

Murupara

COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER



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Introducing dump fees

From 1 February 2025, fees and charges will be introduced at the Murupara Refuse Transfer Station, commonly known as ‘the dump’. It will also mark a name change to the Murupara Resource Recovery Centre, which better reflects the purpose of the facility.

There will be a 12-month trial phase for the fees and charges, and Whakatāne District Council will closely monitor the impact and ask for your feedback. The fees will align with those at the Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre, and will be payable by EFTPOS or credit card – they won’t be able to accept cash. Between now and February 2025, there will also be some changes to the facility to make it more user-friendly and improve operations.

The decision to introduce fees and charges was included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34. In the past, the \$400,000 cost of running the facility has been paid for by all Whakatāne District ratepayers, rather than by those who use it. The cost of dealing with waste is steadily increasing and continuing to provide a ‘free’ facility is not financially viable.

If you only use your kerbside collection service and don’t use the dump, you won’t pay anything extra on top of your rates. You’ll only pay if you take rubbish (including concrete and scrap metal) and greenwaste to the dump.

More information will be sent to all Murupara, Waiōhau and Galatea households soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Whakatāne District Council on 07 306 0500 or info@whakatane.govt.nz.

Murupara Reorua

At the end of September, Murupara launched as the next Reorua/Bilingual town in Aotearoa!

Aotearoa Reorua is a national initiative that supports towns and cities across New Zealand to become bilingual centres.

It was fitting the launch fell during Te Wiki o te reo Māori/Māori Language Week and there was a beautiful pōwhiri/

welcome on Tipapa Marae held by Ngāti Manawa and tamariki/children from Murupara Area School to kick start this kaupapa/initiative.

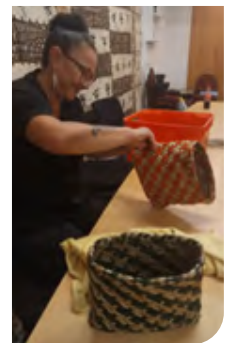


This is an exciting step for Murupara and the relationship between Whakatāne District Council and Ngāti Manawa, and provides an encouraging environment for the hapori/community to connect with te reo Māori so the language is seen, felt, spoken and heard every day in every way.

Read more whakatane.govt.nz/about-council/murupara-reorua

Murupara Service Centre update

Murupara Service Centre has been busy lately! Hot on the heels of the popular compost/Bokashi bin distribution, the spring school holiday activities were received with delight by local tamariki. Our weekly raranga session continues at pace, and everyone is gearing up for the opening of the swimming pool for Raumati/Summer.



Tō mātau matakiteanga – Ki te whakamana, me te mahi ngātahi ki te whakapakari hapori.

Our vision – To empower and actively strengthen communities.



Meet your Community Board! Sheena Jones

Why did you want to become a member of the Murupara Community Board?

To be aware of what Whakatāne District Council had planned for our little rural town. To better its outward appearance.

What have you learned since being on the board?

To meet our residents, hear their concerns and try to bring positive results.

What advice do you have for anyone wanting to become a member of this board?

Just bring your passion to the table.



What will the Eastern Bay look like in 2055?

The Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan will be our blueprint for the Eastern Bay over the next 30+ years.

We're keen to hear from our communities. How can the region grow and develop, while making sure it remains a great place to live, work, play and visit?

Come to any of our open house events to find out more:

- **Thursday, 31 October**, 4.30 – 7.30pm, Tōtara Room, Whakatāne District Council
- **Monday, 4 November**, 4.30 – 7pm, Awakeri Events Centre
- **Tuesday, 5 November**, 5 – 7pm, Tāneatua War Memorial Hall
- **Wednesday, 6 November**, 5 – 8pm, Murupara Area School
- **Thursday, 7 November**, 4.30 – 7pm, Matatā Rugby Club

To find out more and to have your say by 5pm, Sunday 17 November, visit ourplacesebop.org.nz



Climate Change risks in Whakatāne

The Council has kicked off a programme to understand the climate risks facing the Whakatāne District, and we want to hear from you. What do you think are the key climate risks in your area?

If you're keen to join one of our drop-in sessions, check the details below or keep an eye on our social media channels to see where we'll be in other parts of the district.

You can also have your say online at whakatane.govt.nz/climate-change-risks

Here's where we'll be – drop by and say hi, we'd love to hear from you!

Murupara area

- Murupara Area School: Wednesday, 6 November, 5pm – 8pm

Rangitāiki area

- Awakeri Events Centre: Monday, 4 November, 4.30pm – 7pm
- Matatā Rugby Club: Thursday, 7 November, 4.30pm – 7pm

Tāneatua area

- Tāneatua War Memorial Hall: Tuesday, 5 November, 5pm – 7pm

Whakatāne/ Ōhope area

- Coastlands Preschool: Wednesday, 30 October 7pm – 8pm
- Whakatāne District Council (Tōtara Room, off Boon Street entrance): Thursday, 31 October, 4.30pm – 7.30pm
- Ōhope Craft Market: Saturday, 2 November, 8am – 12.30pm



Help us shape the 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. We need your help to design this service!

An online survey is now available for you to have your say on these mobile engagement hubs. Have your say by **5pm Monday, 28 October**.

To learn more and complete the survey, visit whakatane.govt.nz/community-connections



COMING SOON

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