

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Whakatāne District Tree Strategy – Ngā Taonga a Tāne

Thursday, 8 August to Thursday, 5 September 2024



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Tell us what you think by
5pm Thursday, 5 September
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We're seeking your feedback on the draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy – Ngā Taonga a Tāne

The identity of Whakatāne District is centred around its natural environment. Communities are passionate and proud of the beautiful treescapes that contribute to this. Trees are crucial to improving the wellbeing of our people and environment and shaping the fabric of the landscape.

We've developed this Strategy to guide us as we care for and manage ngā rākau tongarerewa o te whenua (the precious trees of the land).

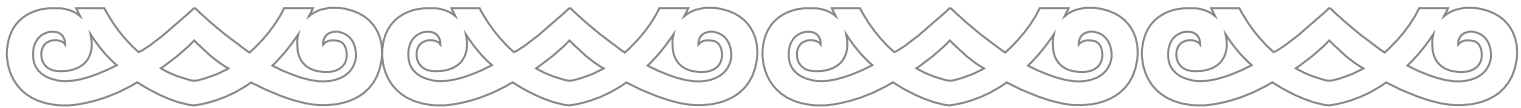
The Strategy provides the framework for Council to manage, protect and grow its tree population over the next 20 years. It recognises the importance of urban trees, and in particular their vital contribution to supporting improved environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing of our communities.

Analysis of our current tree population highlights that within many of our townships (excluding Whakatāne) the tree population is relatively low and nearly 50% of the tree population is mature.

Careful planning is required to ensure the **right trees are planted in the right location** to provide long-term benefits for our communities.

The Strategy includes guiding principles and goals to enhance our urban tree population through proactive tree planning, planting and management. Strategic planning will consider urban development, infrastructure, services and climate change.

"The success of the Whakatāne District Tree Strategy relies heavily on community support and involvement."



Strategy scope

This Strategy provides the framework to manage Council's amenity tree population for improved environmental, social, cultural, and economic outcomes for the Whakatāne District over the next 20 years.

'Amenity trees' are trees that are planted and actively maintained by Council on street berms and Council reserves, that have an environmental, recreational, and aesthetic function or value.

This Strategy does not cover trees on private property or those trees on Council property that are not actively maintained by Council staff. This includes trees along roads and/or unintentional groups of trees, or forests. However, the management of these trees is provided for within the Whakatāne District Tree Policy – Ngā Taonga a Tāne.

Key outcomes



Increase Council's amenity tree population by 20 percent over 20 years



Ensure trees are monitored and maintained effectively



Ensure future plantings are distributed equitably throughout townships



Reduce safety hazards relating to trees



Seek iwi and hapū mātauranga (knowledge)



Prioritise the retention and protection of existing trees

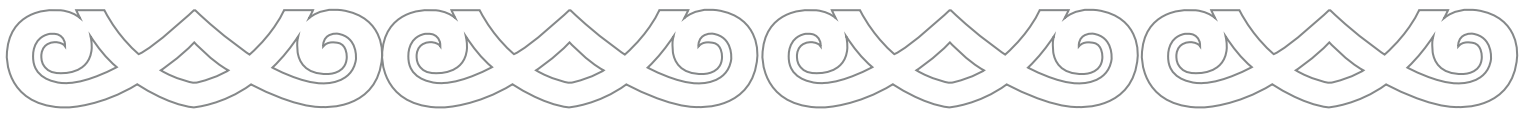


Establish plantings for cultural harvest purposes



Reduce tree vandalism





Have your say *Kōrero Mai*

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Email submissions: submissions@whakatane.govt.nz

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By picking up a hard copy from either:

- Whakatāne District Council, 4 Commerce Street, Whakatāne
- Whakatāne Library, 49 Kakahoroa Drive, Whakatāne
- Edgecumbe Library, 38 College Road, Edgecumbe
- Ōhope Library, 4 Harbour Road, Ōhope
- Murupara Library / Service Centre Civic Square, 48 Pine Drive, Murupara.

HARDCOPY SUBMISSIONS:

Post: Whakatāne District Council, Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne 3158

Deliver: To our Council offices in Whakatāne and Murupara.

Through any of our social media channels

Comments on the 'draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy – Ngā Taonga a Tāne' post on any of our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn) will also be considered as informal feedback.

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in [whakatane-district-council](https://www.linkedin.com/company/whakatane-district-council)

Submissions

Submissions should include your name, address, telephone number and email address. Submissions will be copied and made available to the public after the submission period closes, however personal details will not be made public. Anyone can make a submission about the draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy – Ngā Taonga a Tāne', and we encourage you to tell us your views. A submission form is included with this Statement of Proposal.

Submissions close
5pm Thursday, 5 September

What happens next

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Consultation timeline



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SUBMISSION FORM PUKĀ TĀPAETANGA

Whakatāne District Tree Strategy – Ngā Taonga a Tāne



About you

This section tells us a bit more about you. By capturing this information, we will be able to better understand our communities and who is/isn't giving us feedback.

Privacy statement

The Local Government Act 2002 requires submissions to be made available to the public. Your name and/or organisation will be published with your submission and made available in a report to elected members and to the public. Other personal information supplied will be used for administration and reporting purposes only. Please refer to Council's Privacy Statement at whakatane.govt.nz for further information.

Contact details (please print clearly)

FIRST NAME:

SURNAME:

ORGANISATION:
(if applicable)

EMAIL:

How do you identify your gender?

- Male/Tāne
- Female/Wahine
- Gender diverse
- Prefer not to say

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE:

5PM THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

POST OR
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Commerce Street Private Bag 1002 Whakatāne	Pine Drive Murupara

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Where do you live?

I live in the Whakatāne District, my area is:

- Whakatāne/Ōhope Rangitāiki
- Tāneatua/Waimana Galatea/Murupara

I live outside Whakatāne District:

- Ōpōtiki District Kawerau District
- Elsewhere in
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About you (continued)

What is your age group? (at your last birthday)

Under 16 35-39 60-64

16-19 40-44 65-69

20-24 45-49 70-74

25-29 50-54 75-79

30-34 55-59 80+

Which ethnic group do you identify with? (tick all that apply)

NZ European Māori Indian

Chinese Samoan British

Filipino Tongan South African

Cook Islands Māori

Not listed
(specify if you wish)

Your feedback *Whakahoki kōrero mai*

Tell us your views on the Whakatāne District Tree Strategy - Ngā Taonga a Tāne on the following pages

1. What value do trees bring to our communities?

2. What are the possible negative impacts of trees in our communities?

Your feedback *Whakahoki kōrero mai*

3. Are there any tree species you would like to see more of and why?

4. Are there any specific locations where you would like trees to be planted – if so, why?

5. Are there any locations where you would like to see fewer trees or different trees, and why?



6. Do you have any concerns about Council's management of trees?

7. Is there anything missing from this Strategy that you would like to be considered?

8. Do you have any other comments about the Strategy?

9. Would you like to be kept informed about this Strategy?

YES NO

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED: Please attach additional paper with your name, phone number and page number on each sheet.

PRIVACY: In accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 your submission will be made available to the public.

FORWARDING YOUR COMMENTS: Please note that your comments may be re-directed where they relate to another process or to another Organisation. If this occurs, you will be advised in writing.

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