

Murupara

COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER



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Rangatahi hui

Rangatahi from the Whakatāne District Youth Council and Murupara Youth Space held a hui recently to discuss issues of interest for young people in our district.

The youths were hosted at the Murupara Service Centre and had lots of things to kōrero about. This included reports back from the Festival of the Future young leaders event in Wellington that both groups had representatives attend. Beautification projects and youth-based events were also discussed alongside safety issues, particularly around the use of dirt bikes and general road safety.

Meeting attendees said it was awesome to see and hear about the aspirations of young people from different parts of the district and particularly nice to see them being so supportive of each others' ideas and mahi.

Future urban-rural hui and event opportunities are already being planned. Council would like to thank Whakatāne High School for supporting this initiative.

Community Board Member sworn in



Jesse Morgan-Ranui, the successful candidate of the Galatea-Waiōhau Subdivision by-election was sworn in by Mayor Victor Luca at the Community Board hui held on Monday, 29 July. Congratulations Jesse and welcome on board!

Long Term Plan adopted

The Whakatāne District Long Term Plan 2024-34 and supporting documents are now adopted, and the rates are set. The Long Term Plan process took longer than usual due to the coalition government's U-turn decision that local councils needed to include Three Waters costs in their budgets.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to give feedback so the Mayor and Councillors could make decisions on your behalf. Councils are currently facing the biggest inflationary increases in a generation, and your Mayor and Councillors have had to grapple with balancing current needs and planning for the future.

Due to the delays, the first rates bill will be due later than normal too, on Friday 20 September. If you're a ratepayer, you can expect to receive your bill (in the post or via email, depending on what you've chosen) in the first week of September. However, the second bill will still be due in November like it normally is.

There are lots of parts that make up the Long Term Plan, including decisions around the four key questions that were in the consultation phase. The Mayor and Councillors also decided to introduce fees at the Murupara Resource Recovery Centre (formerly the Refuse Transfer Station) from 1 February 2025 for a 12-month trial period. We'll be sharing more details around this soon. You can find out more at whakatane.govt.nz/ltp

We understand that some people are struggling with the cost of living. If you think you might need some help paying your rates, please get in touch with the Council so they can work through some options with you. You might be eligible for a discount through the Department of Internal Affairs' rates rebate scheme.

Tō mātau matakitenga – Ki te whakamana, me te mahi ngātahi ki te whakapakari hapori.
Our vision – To empower and actively strengthen communities.

Council votes to retain Māori Wards

The Mayor and Councillors were unanimous in their decision at the Council hui held on Thursday, 15 August to retain Māori Wards for the 2025 elections.

To read more check out the website >> whakatane.govt.nz/news/council-votes-retain-maori-wards

Upcoming events

Rehua Nuku Ora Mobile Bus Walk in Taringa/Podiatry Checks
Tuesday, 27 August 9am start
Murupara Civic Centre Carpark

Tipapa Marae Hui ā-hapū
Sunday, 1 September 10am start

Murupara Spring Market
Saturday, 14 September 8am – 12pm
De'Cafe, corner of Pine Drive and Main Road.

Murupara Garden Fiesta
Thursday, 14 November
(see form attached)

GARDEN FIESTA 2024

Enter the Garden Fiesta and be in to win!

Entries close Friday, 25 October
Contact: Sheena Jones 027 250 0010
Alison Silcock 027 451 2087



Meet your Community Board! Irma Prentice

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

To support community activities and positive outcomes.

What do you hope to achieve?

An open forum for community to support each other.

What have you learned since being on the board?

Patience and honest discussions are key.

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

Stay focused and breathe.

Tell us what you think about different projects we're working on!

You can do this via koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz or come and see us at Murupara Service Centre, Civic Square

Kōrero mai
SHAPING YOUR DISTRICT

CURRENT PROJECTS:

- Whakatāne District Tree Strategy – closes 5pm Thursday, 5 September
- Draft Public Places Bylaw and Freedom Camping Bylaw – closes 5pm Friday, 13 September

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