

# Rangitāiki

## COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

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## Matatā Keep NZ Beautiful

The Matatā Residents Association held a keep NZ Beautiful day on Saturday, 5 October.

Volunteers from the group picked up rubbish from Murphys camp to the Tarawera river and around the village. A total of 100kgs of rubbish was collected in just three hours!



## Rangitāiki River Walkway Upgrade

Work is underway to upgrade the existing Rangitāiki River Walkway. The upgrade is the first section of a trail network that will eventually connect Edgumbe to Thornton.



The upgrade will transform the existing grass track into a crushed metal trail, making the track more accessible for walking, running, biking and pushing the pram.

The trail is expected to be complete by mid November.

The Council secured \$900,000 from the Department of Internal Affairs Better Off Funding package to complete the upgrade and the remaining trail through to Thornton.

To find out more about the project, head to [whakatane.govt.nz/edgumbe-to-thornton](https://whakatane.govt.nz/edgumbe-to-thornton)

## Thornton & West Bank Road Renewal



## Incoming road works – Thornton Road + West Bank Road

Major roads works on the main western entrance to Whakatāne District are underway, bringing road closures, detours and interruptions to normal travel as we reconstruct the road pavement (underlying road structure) on a large section of Thornton Road. This means until December 13 if you call Matatā, Thornton or Edgumbe home, or you're visiting the district from the west, you'll need to use the

state highway network between Matatā and Awakeri (SH2), and between Awakeri and Whakatāne (SH30) to access Whakatāne town. Further closures to West Bank Road will follow after labour weekend, but we'll keep you informed on these closer to the time. For more info, check out our project webpage and list of Frequently Asked Questions.

**Waiho ake mā te au o Rangitāiki koe e kawē atu ki tua o pae.  
Let the current of the Rangitāiki river guide you to the horizon and beyond.**

# 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 one of our open house events to find out more:

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

To find out more and to have your say by Sunday, 17 November, visit [ourplacesebop.org.nz](http://ourplacesebop.org.nz)

Have your say by 17 November

**Our Places**  
Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

**Ko ngā mahere mō āpōpō ka tīmata i tēnei rā**  
Planning for tomorrow starts today

To find out more, visit [ourplacesebop.org.nz](http://ourplacesebop.org.nz)

## 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](http://whakatane.govt.nz/community-connections)



**COMING SOON**

**Honoa Hapori Community Connections Service**

Tell us what you think by 5pm Monday, 28 October



## 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](http://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/Minginui area

- Murupara Area School: Wednesday, 6 November, 5pm – 8pm
- Minginui: TBC (keep an eye out on social media more for details, coming soon)

### 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 (Council Chambers, off Boon Street entrance): Thursday, 31 October, 4.30pm – 7.30pm
- Ōhope Craft Market: Saturday, 2 November, 8am – 12.30pm
- Whakatāne Sunday Market: Sunday, 3 November, 8am – 1pm



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SHAPING YOUR DISTRICT

**WHAKATĀNE**  
District Council  
Kia Whakatāne au i ahau

If you have any upcoming events or notices you'd like included in the newsletter, send through to [newsletters@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:newsletters@whakatane.govt.nz)