan.

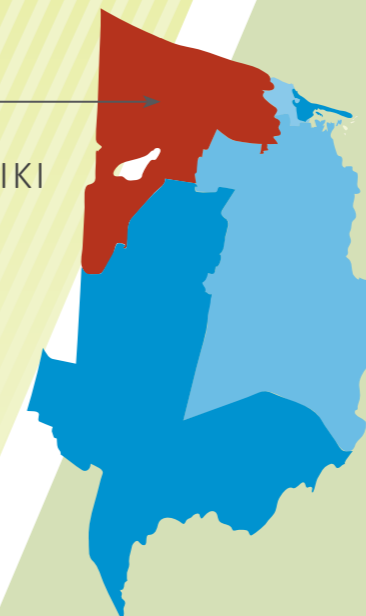
Rewatu Road improvements

Rewatu Road, and a number of other roads in our District, are prone to flooding during storm events. We are looking to investigate ways to improve the resilience of these roads. The Long Term Plan proposes to set aside approximately \$1 million to carry out any necessary improvement works for Rewatu Road in the 2024-25 year.

Plains Water Supply

Development of a new water supply bore at Paul Road and pipe connections extending to Awakeri and Edgecumbe are expected to be completed by the 2015/16 year. Further implementation of the Plains Water Supply Strategy is proposed to be put on hold until further work is completed on the financial and economic viability of the project.

RANGITĀIKI AREA



EDGECUMBE

Average properties in Edgecumbe (capital value \$205,000) would see an increase in rates costs of around 1.24%. This is significantly lower than the district average of 3.20% and would represent an increase of about \$33 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. Edgecumbe sewerage rates also increase slightly.

TE TEKŌ

Average properties in Te Teko (capital value \$101,000) would see increases of 2.18%. These are below the District average of 3.20% and would represent about a \$35 increase on the annual rates bill. This is principally due to increases to the General Rate requirement and the Uniform Annual General Charge, offset in part by small reductions in other areas.

MATATĀ

Rates for an average Matatā property (capital value \$226,000) will decrease by 0.73% or a reduction of \$20.70 in the rates bill. This can be attributed to Council's decision to use general rates to fund Matatā Disaster Mitigation stormwater costs. This change will be phased in over three years, increasing the general rate funding of disaster costs from the current 75% to 100%. Also of note is that, subject to the completion of Matatā's new sewerage system, a new rate would need to be implemented from 2016/17. All ratepayers with properties connected to, or able to be connected to the sewerage scheme will see a rates increase in that year.

RURAL HIGH

The average high value rural property (capital value \$2.37 million) will see a 2.30% rate increase, which equates to about a \$156 increase in the annual rates bill. This is principally due to an increase in the general rate requirement, which is offset in part by a decrease in the capital value-based roading rate.

Key services provided in the Rangitāiki 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 Rangitāiki area such as the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre, Whakatāne Aquatic Centre and War Memorial Hall.

Some examples of key services located in the Rangitāiki Community Board Area include:

- Matatā, Edgecumbe, Te Mahoe and Plains Water schemes
- Edgecumbe, Te Mahoe and (from 2016/17) Matatā Sewerage Systems
- Edgecumbe, Te Teko, Te Mahoe and Taiwhakaea Stormwater Systems
- Weekly rubbish and recycling and fortnightly greenwaste collections
- Extensive road network
- Multiple reserves and sports fields
- Thornton boat ramp
- Community Halls at Edgecumbe, Awakeri, Manawahe, Otakiri and Te Teko
- Edgecumbe Library
- Matatā (Awakaponga) Cemetery.

Proposed rate changes for 2015/16

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