

## OUR PLACE

# Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council  
Community Update - February 2025



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Whakatāne District



Emergency Management Whakatāne District is led by Whakatāne District Council staff and focuses on educating communities and organisations about being prepared for natural disasters. You'll start seeing our new logo around the rohe as our team chats with locals about emergency preparedness.

An important part of being prepared is ensuring a well stocked grab bag. A grab bag is a small bag with essential supplies if you need to leave your home quickly.

It should contain things like:

- Walking shoes, warm clothes, raincoat and hat
- Water and snack food (remember babies and pets too)
- Hand sanitiser
- Portable phone charger
- Cash
- Copies of important documents and photo ID
- First aid kit and medications you need

For more information on what to have in your grab bag go to:

[getready.govt.nz/prepared/household/supplies](http://getready.govt.nz/prepared/household/supplies)

**GET READY**

## Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board update



The Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board has listened to concerns from local residents regarding the current speed limit for West End Road. We are now working with Council staff to explore whether changes can be made, including whether there is the option to potentially adjust the speed limit or install traffic calming measures. In the meantime, we encourage motorists to slow down and drive with care.

We are also supporting a project to paint power boxes in the Coastlands area with original artwork, with help from Community Board funding. We look forward to seeing the creativity of local artists unfold.

*Apply now!*

## Community funds now open for applications!

Four community funds are now open for applications until Sunday, 2 March 2025 via the Whakatāne District Council website. These include the Reorua Contestable Fund, Te Pūaha General Fund, Te Pūaha Scholarship Fund and the Community Matching Fund.

Visit [whakatane.govt.nz/community-grants](http://whakatane.govt.nz/community-grants), phone 07 306 0500 or email [grants@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:grants@whakatane.govt.nz) for more information.



## PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 4 – Building Platform Level

Managing Flood Risk  
*E whakahaere ana i ngā Tūrarua Waipuke*



We want to make some changes to the Whakatāne District Plan ('our rule book') to help manage flood risk and simplify the consenting process. But, before we do, we want to know what you think.

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Scan the QR code or go to  
[whakatane.govt.nz/plan-change-4](http://whakatane.govt.nz/plan-change-4)

*Kōrero Mai*

Tell us what you think by  
5pm Friday, 13 March 2025



**MARCH  
2025**

- ▶ **Group fitness classes are back!**  
Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30pm
- ▶ **March Gym challenge – Bingo for Balance**  
– Sign up at reception

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[whakatane.govt.nz](http://whakatane.govt.nz) or phone 07 306 0500

