

# Rangitāiki

## COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

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**MERI KIRIHIMETE**  
**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY**



### Council services availability end-of-year 2024

Council's main office will be closed from midday Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and will re-open Monday, 6 January 2025. Most Council services will either have reduced opening hours or be closed entirely during this period. Normal hours will resume Monday, 6 January 2025.

Kia haumarū, kia tūpore, ka mutu kia rawe ngā rā whakatā – Stay safe, be kind, and have an awesome holiday.

For a full list of services' opening hours over the end-of-year holiday period is available at [whakatane.govt.nz/summer](http://whakatane.govt.nz/summer)

**Thornton & West Bank**  
*Road Renewal*

OCTOBER 2024 → MARCH 2025  
**UPDATE**

Over the past few months, we've been renewing roads at three Rangitāiki Plains sites, improving the Whakatāne District's roading network. The initial focus included a large section of Thornton Road, followed by an area within West Bank Road 'north'. Both sites have now been completed, including road sealing and line marking, and are open to all traffic. Road shoulder excavations on West Bank Road 'south' (between Gow Road and property number 504 West Bank Road) were completed earlier this month, preparing for shoulder widening works and resealing in the new year. Following the Christmas break, crews will return to site in early January to complete this work. Please note, from approximately January 6, 2025, this section of West Bank Road will be closed to everyone except residents and businesses until end of February (weather dependant). Plan ahead and allow extra time for detours.

### Edgecumbe Blue Light

The Edgecumbe Fireworks event in November was a fantastic success, enjoyed by everyone who attended. The evening featured plenty of delicious kai, and the fireworks display was safely and expertly handled by our awesome Local Fire Brigade. A massive shoutout to all the incredible volunteers who made the event possible – we couldn't have done it without you.

**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.**

## Edgecumbe Community Plan revisit 2025

The Edgecumbe Collective has been committed to working collaboratively to oversee the delivery of the community plan for the last seven years. In 2025 community engagement will start with a key focus on revisiting the community plan goals and aspirations. Engagement will start early in the new year, and we look forward to receiving feedback from the community through the different engagement options, which will include a survey and community hui.



## Purchase of Tahī Hill Farm – Matatā Wastewater project

Council has taken a significant step toward addressing long-standing environmental and public health challenges in Matatā by securing a key piece of land for a centralised wastewater system.

The purchase of the property at 138 Caverhill Road marks a strategic move in the ongoing efforts to develop a much-needed wastewater treatment system for the area. Securing this property is a major step forward for the Matatā Wastewater Project. The land provides a foundation for us to create a more sustainable and environmentally responsible wastewater system that will benefit the entire community.

The 56-hectare property will use approximately two hectares for the treatment facility, with approximately 15 hectares suitable for the irrigation of treated wastewater.



## Matatā Community Plan

The Matatā Community Plan is now complete, following a process initiated earlier this year by the Matatā Collective with a community survey. The Matatā Collective includes representatives from Matatā community groups, organisations and community members including Ngāti Rangitīhi, Matatā Bluelight, Matatā Volunteer Fire Brigade and Matatā Residents Association. The information collected from the community

has formed the key focus of the plan, and copies are now available on the Residents Association Facebook page. Next steps include presentations to the community and key stakeholders, which will be held in the new year.





# WIN

some cool swag  
this summer!



## Eastern Bay Road Safety Summer Roadshow

The Eastern Bay Road Safety team will be at loads of  
different spots with heaps of fun activities and spot prizes.

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| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>14 JANUARY   | Matatā – Children’s Playground   10am to 12noon<br>Ōhope Beach – Maraetōtara Reserve   1.30pm to 3.30pm        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>15 JANUARY | Ōpōtiki – Ōpōtiki Skate Park   10am to 12noon<br>Te Kaha – Camping area opposite Pratt Road   1.30pm to 3.30pm |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>16 JANUARY  | Ruatāhuna – Te Tii General Store   12noon to 2pm   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>17 JANUARY    | Tāneatua – Jack Knowles Reserve   10am to 12noon<br>Kawerau – Car park next to Skate Park   1pm to 3pm         |

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