

OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - April 2023



Our People, Our Spaces

Kōrero mai. Let's talk

**Whakatāne People
and Spaces Strategy
and Rex Morpeth
Recreation Hub
Master Plan**

**Have your
say today –
survey closes
at 5pm!**

We want to hear from you!

Whakatāne District has an abundance of amazing spaces and places that our communities enjoy in a heap of different ways. Demands on these spaces and places are evolving from users of the whenua / land and facilities for sporting, community, social, and cultural activities and events as individuals and in groups large and small.

Now's the time to get dreaming about what you think the future of open spaces (playgrounds, sports fields, reserves etc) looks like for Whakatāne District.

We're calling on you to 'think big' as part of Mā Koutou, Mā Tātau – Our People, Our Spaces. It's an exciting opportunity to have input into the way we plan for the future of open and recreational spaces.

Let us know your thoughts via our online survey at koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/ourpeopleourspace

Temporary access over Warren Cole Walkway

As part of the Barry Ave stormwater pumpstation upgrade, we are building a temporary access ramp over Warren Cole Walkway between Whakatāne Holiday Park and Eivers Road (near the dog obedience park).

The temporary path will be in place from May (weather dependant).

Thanks for your patience while we undertake this important work. For more information visit whakatane.govt.nz/barry-ave-stormwater



New community safety cameras on track

An upgrade of the community safety camera network, also known as CCTV, is charging ahead as local communities provide feedback on where cameras should be located.

Whakatāne District Council was successful in receiving \$1 million from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) Better Off Funding package to deliver and upgrade the existing network with modern cameras, add additional cameras to the network and improve system monitoring abilities. Council staff have started liaising with a range of community groups, including local Iwi, to ensure the upgrade meets the needs of those most affected by security issues.

Mayor Dr Victor Luca emphasises that the cameras will be upgraded and installed across the Whakatāne District, not just within the Whakatāne township.

"The roll-out phase is planned for later this year, so we should soon be able to see tangible results from this initiative."



Sergeant Mark Anaru, Pauline Plowright (Murupara Police Station Support Officer), Ken Bannan (Murupara Community Board) and Adam Parlare (SaferCities) discuss camera locations in Murupara.



We're often on the look-out for superstars to join our team!

To learn more about the opportunities currently on offer visit: whakatane Careers.co.nz



Meet the team Kanohi kitea

Liz Taylor (of Whakatāne) – COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR



What I love most about my job

I LOVE being able to craft seemingly 'snoozy' Local Government happenings into fun, creative little morsels that our communities actually read, and actually begin to care about. I also love working alongside my Council whānau who cop a bit of flak but continue to shake it off, work hard, and hustle for the greater good of our District #weareyou!

What I find most challenging about my job

Council communications require planned, proactive mahi to keep our communities well-informed and to give everyone the opportunity to have their say. However, we also often need to drop everything and respond promptly to unforeseen events. The juggle is real, but it's also exciting and means no two days are ever the same.

Why I love the Whakatāne District

Being a local. It's a very rare day where I don't bump in to someone I know. How cool is that?! Our District is big enough to have everything you need, without the intense hustle and bustle of a city, and is theeeeee best place to raise our whānau.

Hobbies/interests outside work

My whānau is my world and life outside of work revolves around spending quality time with my hubs, my three pretty rad step-sons, our daughter Frankie, and our wider whānau. And painting the house. We are alwaaaays painting. Ha!

Each month, we'll introduce a Whakatāne District Council staff member so you can 'meet' the team working for our communities.

For further information, visit whakatane.govt.nz or phone 07 306 0500

