

OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - November 2023

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Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards

Whakatāne was crowned the most beautiful large town at the recent annual Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards. Those judging the award paid homage to the 'dedication and passion' of the Whakatāne people, and the district's committed focus to Iwi engagement and community-led projects.

They were particularly impressed with the sheer amount of work going on in the environment space, including, a new tree strategy aiming to increase canopy cover by 20 percent over the next 20 years, a new wetland 'sponge park' to help local streams recover from weed infestations, and a plan to rejuvenate nearby wetlands and restore the health of the Awatapu lagoon.

A special mihi to our local whānau, hapū and Iwi, community groups, and our many partner organisations for your efforts reducing our impact on Papatūānuku.

Keep greenwaste green

We're seeing wrong stuff end up in
greenwaste collections, so we're
asking you to get it right!



✓ **What can be included**
Lawn clippings, weeds, leaves
(excluding flax), old plants and
soft prunings.

✗ **What can't be included**
Fibrous plants (including flax, palms
and yucca), timber and logs over 10cm
in diameter, tree stumps, soil or dirt
and general rubbish or recyclables.

Find out more on our website
whakatane.govt.nz/news



Here comes the sun, and a flurry of activity on our roads...

The summer months are the busiest time for roadworks as our roads are warmer and drier – perfect conditions for repairs and resurfacing. As you move around the rohe over the next few months, you may continue to come across detours and delays to your travel as we make hay while the sun shines and take advantage of the good weather. We plan works around holidays and community events to minimise disruption as much as possible. We know travel delays can be frustrating, but it's important road maintenance is carried out to keep our communities connected safely. We appreciate your patience with this.

Our frontline roading and construction workers live within our communities too. When driving through roadworks this Summer, please take care and give our crews a friendly wave or smile as you drive by to show your appreciation as they work in the heat. We want them to arrive home to their loved ones safe and supported.

Take particular care when travelling on Thornton Road. Road works are underway until April 2024.

Kanohi kitea Meet the team



Ihaia Lunam PARKS COORDINATOR

What I love most about my job

Helping communities, putting new things in our parks, seeing people enjoy them, and receiving positive feedback from people on the work I've done.

What I find most challenging about my job

Having to fix the senseless, repetitive vandalism and cleaning graffiti off everything! I don't mind doing it but when I fix and clean it up and it's vandalised again, it can be disheartening.

Why I love the Whakatāne District

Whakatāne is my home and having the opportunity to keep it nice and maintained for myself, my family and people to enjoy is awesome.

Hobbies/interests outside work

My hobbies are fishing, golf and restoring things (furniture, bikes, motorbikes, boats and soon a Ford Escort Mk1).



Increases to fees and charges will be in place from 1 December 2023

The new schedule can be found at
whakatane.govt.nz/fees-and-charges

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