

# Rangitāiki

## COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

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## Water meters being installed

**A project to install water meters is starting to be rolled out as part of a programme of work which also includes replacing aging water pipes.**



Matatā is one of the last cabs off the rank for having meters installed in the district, and since installing them in other areas it's meant we've been able to detect leaks on private properties easier and faster.

In terms of charging for water- this won't change in the short term, but if this was to change it would only be following a formal consultation process.

Check your mailbox- if you're going to be affected by this mahi, we've sent you a letter advising when we'll be in your street.

The project will run into 2024 so while it might look like we've finished work in your street, we may still need to come back and do a few finishing touches.

For more information check out [whakatane.govt.nz](http://whakatane.govt.nz)

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 [rangitaikicomunityboard](https://www.facebook.com/rangitaikicomunityboard)

## Tarawera Awa update




Work continues on the tidal floodgate upgrade on the eastern side of the Tarawera River and is expected to be completed by Christmas.

If you have any questions contact Chris Clarke  
Ph. 027 557 4457 E. [kaitiaki@ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz](mailto:kaitiaki@ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz)



## BRAEMAR SPRINGS TE WAI-Ū O PUKEMAIRE

**Keep safe when swimming  
Kia haumaru te kauhoe**

-  **Check water depth before jumping in**
-  **Swim with friends**
-  **If under 12 years, swim with adult supervision**



**Waiho ake mā te au o Rangitāiki koe e kawē atu ki tua o pae.  
Let the current of the Rangitāiki river guide you to the horizon and beyond.**

**Please drive with caution  
on Thornton Road.**

**Major road works underway  
until April 2024.**



# Tarawera Aspirations Document

**The Tarawera Aspirations Document has been produced by the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group (TARSG).**

The TARSG's purpose is to support, coordinate and promote the integrated restoration of the mauri of the catchment.

The membership of this group is comprised of four Iwi- Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Mākino, Ngāti Rangitihī and Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau as well as four local authorities- Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Kawerau District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council and Whakatāne District Council.

The legislation requires the TARSG to develop a Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Document aimed at restoring the mauri of Te Awa o Te Atua and Tarawera Awa.

The TARSG has agreed to meet the legislative requirement of producing a Strategy Document in three stages.

## Stage One - Aspirations

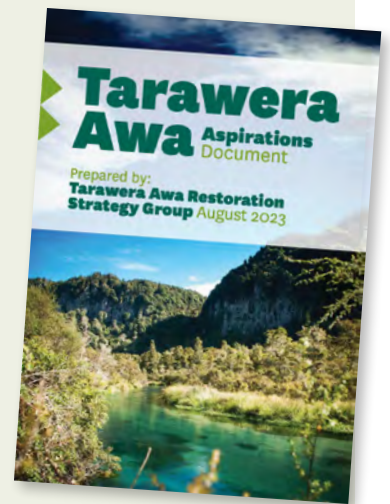
The first stage is aimed at informing a wide range of stakeholders that the TARSG exists, its membership, its legislative purpose and high-level intentions for land use change necessary to restore the mauri of the catchment.

## Stage Two - Develop a Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Document

The second stage involves developing the Strategy Document in line with legislative requirements, which includes outlining a common vision, objectives and desired outcomes for the catchment. It will ensure all stakeholders are consulted and can participate in a submissions and hearings process that will lead to approval of the Strategy Document.

## Stage Three - Action Plan

This stage involves developing and implementing an action plan that outlines what projects, specific activities and land use changes will be undertaken to deliver the Strategy Document's common vision, objectives and desired outcomes.



## Stakeholder Involvement

Throughout developing and implementing the Strategy Document, the TARSG will operate openly and inclusively, seeking and encouraging involvement and participation from a wide range of stakeholders, including iwi, with interests in the catchment. For more information and regular updates about the TARSG's progress, email [restoringtarawera@gmail.com](mailto:restoringtarawera@gmail.com).

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District Council  
Kia Whakatāne ou i aho

# Waste collection

This year, Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Monday. If your kerbside rubbish, recycling and greenwaste bins are usually collected on a Monday, they will instead be collected two days earlier on Saturday, 23 December and Saturday, 30 December.

- CLOSED Christmas Day and New Year's Day – Whakatāne and Murupara Transfer Stations
- REDUCED HOURS Boxing Day and 2 January – Whakatāne Transfer Station
- OPEN AS NORMAL Boxing Day and 2 January – Murupara Transfer Station



## Unearthing the history of Matatā

**A watermain renewal project currently underway in Matatā has unearthed tangible reminders of what life was once like for the small coastal community.**

The project team have been working closely under the guidance Heritage New Zealand's appointed archaeologist, Lynda Walter of In-situ Heritage, and cultural monitors Erin Tioke and Mereana Hona, who were nominated by the local Iwi.

Like with any project which may disturb the ground, the team have been operating under an archaeological authority process which is enforced by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. These measures ensure the project follows the established archaeological protocols while respecting and acknowledging the historical significance of the Matatā area.

We've been very lucky that in some cases, samples have been given to Te Whare Taonga o Taketake, Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre for safe keeping.

Here's some of the items the team have found so far:

1. Half pumice bowl found at Wilson Street.
2. Māori trench on high area of Heale Street- recorded by the archaeologist and will be submitted to HNZ for recording in their map.
3. Small black smooth shiny chert or flint found lower area of Heale Street- possibly used as a cutting tool.
- 4+4a. Cooking stones Nesbitt Street.
5. Gun barrel with bullet found at Heale Street – submitted to NZ Police with no information yet as to the age and whether it is newer or from the colonial period.
6. Original timber water main with steel reinforcing – Marae Lane.



## Neighbourhood Support *Creating safe, resilient, and connected communities*

**This Christmas get to know your neighbours so that if they don't have family/friends close by you can make them welcome by extending the hand of friendship.**

### Heading away on holiday over the Christmas break?

Here are a few tips to keep your house and belongings as safe as you can while you're away:

- Hold your mail or have a neighbour collect it
- Create the illusion that someone is home- leave a radio on, use timer lights, or leave a car in the driveway
- Notify a trusted neighbour, friend or family who can check on your property
- Call your home security company to let them know you'll be away, and make sure all the alarms are set and working before you leave
- A Neighbourhood Support sticker on your letterbox is a great deterrent too- pop into the office and see us if you need a new one!

**The Whakatāne District Neighbourhood Support would like to personally thank you all for your support over the past 12 months and wish you, your families, and friends a safe and merry Christmas.**

**Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and keep well,  
Jane and Jenn**

*If you're interested in starting a Neighbourhood Support Group, contact Jane 027 255 1351 or Jenn 027 255 1350 or pop into our office at 6 Victoria Ave, Whakatāne.*





# Bay of Plenty Regional Council update

## Thinking of doing a bit of DIY this summer?

Before you dig, plant or build on your property, take a second to check if you need a Bylaw Authority.

A Bylaw Authority is written permission that outlines conditions to ensure our flood protection assets aren't accidentally damaged or compromised.

If your property is next to or near a Regional Council flood protection and drainage asset, such as stopbank, floodwall, drain and pump station, you may live in a Bylaw Applicable Area and need a Bylaw Authority before doing any works.

Find out if you need a Bylaw Authority using our interactive map: [boprc.govt.nz/flood-protection-bylaws](https://www.boprc.govt.nz/flood-protection-bylaws)

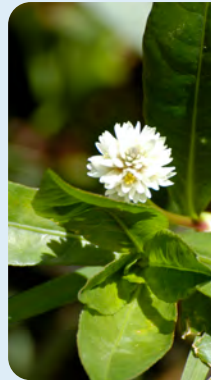
## Applications open for River Scheme Advisory Group membership

River Scheme Advisory Groups play a crucial role in connecting the Regional Council with communities affected by river and drainage schemes. They enable discussions and gather ratepayer input on various scheme initiatives. They also facilitate potential changes to current practices, ensuring alignment with sustainable river scheme management goals.

We're currently seeking applications from ratepayers to join one of our four Rivers Scheme Advisory Groups, including Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme Advisory Group (which includes the Rangitāiki drainage scheme).

There are six positions per Advisory Group, with an urban / rural split based on the size of the ratepayer base in that scheme.

Find out more at [www.boprc.govt.nz/river-schemes](https://www.boprc.govt.nz/river-schemes)



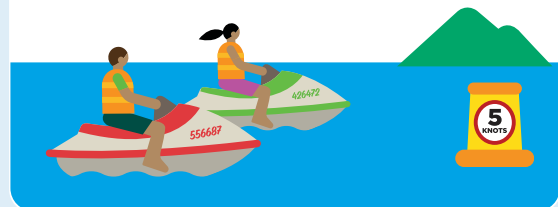
## Heads up!

There is Alligator weed present within the Rangitāiki Plains. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council are currently dealing with this invasive, unwanted pest.

## Have a safe and happy summer from all of us at Regional Council

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Offices are closed for the holidays from 5pm, Friday 22 December and re-open at 8:30am, Monday 8 January 2024.

During this time, you can still call our 24/7 Pollution Hotline on 0800 884 883, or contact our duty Harbourmaster on 0800 5 KNOTS (0800 55 66 87).



[www.boprc.govt.nz](https://www.boprc.govt.nz)

**Meri Kirihimete**

From the Rangitāiki Community Board, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas!

## Matatā Community Gym

16 Mair Street, Matatā

Sign up today! \$15 one-off joining fee + \$5 p/week membership

Pump classes 6pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Contact Darcy 027 818 2831 for more info.



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