



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

**Matatā 6 December 2020  
2pm to 5:30pm**

Matatā Christmas in the Park will be held at the Matatā Rugby Field on Sunday, 6 December from 2pm onwards. Come along, enjoy some live entertainment and food and just soak up the evening with whānau and friends!

If you are interested in performing or entertaining, please email Cam at [cameronrota05@gmail.com](mailto:cameronrota05@gmail.com)

## KĀHUI AWATARARIKI INFORMATION HUI

The first stage of the Coastal Protection Zone open space project is to create a design for the land acquired by Whakatāne District Council as part of the Awatarariki Debris Flow Risk Management (Voluntary Managed Retreat Programme).

Council staff acknowledge the significance of the Awatarariki Fanhead to both tangata whenua and the community, and has endorsed that the design is created by the community through the formation of a community group (Kāhui Awatarariki).

Whakatāne District Council, Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, and Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust would like to invite those interested to an information evening which will provide more information on the project, expectations of Kāhui Awatarariki members etc.

### MEETING DETAILS

**WHEN:** Thursday, 19 November 2020

**TIME:** 5:30pm

**VENUE:** Matatā Rugby and Sports Club,  
12 Division Street, Matatā

*Light refreshments will be provided*

All are welcome! Please RSVP to [vicky.richards@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:vicky.richards@whakatane.govt.nz) by Wednesday, 18 November 2020.

## BLUELIGHT EVENTS HEAPS OF FUN



The annual **Matatā Bluelight Raft Race** is fast approaching. On **Sunday, 29 November** teams will take to the Whakatāne River to test their raft building abilities, paddling prowess and sheer determination as they battle it out for overall champion.

On Friday, 30 October, Bluelight held a Halloween movie night at the Bluelight hub in Matatā. The kids watched *Monster Family* with free popcorn, lollies and drinks. There was a fantastic turn-out, with some creative (and spooky) costumes!

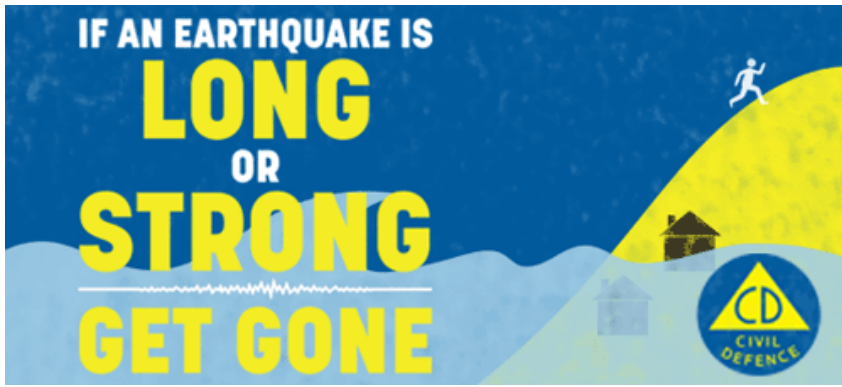
## MATATĀ WASTEWATER UPDATE

Whakatāne District Council (WDC) is engaging with iwi to collaboratively identify and develop a solution to the ongoing wastewater issues within Matatā.

This is a priority project for WDC and a project team is being formed to progress it as quickly as possible, while making sure the appropriate boxes are ticked should resource consents be required. There will also be a wider community engagement phase once a project team is established, so watch this space!

## PLAN CHANGE 14 (PC 14) UPDATE AND PROPOSED MAINTENANCE ZONE RULES

Bay of Plenty Regional Council manages the environmental effects of onsite wastewater discharges under the Resource Management Act 1991. It acknowledges that the current On-site Effluent Treatment Systems (OSET) Plan is 14 years old and does not include any requirements for Matatā as it was considered a 'Future Reticulation Zone.' The urgent need to address Matatā OSET discharges for the community and environment's health has led to us currently developing the PC 14 rules and we are considering the community's concerns. To learn more about PC 14, what the proposed Maintenance Zone rules might mean for Matatā and the anticipated timeframes, please call our planner Jill Owen on 0800 884 880 or visit our website: [www.boprc.govt.nz/osetplanchange](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/osetplanchange)



## ALERT SIRENS NO MORE FOR MATATĀ

**From 1 July 2020, residents in coastal areas, including Matatā, will no longer be alerted to a potential tsunami or any other disaster event by our siren (one long siren with no breaks).**

We now have to rely on natural warning signs, Electronic Mobile Alerts (EMA), radio, stinger sirens and internet-based systems. Emergency Mobile Alerts are messages about emergencies sent by authorised emergency agencies to capable mobile phones. The alerts are designed to keep people safe and are broadcast to all capable phones from targeted cell towers.

The alerts can be targeted to areas affected by serious hazards and will only be sent when there is a serious threat to life, health or property, and in some cases for test purposes.

If you get an alert, read the message and take it seriously. It will tell you what the emergency is and what to do. It will also tell you which agency sent the message and if needed, where to go for more information.

Another great alert tool is The Red Cross Hazard App. It is a free, comprehensive and convenient way to be ready for emergencies. Being prepared for hazards reduces our vulnerability to them and helps save lives. Download The Red Cross Hazard App to help you and your family prepare for and respond to hazards in New Zealand. The app is a vital tool to help you get through emergencies and get disaster alerts.

A nationwide Civil Defence Electronic Mobile Alert will be held on Sunday, 22 November. Please be aware this is only a test. If you do not receive your test alert, visit the civil defence website and provide feedback.

If you would like to discuss how to be alerted, please phone Shelly or Jane on 027 255 1351 or email [nswakatane@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nswakatane@xtra.co.nz)

## C'MON GUYS, GET FIREWISE

**It's a really good idea to talk to your children about fire safety, how to avoid starting fires and what to do if there's a fire in your home.**

Children as young as five can learn what to do in a fire emergency. This is lifelong learning that they will take into adulthood. Children need to understand that fire can be dangerous!

- Always ensure matches and lighters are out of reach from children, and that your young ones know that these are tools and not toys
- Have an escape plan. If a fire starts in a room, a person has about 3 minutes to get out before the room is engulfed in smoke or flames. Make sure children know to GET OUT and STAY OUT in a fire emergency.

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We are happy to visit your home (for FREE) to:

- Check existing smoke alarms to ensure they work and are in the right places
- Install smoke alarms, if you need them
- Help you make an escape plan

Call 0800 693 473 or your local fire station to schedule a visit.

**Nicole Dobson** – Āpiha Ārai Whatitata Patu Ahi  
| Fire Risk Management Officer Risk Reduction



# Keep in touch

Find information, ask us questions or give the District and Regional Councils your feedback by contacting us as below:



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