

OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - February 2024



LOCAL WILD  
**FOOD**  
FESTIVAL

**ON TOMORROW!**

2PM - 8PM MAHY RESERVE, ŌHOPE BEACH

Join us for a day of cooking challenges, demonstrations and tastings, food trucks, live music, market stalls and more.

**TICKETS**

Adults \$15

Kids under 17 FREE

[whakatane.com/wildfood](http://whakatane.com/wildfood)



## 38th Annual Molly Morpeth Canaday Art Awards Finalists Exhibition now on

A highlight of the Aotearoa arts calendar, the annual Molly Morpeth Canaday Award finalists exhibition is now on.

Running until Saturday 6 April, the 38th annual MMCA Finalists Exhibition sees a whopping sixty-two outstanding artists share their mahi toi at Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi - Whakatāne Libraries & Galleries.

Mark your diaries and come along to be wowed by the creative excellence and contemporary art on display from across the motu.

Be sure to vote for The People's Choice Award during the exhibition viewing, with the winner unveiled towards the end of the exhibition.

Find out more at [www.mmcaaward.co.nz](http://www.mmcaaward.co.nz)

## Molly Morpeth Canaday Award

Exhibition  
17 Feb—6 Apr

[mmcaaward.co.nz](http://mmcaaward.co.nz)



## Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board update



Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board has formed a collaboration with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, with support from the Whakatāne District Council to explore a permanent structure to remember the Whakaari eruption of 9 December 2019, the lives lost, and the people who continue to live with the impacts of that event.

The joint steering group is seeking initial expressions of interest from local artists, designers and creatives who have the expertise and experience to be considered to put forward concepts for a memorial structure/public artwork. If you're a local artist/creative and would like to register your expression of your interest please email [kay.boreham@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:kay.boreham@whakatane.govt.nz) by 5pm, 26 February 2024.

## APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW

### 2024 WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Get involved in community decision-making, learn about how Council works and make new connections.



Applications close  
**5PM FRIDAY**  
1 March 2024

**FIND  
OUT  
MORE**



**YOUTH COUNCIL  
KAUNIHERA TAIOHI**

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

Formal public consultation  
begins 12 March.

[whakatane.govt.nz/ltp](http://whakatane.govt.nz/ltp)



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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)



**Kōrero mai**  
SHAPING YOUR DISTRICT

For further information, visit  
[whakatane.govt.nz](http://whakatane.govt.nz) or phone 07 306 0500

