



2018-28

Long Term Plan
Mahere Roanga

WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT

The place of choice for people to live, work and play

- ▶ Our community is safe and surrounded by people who are friendly and caring
- ▶ Businesses are thriving
- ▶ There is respect for, and pride in our history
- ▶ We are successful guardians of our natural environment

TE ROHE O WHAKATĀNE

Te rohe pai ki te noho, ki te mahi, me te takaro

- ▶ He hapori haumarua, ponitakatia e ngā tāngata ngākaunui
- ▶ Kei te angitu ngā pakihi
- ▶ He whakaute, he whakahī ki tā tātou rohe hītori
- ▶ Ngā kaitiaki tātou o te taiao

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WHAT IS THIS DOCUMENT?

He aha tenei tuhinga?

This is the Long Term Plan (LTP) for the Whakatāne District Council. It sets Council's strategic direction, priorities and work programme for the ten year period, 2018-28. The Long Term Plan 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.



INTRODUCTION FROM THE MAYOR

Kupu whakataki o te Tumuaki

Nau mai ki te Mahere Roanga o 2018-2028. Kei te poho kererū au ki te noho i te rohe nei o Whakatāne. Ko tā mātou ko ngā Kaikaunihera e noho haepapa ana kia tū tonu ai te rohe he rohe pai ki te noho, ki te mahi, ki te takaro, ki te hāpai whānau, anō hoki ki te mahi pakihi. He mahere tēnei o ngā tau tekau e heke mai nei, me ngā take whakahirahira o te Kaunihera i waenga i ngā wero nui o tō tātou rohe. He taonga ngā whanaungatanga hapori, ā, ka anga whakamua mātou ki te mahi tahi ki te tutuki i ō tātou nei take whakahirahira.

Welcome to the Long Term Plan for 2018-28. The Whakatāne District is a place that I feel proud to call home and I know Council elected members are committed to ensuring that our District continues to be a great place to live, work, play, raise a family and do business.

This plan sets the Council's priorities for the next 10 years, in the context of some significant challenges and opportunities.

Over the coming decade and beyond, we will need to make major investments in our three water services – water supplies, wastewater treatment and disposal and stormwater systems. Resource consents for many of our three waters operations are due to expire in 2026 and increasing Central Government standards, technology advances and community expectations mean that the new consents will require much higher operating standards. Our wastewater systems in particular – some of which discharge treated waste into our rivers – will need to be improved to achieve better environmental outcomes. The actual system upgrades involved will fall just beyond this Long Term Plan, but we are starting to prepare now.

Working with others to support employment opportunities and economic growth in our District and the wider Eastern Bay of Plenty continues to be a high priority. By working in partnership with the community and other stakeholders, we will continue to create an environment where communities and businesses thrive.

Our District also continues to work through the implications of climate change and vulnerability to natural hazards. The storm events and flooding of Edgecumbe in April 2017 are an unfortunate reminder of how vulnerable we are now, without the compounding impacts that climate change will bring. The implications of this challenge will be significant and will require a whole-of-society response.

Alongside these challenges, our communities have told us about their aspirations and priorities for the Whakatāne District through the Whakatāne Ki Mua community vision and collaboration project. This project continues to evolve, building partnerships and drawing people together to take action on the things that are important to us.

We are very keen to progress some major opportunities for our District but are ever-mindful of the costs for our communities. With this in mind, partnerships with Central Government are critical to the success of a number of large projects we are expecting to progress in the next 10 years.

We also acknowledge that much of our work relies on local collaboration and local relationships. We value the energy, passion and commitment our communities and people contribute, as we shape our future together.

Nāku noa, nā



Tony Bonne - MAYOR, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT



OUR DISTRICT AT A GLANCE *He titiro whakakeko o tō tātou rohe*



The Whakatāne District in the Eastern Bay of Plenty has a rich history, a strong cultural identity and beautiful natural landscapes. Extending from Ōtamarākau and Matatā in the west to Ōhiwa Harbour in the east, and inland to take in communities including Murupara, Minginui and Ruatāhuna, our District is a place of great diversity.

Sandy beaches are predominant along the 54 kilometres of coastline and are popular with locals and holidaymakers for fishing, swimming, surfing and other recreational activities. We have NZ's most loved beach and we are regularly a contender for sunshine capital of New Zealand.

Te Urewera and Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne in the south form part of the largest remaining indigenous forest tract left in the North Island and are home to a rich array of flora and fauna, providing opportunities for tramping, mountain biking, hunting and outdoor adventures.

Fertile and highly productive farming areas include the lowland Rangitāiki Plains, bordering the coast, and inland, the Galatea basin. Alongside agriculture and horticulture, large parts of our District are covered by commercial plantation forest.

Whakatāne Town, including Ōhope and Coastlands, is the largest urban centre. The town is home to 18,100 people - just over half of the District's population, and is where Council's main offices are located. The remaining population is shared between the rural areas of the District and a number of smaller towns and settlements. The largest of these are Edgecumbe with a population of 1,780 and Murupara with 1,770 residents.

The Whakatāne District is a place that locals recognise as offering a fantastic quality of life.

7.3 PEOPLE
per square kilometre

OF THE DISTRICT IS COVERED BY
48% INDIGENOUS FOREST
A FURTHER 29% IS PLANTATION FOREST

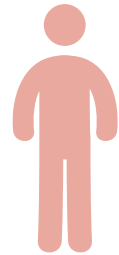


34,610



TOTAL POPULATION

Population distribution



18,110 WHAKATĀNE/ŌHOPE
AND COASTLANDS

5,520 OTHER TOWNS
AND VILLAGES

10,980 RURAL

Major ethnic groups

- **66.3% EUROPEAN**
- **43.5% MĀORI**
- **2.5% PACIFIC**
- **2.5% ASIAN**

13,827

Total dwellings



4,457KM²

District area

High Sunshine hours

ABOUT 2,700

SUNSHINE HOURS EVERY YEAR



Main iwi in the whakatāne district

- **NGĀTI AWA**
- **NGĀTI MANAWA**
- **NGĀTI RANGITIHI**
- **NGĀI TŪHOE**
- **NGĀTI TŪWHARETOA**
- **NGĀTI WHARE**

Major industries by employment:

- 1. HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**
- 2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
- 3. DAIRY CATTLE FARMING**
- 4. CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**
- 5. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES**

IN THE WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT

WHAKATĀNE



45-minute flight
FROM AUCKLAND



60-minute drive
FROM TAURANGA
AND ROTORUA

YOUR COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe

(AS AT 30 JUNE 2018)

The Whakatāne District Council consists of the Mayor (elected by the District at large), and ten Councillors elected from four wards: Rangitāiki, Galatea-Murupara, Tāneatua-Waimana and Whakatāne-Ōhope. The Council is elected every three years, with the most recent election held in October 2016.

The Council and Committees of Council meet regularly to provide direction and make decisions. Meetings are generally open to the public. Information about meetings and access to agendas can be found on our website.



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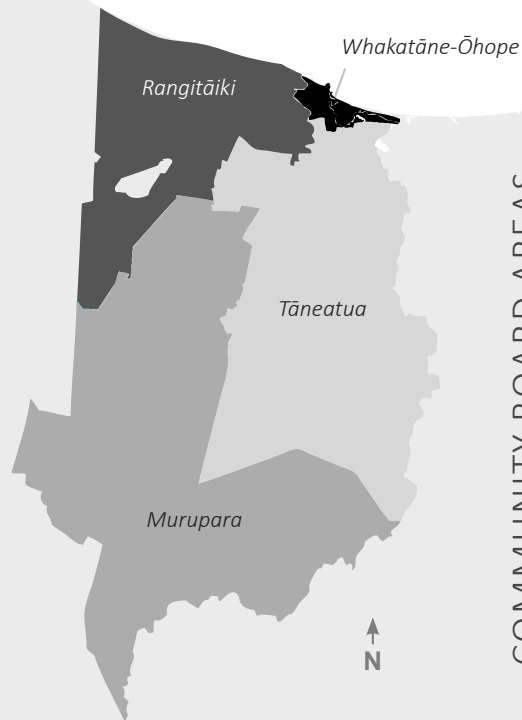
YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Te Poari Hāpori (AS AT 30 JUNE 2018)

The Whakatāne District Council has four Community Boards covering the entire District. Each board is made up of members elected from within the four wards, and an appointed Councillor (two Councillors for Whakatāne-Ōhope) from the same area. Community Boards provide an important link between the Council and the community.

Community Boards meet every seven weeks in an open meeting that you are welcome to attend. Contact information for your Community Board representatives and more details on meeting dates and venues are available on our website.

If you have questions or concerns about a Council process or service, are looking for more information or advice, or have an idea to enhance your community - feel free to get in touch with your local Councillor or Community Board members.



COMMUNITY BOARD AREAS

WHAKATĀNE-ŌHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD

- Christine Chambers - Chair
- Moira Hanna - Deputy Chair
- Scott Jarrett - Councillor
- Mike van der Boom - Councillor
- Kay Boreham
- Gerard Casey
- Neville Delahunty
- Carolyn Hamill
- Mark Inman
- Jennifer Manning

RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD

- Charelle Stevenson - Chair
- Kris Byrne - Deputy Chair
- Gerard van Beek - Councillor
- Graeme Bourk
- Alison Clark
- Gavin Dennis
- Evan Harvey

TĀNEATUA COMMUNITY BOARD

- Diane Yalden - Chair
- Geoff Chater - Deputy Chair
- Andrew Iles - Councillor
- Les Knowles
- Hohepa McLean
- Michael Robert
- Luke Ruiterman

MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD

- Alison Silcock - Chair and Councillor
- Jackie Te Amo - Deputy Chair
- Ormond Hynes
- Bruce Jenkins
- Mem Jenner
- April O'Brien
- Te Waiti Rangiwai

OUR WORK

Tā mātou mahi

The Whakatāne District Council is your Council - here to promote and represent the interests of our communities and District. We work to ensure the wellbeing and hauora of our communities and District, for today and into the future.

Our purpose is to provide:

- Good governance, leadership and advocacy
- Integrated long-term planning
- Effective and reliable community infrastructure, and
- Outstanding service delivery.

Our mahi involves the delivery of a wide range of services and facilities that families, households and businesses rely on and use every day. At the top of our list of priorities is providing services that ensure the health and safety of our community, such as providing clean drinking water, appropriate treatment and disposal of sewage, and providing a local roading network which allows people to move safely about the District. Many other Council activities play an essential role in making this a great District in which we all want to live, work and play.

In total, we deliver 36 activities under 11 activity groups and manage over \$700 million worth of assets on behalf of the community. Detailed information about our activities can be found in the “Our Work in Detail” chapter of this Long Term Plan.



These are just some of our services:

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

ROADS
FOOTPATHS
STREETLIGHTS
BRIDGES



Your Water,
Stormwater
& Sewerage
— SERVICES —



EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT



— YOUR —
Museum
Te Kōputu &
EXHIBITION SPACES
— YOUR —
Libraries



And much more...

THE ROLE OF THE LONG TERM PLAN

Te take o te Mahere Roanga



**LONG TERM PLAN
(THIS DOCUMENT)**

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While the Long Term Plan looks ten years ahead, we renew it every three years. This is because the opportunities and challenges facing our communities and District, and the context within which we work, are continuously evolving. This Long Term Plan covers the period 2018-28 and replaces our previous 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

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 and District we want to live in, and a future we want to be a part of.



**ANNUAL
BUDGET
UPDATE**

The **Annual Budget Update** is produced in each of the two years between our Long Term Plans. These provide an opportunity to make any necessary refinements to what was planned for the year in the Long Term Plan. If there are major or significant changes proposed, we consult on them with the community as part of developing the Annual Budget Update.



**ANNUAL
REPORT**

The **Annual Report** is our scorecard for each year. It is produced at the end of every financial year and provides insight into what we achieved that year. It reports back on how we performed against what we said we would do, and how much we said it would cost in the Long Term Plan and Annual Budget Update.