



MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

THE JOURNEY FORWARD

The Long Term Plan (LTP) affects you, your whānau, your friends, your neighbours, even your dog! The LTP sets out the Council's vision, direction, work plan and budgets for the next 10 years.

You'll have the opportunity to tell us what you think about the big issues during the consultation stage – Friday, 23 April until Sunday, 23 May.

There are lots of ways to tell us too – including online at koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz, on social media, and in-person with your elected members at events all over the district, including from 10am to 4pm on **Wednesday, 12 May in the Murapara CBD.**

Watch this space (and your letterbox) for more information.



Māori arts and crafts prove popular

The Murupara Māori Women's Welfare League has been sponsoring and promoting arts and crafts in the community. Raranga (weaving) and tāniko (embroidery) workshops have proved very popular, with more than 15 people at each session learning or continuing the art. The rōpū is tutored by life member and tohunga master weaver, Ngahaka Christie. The classes are held on Mondays at the local Catholic Church Hall.



L-R Huia Tohiariki, Tina Barnett, Ngahaka Christie and Kiri Cameron

Murupara Service Centre and Library refresh

The Murupara Service Centre and Library will be getting a new interior paint job, so there will be limited services from Friday, 30 April until Tuesday, 18 May. The Service Centre will be open 10am-4pm during this time, and while you'll be able to return books, you won't be able to take any new ones.

Thanks for your understanding while this necessary work is carried out.

RANGATAHI DRIVER TRAINING DAY

Te rā whakangungu kaitaraiwa rangatahi

WEDNESDAY
21 APRIL

BESIDE POOLS
MURUPARA

10AM START

FOR LEARNER / RESTRICTED
LICENSED DRIVERS AND WHĀNAU

DRIVING CHALLENGES
GAMES AND PRIZES
FREE BBQ

Bring your own car or use ours.
Bring your licence if you have one.

ALL WHĀNAU WELCOME



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BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Have you been rafting or kayaking before and loved it? Or are you keen to try something new? Experience the exhilaration of riding the rapids on a funky inflatable riverbug, drift through hidden canyons and discover the stories of our special place. There's plenty of riverbug action on the Rangitaiki awa – the Bay of Plenty's longest river. The whitewater, scenery and isolation make it one of our 'hidden jewels'. Suitable for ages 10+, allow four hours.

Visit riverbug.nz for more information.



Riverbugs are lightweight, single-person inflatables, controlled with paddle-gloved hands and flippered feet.

Community good funding

Whakatāne District Council has secured more than \$300,000 from the Lion Foundation to fund 'community good' projects around the district.

Projects in the Murupara rohe include installing a disability hoist at the Murupara Community Pool; installing a shade sail at the playground and replacing the basketball court surface.

Ka mau te wehi!

Apply for your share of \$20,000 from Creative New Zealand

The Whakatāne Creative Communities Scheme aims to increase participation in the arts at a local level, and increase the range and diversity of arts available within communities.

The three categories are:

- Access and participation
- Diversity
- Youth participation



Applications for this round of funding close on Friday, 14 May 2021.

Visit whakatane.govt.nz/creative-communities or call 0800 306 0500 for more information.

MURUPARA AQUATIC CENTRE CLOSURE

The Murupara swimming pool season closed on 28 March 2021, due to lack of patronage. This was disappointing for those who have enjoyed this heated pool from Labour Weekend, especially as the season was scheduled to continue until the end of April.

It's important our communities support this wonderful asset. If you have any ideas to for pool activities to encourage more swimmers and make full use of this facility, please contact Alison Silcock – Alison.Silcock@whakatane.govt.nz.

Learn how to save lives



St John is working with community groups to deliver free '3 Steps for Life' training to ensure more people know what to do in an emergency situation.

Nearly 2000 New Zealanders suffer from a cardiac arrest (heart stoppage), with most of these happening at home.

'3 Steps for Life' is designed to give all New Zealanders the confidence and awareness to take action when somebody suffers a cardiac arrest by:

1. Calling 111 **2. Starting CPR** **3. Using an AED** (automated external defibrillator).

If your whānau, hapū, community group, sports team or club is interested in receiving this free training, email the St John Territory Manager George Clicquot - george.clicquot@stjohn.org.nz.



L-R Dione Cobb, Cecelia Walker (from Tipapa Marae) and Tania Joe.

No more cheque payments



Banks are phasing out cheques this year. This means Whakatāne District Council will stop accepting cheques as a payment method **after Friday, 21 May 2021** – which is the due date for the fourth rates instalment.

If you use cheques to make payments to Council, now is a good time to think about another option. You can choose direct debit, internet banking, EFTPOS, credit card or cash.

We know this is a big change for some of our customers, so we will work with you to ensure your alternative payment decision is the right one for you. Visit the Murupara Service Centre, call us on 0800 306 0500 or email info@whakatane.govt.nz – we're here to help.

What's on



Rangatahi driver training day

WHEN: 10am Wednesday, 21 April 2021

WHERE: Next to Murupara Pools.

ANZAC Day dawn service

WHEN: 5.30am Sunday, 25 April

WHERE: Tipapa Marae, 1590 Kopuriki Road, Murupara.

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

– Pink Caravan visit

WHEN: Monday, 3 May until Friday, 14 May

WHERE: St John Ambulance carpark, Pine Drive, Murupara. *Free mammograms for women 45-69 years old. Please book at the Medical Centre or phone BreastScreen 0800 270 200.*

Long Term Plan Consultation 'Community Conversation'

WHEN: 10am to 4pm Wednesday, 12 May 2021

WHERE: Murupara CBD

Wahine Hauora Day

WHEN: Friday, 14 May

WHERE: Murupara Hospital, Oregon Drive, Murupara. *Free cervical screening, sexual health checks and contraception.*

Murupara Community Board meeting

WHEN: 10am Tuesday, 8 June 2021

WHERE: Galatea Hall, Mangamate Road, Galatea. *Members of the community are welcome to attend.*

Community Market Days

WHEN: 9am to 12pm, every second Saturday

WHERE: St Mark's Presbyterian Church – corner Oregon Drive and Matai Street, Murupara.

Stalls available – contact Ron Koroo on 027 359 9536 for more information.



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