

OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - April 2024



Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone in the district who engaged with us and took the time to have their say on Council's Long Term Plan.

Consultation is now closed, and your feedback is with your Mayor and Councillors to be considered in decisions for the finalised plan, which is expected to be adopted in late June 2024.

To find out more about what happens next, visit whakatane.govt.nz/ltp



LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34
Te Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34

Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre closing for maintenance from Monday

Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre is closing for three weeks from this Monday (29 April) to allow contractors to carry out scheduled maintenance and improvement works.

Both the pools and gym will close, and contractors will undertake improvement and maintenance works on the changing room and toilet facilities, hot water system, and to the 25-metre indoor pool.

While the closure is regrettable, maintenance investment is necessary for the facility to continue to operate safely and efficiently, and to allow improvement works to take place without risk to public safety.

The closure has been scheduled to avoid the busy school holiday period and to coincide with the cooler months where we usually see a dip in users visiting the facility. All memberships, including fitness centre memberships, will be on



hold during this time and Learn to Swim will be operating a shorter-term time of seven weeks. Outdoor gym classes will be available to fitness centre members free of charge to minimise disruption to members' individual health journeys.

We look forward to offering an improved level of service once this essential maintenance is completed. The Centre will return to normal business hours from Monday, 20 May 2024. For more information, please call 07 306 0500.

Changes to your recycling – collect a sticker

A reminder that, in February, there was a nationwide change that means most Kiwis can now recycle the same things as part of the Ministry for the Environment's standardising kerbside recycling strategy.

You can now include plastics graded 5 (big yoghurt pots, ice cream and margarine containers and some takeaway containers) and empty pizza boxes in your yellow-lid bin. The other major change is that we can no longer recycle aerosols.



You should've received a sticker in your letterbox to put on your yellow-lid bin.

If you haven't, please collect one from Customer Services on Commerce Street, the Murupara Service Centre or Te Kōputu (Whakatāne Library) and pop it on your bin.

You can also visit whakatane.govt.nz/recycling for everything you need to know.

What's happening here?

Heads up if you live in or around Henderson Street/ Ferry Road/James Street, or if you are a river path user.

We're replacing the Ferry Road wastewater pump station and installing new pipes which will extend from the pump station, up Henderson Street, along James Street and into Hinemoa Street.

A temporary closure to the river path at the Ferry Road entrance/exit is also in place for the duration of the project.

Why? The current pump station is more than 60 years old and no longer-fit-for-purpose.

When? Work will be happening from April until August 2024.



For further information, visit whakatane.govt.nz or phone 07 306 0500

