

# Rangitāiki

## COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

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## New mobile service vans to connect remote communities

We're excited to let you know about He Waka Hono Hapori Community Connections and Outreach Project! The vans, funded by the Department of Internal Affairs Better Off Funding package, will be ready by the end of 2024.

The vans will act as mobile outreach hubs, offering information and support to residents who may struggle to access physical Council buildings. They will be equipped with laptops, free Wi-Fi, printers, and other adaptable technology as well as access to library borrowing services and some Council services.

It is intended that one van will serve the northern areas of the district, including Rangitāiki, Tāneatua, Waimana, Ōhope and Whakatāne Community Boards. The other van will serve the southern areas of the district, from the Matahina Dam inland, including the Murupara Community Board areas and Te Urewera, Murupara, and Galatea-Waiohau Subdivisions.

The vans are expected to arrive by June 2024 and will undergo a special fit out before being ready to service the communities.

## We're preparing the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

Formal public consultation  
begins 12 March.

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## Fonterra Edgecumbe Community Meeting

As part of our commitment to working closely with our neighbours and wider community we would like to invite you to join us for a community meeting.

Date: Tuesday, 19 March 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room, front of  
Fonterra Edgecumbe Site

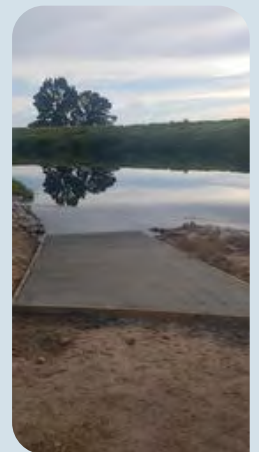
This meeting is an opportunity for you to have your say and to hear more from us about our operation and any future plans.

Please RSVP to: [edgecumbecommunity@fonterra.com](mailto:edgecumbecommunity@fonterra.com)

## Waka Ama o Rangitāiki Edgecumbe site small crafts ramp has been completed!

Our committee members are excited and appreciate the support from Edgecumbe Lions Club, Whakatāne District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and our community to complete this project.

There are still a few final details to finalise and complete before the official launch date is set so keep an eye on our Waka Ama o Rangitāiki Facebook page for updates.



Give the Rangitāiki Community Board Facebook page a like and follow  [rangitaikicommunityboard](https://www.facebook.com/rangitaikicommunityboard)

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.

# Upcoming events

## Matatā Residents Association, Matatā Rugby Club & Combined Community Board meeting

Tuesday, 12 March,  
Whakatāne District Council  
Tōtara Room

## Rangitāiki River Festival

8am – 2pm, Saturday, 16 March,  
Okōrero (Thornton)

## Edgecumbe to Thornton Shared Pathway drop-in session

12pm – 1pm Wednesday, 20 March,  
Edgecumbe Library

## Rangitāiki Community Board meeting

Wednesday, 18 April

If you have any upcoming events or notices you'd like included in the newsletter, send through to [newsletters@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:newsletters@whakatane.govt.nz)

## EDGECUMBE <sup>TO</sup> THORNTON SHARED PATHWAY

Work will soon start on the first stage of a much anticipated shared pathway between Edgecumbe and Thornton. The project has been a long-standing aspiration for the local Edgecumbe community and is part of the wider vision of creating walking and cycling loops across the Whakatāne District.

Whakatāne District Council secured \$900,000 from the Department of Internal Affairs Better Off Funding package to complete the shared pathway, which will enhance the accessibility and enjoyment of the scenic route for people of all ages and abilities.

The first stage will begin at the Edgecumbe Squash and Tennis Club and end at the Edgecumbe Skatepark. The route of the remaining pathway to Thornton is yet to be confirmed.

### LEARN MORE AT THE DROP-IN SESSION

You can get involved and learn more by attending the drop-in session at the Edgecumbe Library, where you can share your thoughts with the project team. We'd love to see you there and encourage you to come down and see what we have planned!

**When:** Wednesday, 20 March  
**Where:** Edgecumbe Library  
**Time:** 12pm - 2pm



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## PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 8 MAKING ROOM TO GROW

*Ka whai wāhi kia whakanui ai ngā takiwā whare*

We want to make a change to the Whakatāne District Plan (our 'rule book') to increase housing capacity for the district.

Council wants to rezone land at 12 Huna Road (more commonly known as Julians Berry Farm, 30A Huna Road and 234A State Highway 30 to allow for residential development.



### Kōrero Mai

Tell us what you think by 5pm Friday, 15 March

Find out more on what is proposed and tell us what you think at [whakatane.govt.nz/plan-change-8](http://whakatane.govt.nz/plan-change-8)

