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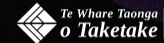
Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - June 2023

# Matariki

ki te rohe o Whakatāne 2023

Hono mai kia whakanui ai tātau i a Matariki  
Join us as we celebrate Matariki

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## Ngā māreikura a Matariki, whakaniko ki Ngāti Awa

19 June – 19 August 2023  
Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi



The opening night for the brand new exhibition 'Nga māreikura a Matariki, whakaniko ki Ngati Awa' was held on Saturday evening at Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi. There was a great turn out for a beautiful celebration of artworks by Ngāti Awa wāhine. Check it out when you are next at the library!

## Council celebrates Local Government Excellence Award success



From left: Michelle Trudgen, rep from sponsor Capability group, Tangimeriana Rua, Steven Perdia, Emlyn Hatch, Steph O'Sullivan, Estelle Reid-Allerby, Georgina Fletcher, Emma Redaelli and Alexandra Pickles.

Whakatāne District Council has been announced as the winner of the Excellence in Organisation and People Development Award at this year's Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards.

The award recognises the amazing work more than 140 Council staff were involved with to develop the organisational vision Toitū te Kotahitanga – Better Together and supporting values.

General Manager People and Engagement Emlyn Hatch says Council's Executive Leadership team is incredibly proud of the many staff who have developed and personified Council's vision and values.

"Ultimately it always came down to people working together, and wanting to do our best for the communities we serve.

"It's so important to look after the people who look after our communities. The values we've created together such as 'Toitū te Taumata – We're always learning and improving; and Toitū te Tangata – We put people at the heart of everything we do, have given us a common language and common focus for all that we do.

The Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards are held annually to recognise programmes, projects, and approaches that demonstrate professional excellence in local government management.

## Meet the team Kanohi kitea



### Nikorima Broughton

ASSETS AND OPERATIONS  
– PORTS AND AIRPORT

#### What I love most about my job

Kaore te kūmara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka...  
The kūmara does not say how sweet he is.

I was always taught this whakataukī and that my actions would always speak louder than my words. Over the past four years I wake up every morning thinking "what cool things will I get to do today?". The roll has up and downs, but the fact that I can make a difference excites me, not only for our community, but to also assist whānau, hapū and iwi.

#### What I find most challenging about my job

There is never enough hours in a day to get it done, I challenge myself everyday to get as much as I can as tomorrow is never guaranteed. One year ago I had a heart attack and from this experience I have learnt to recognise the challenges in my mahi as opportunities. The opportunity to get something right, or the opportunity to try, and try again.

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

#### Why I love the Whakatāne District

Before moving to Whakatāne our whānau was living in sunny Brisbane. Over this period we lost whānau and were not able to come home for the tangihanga. On one of her visits home, my wife decided it was time to move back. We now live under the korowai of Pūtauāki, and although I don't have direct whakapapa to Mataatua, I have the same feelings for this place as I do to home. It's the people, the land, and the sea.

#### Hobbies/interests outside work

I am on a whakapapa journey at the moment, tracing my whakapapa around the country.

I need to pay tribute to my wife Rochelle Broughton (nee Swinton), Rocky for short, but she is surely my rock. We aren't a couple that outwardly shows our affections, but having 16 kids might be one way we show it.

All our mahi is focused on one goal. To make this place and the future better for our tamariki and mokopuna, leaving tomorrow a better place than today.



The Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board has been assisting with the Community Safety Camera project, and contributing to the LTP consultation via a focus group. We've also participated in the Kāinga Ora Community drop-in session, and encouraged communities to have their say.

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