

# Our Direction *From the Mayor*

*Nau mai ki te Mahere Roanga 2015-25. E anga whakamua ai ōna tohutohu, tino take me ngā whakaritenga whakapau moni a te Kaunihera mo te tekau tau. E whakaritenga ā mātou ki ngā take matua i ngā hiahia a te hapori. He haakoa a te Kaunihera i ngā hokinga kōrero mai a te hapori, e āwhina ai te Kaunihera i ngā whakaritenga pūmau mo te hapori te painga.*

Welcome to our Long Term Plan. The Long Term Plan 2015-25 sets the Council's direction, priorities, work programme and budgets for the next ten years. This document overviews our key priorities and the decisions we have made on the community's behalf and in response to the feedback we received from our community. We appreciate and value the feedback that we received and it helped us in making some important decisions for and on behalf of our community.

For the most part, this Long Term Plan outlines our 'steady as you go' approach, with a focus on delivering reliable services and infrastructure at an affordable cost to ratepayers. However, we have included some exciting projects to make progress in some carefully selected areas, notably in promoting economic development and investing in activities which will enhance the vibrancy and vitality of the District.

I know that I speak for the whole Council when I say that we are immensely proud of our District. Like many areas, our District faces challenges, but we also have some unique strengths. This Long Term Plan aims to harness those strengths and, in partnership with the community, build towards a sustainable future.

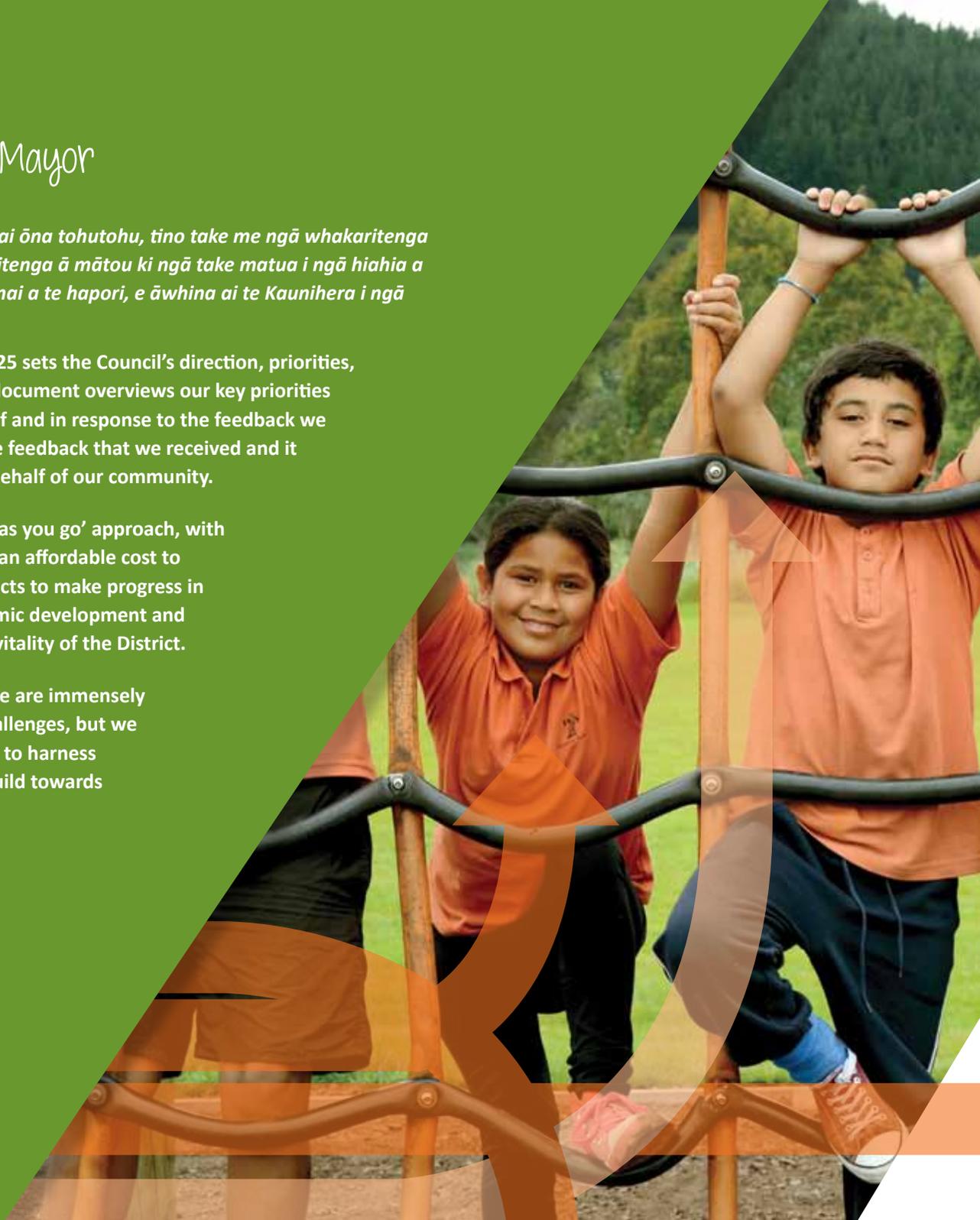
We thank you for your feedback and look forward to working together to achieve our goals.



*Nāku noa nā.*

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**Tony Bonne**  
MAYOR, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT



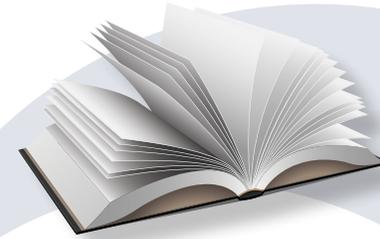


# About the Long Term Plan

*This Long Term Plan affects you, your whānau, your neighbours, even your dog..*

The 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.

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. It is about working towards the kind of community we want to live in and a future we want to be a part of.



## Long Term Plan (LTP)

The LTP sets out our strategic direction and work programme for the ten years ahead. It outlines the services we will provide, the projects we will undertake, the cost of doing this work, how it will be paid for and how we will measure our performance. The issues we face and the context within which we work are continuously evolving. For this reason, an LTP is produced every three years.



## Annual Report

At the end of each financial year the Council produces an Annual Report. This sets out how we performed for the year compared to what we said we would do. It lets you know what we delivered and analyses whether we met our budgets and performance targets.



## Annual Plan

In each of the years between LTPs, we produce an Annual Plan. Through the Annual Plan we review the budgets and work programme that we planned for the year, according to the LTP. The community will be consulted prior to the Annual Plan's adoption, when a significant or material change is proposed to the what was planned through the LTP.

