



OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - July 2021

Pay your dog
registration fees by
31 July and be into
WIN!



Register your kurī and be in to win!

It's dog registration time. Register your dog(s) by 31 July 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.

Representation review on the horizon

Councils must review their representation arrangements at least once every six years to achieve fair and effective representation. This year we're carrying out a representation review and we'll be asking our communities to help inform Council in its decision making.

On 20 May 2021, Council unanimously voted to introduce Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections. The representation review looks at the total number of councillors there should be for a region and the way they're elected. The review involves deciding:

- the number of councillor to be elected for both the general and Māori wards
- whether they're elected from wards or 'at large' across the whole region, or a mix of both
- whether there should be community boards, and if so how many, their names and boundaries and the number of members for each board.

Visit whakatane.govt.nz for more information.



Celebrate Matariki

The Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi (Whakatāne Library and Exhibition Centre) team has put together an exciting programme to celebrate Matariki.

The Hautapu series includes guest speakers Ngaatea Tk Genesis, Davina Merepeka Thompson, Maisey Rika, Les Umuhuri and Hani Totorewa. There's also a range other other fanatstic events you can get involved with – check out whakatane.com/events for all the information.

Funding approved for arts strategy



We've just heard that our application for \$30,000 for the development of an arts strategy has been approved by Creative NZ – Local Government Arts Fund.

This is fantastic news, because it means we can provide a cohesive and strategic direction for the arts sector and groups, creative activities and events in the Whakatāne District. The strategy will also enable work with iwi and hapū to foster cultural vitality and celebrate cultural heritage across our communities.

We'll keep you in the loop as the project unfolds.

SIGN UP ONLINE TO DIRECT DEBIT AND BE IN TO WIN!

Sign up online to pay your rates by direct debit **before 5pm Monday, 5 July** and go in the draw to win one of three \$200 grocery vouchers.

Visit whakatane.govt.nz/payyourrates to sign up now.

**Terms and conditions apply*



Sign up to get your rates invoices by email before 5pm Monday, 5 July 2021 and go in the draw to win one of these fantastic prizes.

- ★ Trip for four to Moutohorā with Moutohorā Island Tours - valued at \$476
- ★ Ōhiwa Explorer guided kayak tour with KG Kayaks - valued at \$440
- ★ Two family passes with Awakeri Rail valued at \$190 each
- ★ Four A:M Clothes T-shirts valued at \$160
- ★ Four-person pass for the EPIC Escape Room valued at \$128
- ★ 20 x Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre family passes valued at \$15 each

Visit whakatane.govt.nz/rates to sign up. You'll need your customer number from the front of your most recent invoice. If you don't have this, give us a call on 07 306 0500 or email info@whakatane.govt.nz and we can help.

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Hautapu

Free wānanga series during Matariki 2021

MARAMATAKA,
MATARIKI + US
Tangaroa-ā-mua
Friday, 2 July

MATARIKI
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS
Tangaroa-whakapau
Sunday, 4 July

GARDENING
+ WAIATA
Tangaroa-ā-roto
Saturday, 3 July

NAVIGATION
Tangaroa-kiokio
Monday, 5 July



5am - 7am during the Tangaroa moon phases
Whakatāne Yacht Club, Kākahoroa Drive
Tekoputu@whakatane.govt.nz



Meet the team Kanohi kitea

Vicky Richards
Strategic Coordinator
– Community Planning



What I love most about my job
Working with our communities, and supporting small communities or groups to achieve their goals and aspirations. For instance, I've really enjoyed working alongside the Edgecumbe Community as it developed and then implemented its community plan. The plan's aim was to "restore community confidence, connections, pride, infrastructure and economic vitality," and the community has successfully delivered many actions in support of this.

What I find most challenging about my job
There's sometimes an element of negativity, and it can be disheartening to have to say 'no' and also be told 'no'. However, there are lots of opportunities to say 'yes' – which is also one of my favourite parts of the job.

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

What I love about the Whakatāne District
Definitely our location. We have so many choices for outdoor recreation, being close to the beaches, rivers, bush walks and sports - we really are spoilt! It's an incredible place to bring up your whānau.

Hobbies/interests outside work
Spending time together with my whānau, being involved with my community and keeping active. I also love gardening and learning more about growing organic kai.

Anything else to add?
Our community development team is passionate about exactly that – developing communities. If you have any questions, or would like a chat, please get in touch.