



Te Niaotanga ō Mataatua ō Te Arawa Matatā Wastewater Project – community update

Te Taihu o te Waka - "Navigating the bow of the canoe, in the right direction, together"

The Matatā Wastewater project continues to progress steadily with the project team undertaking initial land-based testing. This allows us to develop a greater understanding of what is occurring, meaning we can make positive steps towards a solution.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Environmental monitoring: The project's environmental monitoring programme continues with both surface and ground water monitoring being done monthly. Ecological monitoring is also being done at selected sites across the area. Additional monitoring is also underway to help the project team establish suitable land for a possible disposal site.

Land analysis review: Using a GIS tool developed for the project, several key sites were identified as possible land disposal sites. After discussions with relevant landowners, one site was selected to move to the next stage of testing. Early soil quality testing has been completed on this site, and the tests have been positive, and the project has progressed into further discussions with the landowner.

Establishment of a land management sub-committee: A sub-committee is being established within the project to specifically focus on how a wastewater disposal operation could be best implemented on the currently identified land site. This will help determine if the current site is preferable and appropriate to move forward with. The sub-committee will have representatives from the Co-Design Group, technical team, and landowner to best work through the complexities and next steps.

Treatment plant site analysis: The project team and Co-Design Group have worked together to agree the initial parameters for appropriate location of the treatment plant. This includes buffers for cultural sites, noise, odour, access etc. From this, the technical team have used the GIS tool developed for the project to identify several key sites for further review and testing. This follows a similar process used to identify suitable land disposal sites.

Community engagement: The team is working through an engagement schedule which is being developed with the Co-Design Group. This will include a community drop-in session which we anticipate will happen in the next couple of months. Keep an eye out on Council's Facebook page for more information on when and where this will happen.

**Heads up
- change
is coming!**

The format of this newsletter will soon be changing to a Rangitāiki Community Board ward-wide update.

Matatā Community Plan hui

**Calling all motivated
Matatā residents!**

If you'd like to be involved in a working group to create a future plan for our village, a plan that will benefit all residents and visitors of Matatā, please come along to the first Community Plan hui.

**Sunday, 3 September
2.00pm**

**Matatā Rugby
Clubrooms**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email
MatataWastewaterProject@whakatane.govt.nz
or visit whakatane.govt.nz/matata-wastewater to keep up to
date with project progress.



NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT UPDATE



One of the best things you can do to keep yourself safe at home is to join your local Neighbourhood Support Group and get to know your neighbours.

Vehicle safety and security

How to protect your vehicle:

- Park in a visible location, or off the street if possible.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle or store them safely out of sight.
- Don't display names, addresses or license plate numbers on keys and key chains.
- Secure number plates with anti-theft screws (available at car accessory stores).
- Secure alloy wheels with fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts.
- Store your car ownership information at home, not in the vehicle.
- Fit your vehicle with anti-theft devices, such as a steering wheel lock or alarm.
- If vehicle is key-less, keep 'keys' (or entry device) a safe distance from car, away from doors and windows so the signal can't be interfered with.
- Get to know neighbours and their vehicles, so you'll know if you see something that doesn't seem right.

Reporting suspicious behaviour/activity – If you SEE something SAY something! If you can't decide if it's a real emergency and you're still worried, call 111 and ask.

Keep in contact with your neighbours and let one another know if you notice any suspicious behaviour around vehicles in your street.

It's FREE to become part of a Neighbourhood Support Group - if you would like to set up one in your street, contact Jane 027 255 1351.

Any stories or events you want to share with the Matatā community?

Please send them to newsletters@whakatane.govt.nz to be included in the next edition.



MATATA Residents Association invites you to

Meet the Candidates

each candidate will speak for 10 min.

East Coast Electorate

Tamati Coffey Labour Party, Chris Robertson DemocracyNZ, Jordan Walker Green Party, Dana Kirkpatrick National Party, Michael Howe ACT

Waiariki Electorate

Toni Boynton Labour Party, Rawiri Waititi Maori Party

Sunday 17th September 2pm
Matata Rugby Club

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