



OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - July 2020

## DRAFT CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA BYLAW 2020

We've reviewed the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2018 as a result of a request for natural burials to be allowed in the Whakatāne District.

Through the Bylaw review, Council proposes to revoke the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2018 and replace it with an updated Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2020. The key changes are:

- The addition of a section relating to natural burial areas, including associated definitions.
- The extension of the days on which a burial may take place to include Sundays.
- Clarification of the requirement for Council approval for memorials prior to installation.

The consultation period will run until 5pm Friday, 24 July. Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on the proposed bylaw changes, either online or in writing (by email or post).



**FUTURE  
IN FOCUS**  
Arotahi Ki  
Anamata

## Still time to give feedback on Future in Focus – Arotahi Ki Anamata

The consultation period for 'Future in Focus – Arotahi ki Anamata' has been extended until 5pm Monday, 6 July 2020.

Within this document is 'The Big Ten' – a list of 10 priorities that the Council will focus on to make sure we are on the right track for our future. We want to know what your thoughts are on these priorities – do you agree with what we've identified? Which do you think should be the highest priority? Is there anything we've missed?

Visit [koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz](http://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz) and give your feedback by 5pm Monday, 6 July 2020.

## Extra \$2.5 million for immediate economic kickstart



An immediate cash injection of \$2.5 million from the Government will go towards a suite of projects aimed at transforming the Whakatāne riverfront and CBD, boosting employment and stimulating the regional economy.

Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt Honorable Winston Peters, confirmed the funding boost last week. The latest Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) contribution is in addition to the \$8.2 million of Kia Kaha Whakatāne funding for worker redeployment.

It also comes on top of the Government's \$19.6 million for a new boat harbour development, and \$9.6 million for the riverfront revitalisation project. The immediate funding means these projects will be able to progress through the necessary steps quicker, giving the local economy a much needed boost sooner.

Mayor Judy Turner says that this latest investment will be able to deliver the equivalent of 160 full-time jobs in the next six weeks, with more than 100 jobs able to start immediately and some workers already on site.

## Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July is the perfect time to start making simple swaps for single-use plastics, preventing a huge amount of waste heading to landfill and our oceans.

For those unsure where to begin, finding reusable alternatives for 'The Big Four' is a great start.

### THE BIG FOUR:



Head to [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org) for more handy tips on how to be part of the solution for plastic pollution.



### Remember...

There are six things you can recycle in your yellow-lidded bins – cardboard and cans, paper and tins, plastics one and two.



## HŌTAKA HARAREI – HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FUN AHEAD

If you're looking for exciting activities for the kids these school holidays, check out [whakatane.com](http://whakatane.com) for a fantastic range of holiday programme events.

With a focus on Matariki, there's sure to be something special for everyone.



## Register your dogs now and be in to win

It's dog registration time. Register your dog(s) by 5pm Friday, 31 July 2020 and be in to win heaps of prizes, including a kennel and run valued at \$850. All prizes are kindly sponsored by Purina, Tux and Nestlé.

You can pay online, or visit the friendly Customer Services teams at the Whakatāne Civic Centre or Murupara Service Centre.

Pay your  
registration fees  
before 5pm Friday,  
31 July 2020  
to be into  
**WIN!**



## Whakatāne Skate Park extension

Representatives from Ngāti Awa, J Stone Skate Parks, Whakatāne District Council and the skate park community attended a karakia to celebrate the start of the skate park extension, due to be completed by the end of 2020.

The \$415,000 extension project has been funded from various agencies including New Zealand Community Trust, Pub Charity Limited, Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board, Eastern Bay Energy Trust and the Lottery Grants Board.