

OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - September 2024

Help us shape  
the Honoa Hapori  
Community  
Connections  
Service

**COMING SOON**

**Honoa Hapori**  
Community Connections Service



This service is being developed to improve access to Whakatāne District Council services for those living in our remote communities and we need your help to design it!

From 7 to 18 October, an online survey will be available for you to have your say on these mobile engagement hubs.

Stay tuned on social media for updates or visit [whakatane.govt.nz/community-connections](http://whakatane.govt.nz/community-connections)



## The popular subsidised home composting scheme is back for a limited time!

This year you can choose one of three options, including large compost bins, Bokashi bench-top units and worm farms (worms not included), for only \$15.

The composting units will be available to buy from the Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre on Te Tahi Street between 9.30am and 3.30pm from Saturday 28 to Monday 30 September. A limited number will also be available from Murupara Service Centre from Monday 30 September onward.

Please note – the Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre can only accept EFTPOS payments, there will be no cash sales.

Visit the Council website for more information, including some FAQs.



## Creative enterprise sought to transform 'Wallys' building

The iconic 'Wally Sutherland' building at 266 The Strand is ready for a creative transformation!

We're on the lookout for a dynamic, creative enterprise to lease this prime spot and help bring our Constellation Creative Hub to life. Imagine a vibrant space where creativity thrives, local talent shines, and visitors are wowed.

This is your opportunity to be part of something special. We're seeking a high-profile, sustainable venture with deep local roots to bring our vision of developing Whakatāne into a top destination for arts, culture, and creativity.

We're excited to announce Registrations of Interest are now open for lease of the property at 266 The Strand, known locally as the 'Wally Sutherland' building.

Find out more at [whakatane.govt.nz/creativehub](http://whakatane.govt.nz/creativehub)

### Our Places

Eastern Bay Spatial Plan



Creating tomorrow starts today

## What will the Whakatāne District look like in 2055?

We're in the early stages of developing Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan, which will be a blueprint for the district for the next 30+ years. Keep an eye on our social channels to keep up to date or visit [ourplacesebop.org.nz](http://ourplacesebop.org.nz)

BE COURTEOUS

Central government is increasing parking fines



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

**PARKING**

AVOID A FINE

The government has announced a significant initiative to improve the use of mobility parking spaces and update parking fines, impacting councils nationwide. From 1 October 2024, parking fees in the district will increase as part of a government effort to align penalties and fees with inflation.



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