

MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

Reimagine our District - Pohewatia anō tō tātou rohe

Whakatāne District Council wants our communities to help shape the future of the Whakatāne District, which is why they've launched 'Reimagine our District – Pohewatia anō tō tātou rohe'. This long-term project will help identify things that are important for our future and guide how we will work towards them.

The whakataukī for this project is 'Ko te ao o te kōwhai – The budding of the kōwhai'. It represents a new season, a new opportunity to thrive, while remembering the roots from which we've grown.

Future in Focus – Arotahi ki Anamata, a document that outlines ten priorities for the future of the Whakatāne District, is open for consultation until Monday, 6 July 2020.

You can find more information and join the conversation on the brand-new online engagement platform koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz.

Elected members are always happy to have a chat too, so get in touch with a Councillor or Community Board member if you'd rather do it that way.



A kōwhai tree planted in Murupara commemorates the launch of 'Reimagine our District – Pohewatia anō tō tātou rohe'. Attended by Awhina Chapman, Councillor Alison Silcock, kaumātua Jack Tupe and Community Board member Ngapera Rangiaho.



DOG REGISTRATION TIME

It's time to renew your dog registration! Register your dog(s) on or before Friday, 31 July 2020 and receive a discounted fee. Registrations paid after the 31 July 2020 will be charged the full fee.

You can pay online via bank transfer or credit card, in person at Whakatāne Civic Centre or Murupara Service Centre, or post a cheque.

Remember, it's much cheaper in the long run to pay \$58/83 per dog than pay a \$300 fine for each unregistered dog.

Dog exercise areas include: Fire Station Reserve, Miro Drive Reserve, Ngatimanawa Road Reserve, River Edge Reserve, Taniwha Park / Roy Hardy Reserve and Wingate Park.

Dogs are prohibited at all times at Rimu Road Reserve, Service Centre Reserve and Lake Aniwhenua Reserve (north of Jetty Road) in Galatea.

Queen's Birthday Honours

Sincere congratulations to the local recipients in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list.



James Doherty - Officer of the NZ Order of Merit for services to Māori and conservation.



Tony Bonne - Officer of the NZ Order of Merit for services to local government and the community.



Diane Yalden - Queen's Service Medal for services to the community.

A significant acknowledgement of many years of dedication to our communities.

Murupara water supply update



Whakatāne District Council regularly tests Murupara's water supply, which is untreated and high-quality water. Recently, testing recorded higher than normal levels of a contaminant in the supply. There was unanimous agreement with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare, Marae chairpersons (Painoaiho, Rangitahi, Moewhare), Kaumatua Pem Bird, the Murupara Community Board, Mayor Judy Turner, Council Chief Executive Steph O'Sullivan, Council water treatment staff, and other community leaders, to carry out a dosing of the system. This was completed after the community had been notified and took place on Monday, 25 May.

The results of initial testing following the dosing and flushing of the system showed success in reducing the contaminant to low levels. While there was a slight rise in the contaminant, subsequent samples taken on 3 and 4 June have shown an improvement throughout the network.

Further to this, Council has also undertaken further maintenance at the reservoirs and holding tank to ensure they are sealed to prevent any insect or small animal entering the network through these above ground facilities.

Testing will continue. If the results continue to show increasing levels of the contaminant, the Council will continue to kōrero with community leaders and the wider community about the water supply.

The Council is committed to working with the Murupara community to ensure we collectively manage the water supply system to keep the community healthy and safe.

WHAT'S ON?

Murupara Community Board meeting

WHEN: 10 am Monday, 29 June 2020
WHERE: Murupara Service Centre, Pine Drive

Boomerang Bags

WHEN: 9 am – 12 pm every Monday and Tuesday
WHERE: Upstairs at REAP Office, Pine Drive

Story ideas to:

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POLICE REPORT

Kia ora koutou from Murupara Police

The relaxing of COVID-19 alert levels in the past month has resulted in a noticeable increase in crime.

Family harm incidents continue to be a big problem, and are getting more serious with assaults.

Unlawful taking of motor vehicles, burglaries and wilful damage to property are on the rise. There have been a few reports regarding vehicle complaints and the manner in which people are driving.

People riding motorbikes on Black Road Forestry block continues to be a problem. CCTV and security are increasing in this area to catch these offenders, who will be prosecuted.

SCAMS

The internet is an important source of information and social interaction. Remember it can also present dangers, including online fraud, scams, bullying and abuse. Invoice scamming and Facebook scams are increasing and have affected people in this community.

USEFUL LINKS

- NZ Police – [police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz)
- Scams – Netsafe – [netsafe.org.nz/scam-advice-reporting](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/scam-advice-reporting)

Sergeant Bryan Newcombe
Murupara Police

Contacting Police

If you need Police assistance, or have something to let us know, you can get in touch 24/7.

111

Call 111 when you need an immediate emergency response from Police, Fire or Ambulance.

105

Call 105 or visit [105.govt.nz](https://www.105.govt.nz) to report things that have already happened and don't require urgent Police assistance.

*555

Call *555 to report road incidents that are urgent but not life-threatening.

Crimestoppers

Call 0800 555 111 to report a crime anonymously. Crimestoppers is an independent charity.