

COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE



17 OCTOBER 2024

GET READY TO

Shake Out

24th
OCTOBER
9.30am

LAST YEAR THERE
WAS PLENTY (TOO MUCH!)
SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL WITH
THE SWARM OF EARTHQUAKES...

October 24, 2024 is the national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi takes place at 9:30am. The aim of the drill is to ensure that we all remember to protect ourselves and loved ones if a large earthquake does occur.

How do I take part?

New Zealand ShakeOut is a self-run earthquake drill.

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
- **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you). If there is no shelter nearby, cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.
- **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.

While you are doing the drill, take note of what might be happening around you.

Think about what you might need to do to prepare for a real earthquake.

Remember, as we don't have any risk of a tsunami, in Kawerau we don't need to evacuate.

The best and safest place is to stay home, stay off the roads... be aware of where the safest place is in your whare/home or property.

Other things to think about and plan for:

- What supplies do you have at home of wai and kai (water and food)?
- How will you contact loved ones?
- Do you have a plan for meeting up with loved ones?
- What is the plan of the kura/school where your children go?

For more information, check out getready.govt.nz

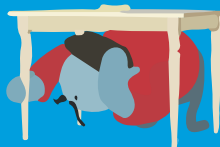
DROP



COVER



HOLD



Library Spring Holiday Programme

Outdoor painting and game stations

Every school holiday's the youth librarian, Janice Tekii creates a school holiday programme for rangatahi | youth to enjoy. This school holiday's the programme consisted of outdoor play, Lego play and board games! On Friday 4 October the library held an outdoor painting and games stations day with Sport Bay of Plenty. Loads of rangatahi | youth attended, spending the day drawing on the concrete with chalk. By the end of the day the concrete came alive with colourful drawings and artwork.

BELOW: Noah colouring in a stencil at the library's school holiday programme



Applications Open for Community Grant Scheme

If you are a non-profit group or organisation seeking funding to deliver a service to benefit the Kawerau District – the Kawerau Community Grant Scheme could assist.

The Community Grant Scheme funding applications for the 2024-2025 financial year is open.

Further details about the Community Grant Scheme, application forms and accountability forms are available on our website at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz or from the Council Office.

Applications for funding must be submitted in writing and received by 5.00pm on Friday 25 October 2024.



Plan ahead, when drinking

Going out with our mates and having a few cold ones can be a good time. But let's be honest, no one wants to wake up with a hangover and worse; a drunk driving charge.

That is why it is important to plan ahead and make smart decisions before a night out. Your future self will thank you for avoiding those awkward conversations with your mates, family, partner, boss plus having to deal with the cops, courts and a big fine.

Know your options: always plan ahead and make the safest choice to keep yourself and others safe on the road.

- ✓ Call a ride – have a friend or family member that you can get to pick you up and get you home safely.
- ✓ Sober driver – if you are going out with a group of mates, ask someone to be the driver for the night. Make sure they stay sober and have a plan to get everyone home safely. Look after your sober driver as well, buy them energy drinks, pitch in for gas or shout them some food.
- ✓ Stay overnight – if you are out of town or at a friend's place, consider staying over instead of trying to get home late at night.

Remember, drinking and driving is never worth the risk, the consequences are more than just losing your licence.



Important dates and meetings

Thursday 24 October, 9:30am

Shakeout Earthquake drill

29 October, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Eastern Bay youth council event,
Whakatāne District Council

Wednesday 30 October, 9:00am

Ordinary Council Meeting

30 October, 12:00 noon – 2:00pm

Our Places - Eastern Bay Spatial Plan
Iwi-owned commercial ventures, industry and commercial entities – facilitated workshop, Concert Chamber

Monday 4 November, 8:00am

Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre re-opens

Friday 8 November, 8:00am

Spa pool re-opens

8 November, 1:30pm

Our Places - Eastern Bay Spatial Plan
Presentation at Kawerau and Districts Grey Power,
Concert Chamber

Wednesday 13 November, 9:00am

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday 27 November, 9:00am

Ordinary Council Meeting

He tiro whānui: Te whakamahere i ō tātou tauwāhi

An overview: Planning our places

We are creating a plan that will help us set a vision for the future of the Whakatāne, Kawerau and Ōpōtiki Districts within the rohe of the iwi

and hapū of Eastern Bay of Plenty in the wider Bay of Plenty Region.

Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan will set out where the Eastern Bay of Plenty wants to head and provide a roadmap, or spatial plan, for how to get there.

Our Places isn't finalised because we want to hear from you first. This is your chance to influence how future generations will experience the Eastern Bay.

Why create Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan?

The Eastern Bay is renowned for its outstanding natural and cultural taonga, attracting people to our region over the centuries. We are all part of a continuum – there were those before us and there will be those after us. We have a responsibility to care for the taonga we have inherited, while meeting the needs of current and future generations. Those needs include ensuring that our people can continue to safely live, work, visit and play in the Eastern Bay, now and in future.

About 56,500 people call the Eastern Bay home, with most people (33,500) living in the towns of Whakatāne, Kawerau and Ōpōtiki. Over the next 30 years we need to plan for approximately 12,000 extra people or 5,500 homes (which is like adding two times all the dwellings in Kawerau).

Part of the future demand relates to the expansion of existing industries, the like Putauaki Trust Industrial Zone, farming, horticultural and agricultural activities, and aquaculture development. This means we not only need more homes, but also extra spaces for people to work, stay and play.

While the Eastern Bay is one of the best places in New Zealand to live, we also have our fair share of natural hazards, such as flooding, earthquakes and coastal erosion. With the impacts of a changing climate, the areas we live in and could live in will be increasingly affected.

When planning for our future, we know we cannot just live anywhere – we need growth to be in safe places.

Our Places is to ensure we provide for these future needs – those of our future generations – safely and in a way that protects the taonga of the Eastern Bay, such as our bush, productive land, rivers and beaches

He aha te mahere pūwahi? What is a spatial plan?

Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan is about the economy, a changing climate, the environment, infrastructure, and how we – and future generations – want to live, work and play in the future Eastern Bay. It is about more than housing and business land or economic development.

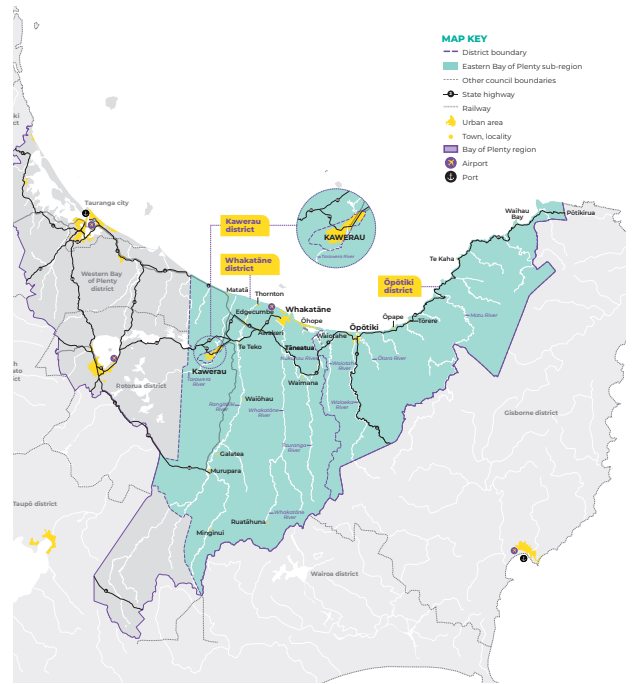
To develop this plan, information is gathered about people, towns, water, existing and future climate and natural hazard risks, roading, landscapes, land uses, soils, business, and the environment. This provides a snapshot of where we are now.

Combined with Mātauranga Māori and additional information from you – the people of the Eastern Bay – this snapshot then becomes a completed picture of what the Eastern Bay could become in the future.

The completed picture provides a roadmap for how we get there. It can provide long-term certainty about what is important for the Eastern Bay, based on evidence and what the people of the Eastern Bay value.

Kawerau District

- Kawerau District is expected to need approximately 650 additional homes over the next 30 years. There is sufficient infrastructure capacity within the urban residential area to support growth.
- Kawerau District covers 24km² so has limited opportunities for greenfield residential development. Increasing housing in the district will mean intensification of the existing residential area.
- Kawerau's housing and growth strategy commenced more than a decade ago, enabling some 170 new residential dwellings. This includes Stoneham Park, which will be critical in delivering housing. Future increases in housing will still be required to attract workers to live in the town.
- The Putauaki Trust Industrial Zone now has the potential to expand in the future, supported by two boundary reorganisations between Kawerau and Whakatāne District Councils, ensuring that Kawerau remains the prime location as the industrial centre of the Eastern Bay.
- There are also areas of residential zoned, Māori-owned land that could provide opportunities for papakāinga and Māori-led housing option



Ngā pū meka mō Toi Moana ki te Rāwhiti

Key facts about the Eastern Bay

Some information about the Eastern Bay that has influenced decision making to date, with a selection of key factors summarised here.

Land management

The Eastern Bay Sub-region is
758,900 hectares

Of this, 26.5% is managed by the Department of Conservation. Forestry accounts for another 20%, with the largest areas in southern Whakatāne and Murupara. 22% of the land is Māori freehold land.

Today 22%
(169,000 ha)

Of land in the Eastern Bay is Māori freehold land.

The dispossession of land through confiscation and associated land use change has led to the loss of Māori owned land and, in a lot of cases where land has been given to iwi, this has been in a different location to their traditional rohe.

Population growth

In 2023, the Eastern Bay was home to about

57,000 people

It's projected that around 12,000 more people will live in the Eastern Bay by 2055. While growing, the overall population is ageing, with a youthful and increasing Māori population proportion.

Those aged 65+ years

will make up 30% of the population by 2053.

Around 52%

of the Eastern Bay's population is Māori with a very different age profile compared to the general population:

The average age of Māori is 26.3 years,

with the largest cohort aged 14 years and younger.

Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

E hiahiatia ana kia rongō kōrero i a koe

We want to hear from you

You can influence the future of the Eastern Bay, for you and for future generations.

We have an idea about how and where development can happen, like Matatā, Awakeri or Hukutaia, but need your help to make sure we are on the right track and that we take the right approaches to development.

1 What are your thoughts about where to plan for 5,500 new houses and land for businesses by 2055?

We believe that significantly increasing housing in the Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki townships may not be the best approach due to the risk of natural hazards. While Kawerau could support some infill housing, it won't be enough to meet the demand. This means we need to explore new greenfield areas to accommodate the additional housing required.

What we want to know:

a Have we got it right with Scenario 1, and do you agree we are looking at the right places for growth? If not, what would you want us to change or consider?

b Have we considered all the important factors? This could be things about the environment, society, economy, culture, or climate change and natural hazards.

c If we deliver Scenario 1, what else is important to you for us to take into account? This could be in terms of transport, design, public art, parks, open spaces and community facilities, or how you see these places taking shape.

2 What do you want us to think about and plan for to support your community and other communities across the Eastern Bay?

There are many short-term problems facing us, but this is an opportunity to lift our heads up from the day-to-day and think about what the future of the Eastern Bay could look like.

By better understanding the future expectations of you and your community, we can collectively work towards what is most important to the people of the Eastern Bay.

What we want to know:

a What do you value the most about your local community or the wider Eastern Bay?

This could be a place you cherish, like a park or beach, being able to have a short walk to the shops, a great walking pathway nearby, being able to live off the grid or get out into the many natural open spaces we have, or anything else that makes you proud to live where you do.

b What do you want to see change? What are the biggest opportunities for improvement that you see?

This could be about the environment, parks and open spaces, or how we travel around and use our streets. We want to hear your ideas about what the future could be.

About you:

**These questions are required for all online and hardcopy consultations.*

This section tells us a little bit more about you. By capturing this information, we can better understand our communities and who is/isn't giving us feedback. This submission form is not a stand-alone document. We recommend you read the 'Our Starting Point' document or find out more by heading to ourplacesebop.org.nz

Contact details (Please print clearly)

We will use this to contact you if you would like the opportunity to provide verbal feedback or if you wish to see the Draft Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan.

Name:

Organisation (if responding on behalf of):

Phone:

Email:

Where do you live?

Which district do you reside in?

- Whakatāne District Ōpōtiki District Kawerau District
 Elsewhere in New Zealand (please state your town) _____

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

- Under 16 16-19 20-24 25-29 30-34
 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59
 60-64 65-69 70-74 75-79 80+

Do you want to know the final outcome?

- Once the consultation is complete, we'll create the Draft Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan. If you would like to view the Draft Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan, please tick the box and ensure your contact details are completed above.

Do you want to present your feedback?

You can provide your feedback at a meeting with our Project Governance Group on 2 December 2024. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch by 5pm, 17 November 2024 by emailing kiaora@ourplacesebop.org.nz

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.

Te tuku kōrero mai a te hapori How the community can have their say

People can join the conversation many ways including:

Email:

kiaora@ourplacesebop.org.nz

Online:

ourplacesebop.org.nz

Post feedback to:

Whakatāne District Council,
Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne 3158

Ōpōtiki District Council
PO Box 44 Ōpōtiki 3162

Kawerau District Council
Private Bag 1004. Kawerau 3169

Phone enquires:

Whakatāne (07) 306 0500

Ōpōtiki (07) 315 3030

Kawerau (07) 306 9009

Facebook:

The community can also keep up to date by visiting each Council's Facebook page

@WhakataneDistrictCouncil,

@OpotikiDistrictCouncil,

@KawerauDistrictCouncil

Drop off a submission form to:

Whakatāne District Council,
4 Commerce Street, Whakatāne

Murupara Service Centre,
Pine Drive, Murupara,

Ōpōtiki District Council,
108 Saint John Street, Ōpōtiki,

Kawerau District Council,
2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau

People can have their say from 14 October to 17 November 2024

Me pēhea e tutuki ai ngā whenua whakatū whare, pakihi hoki hei te 30 tau e ara mai nei?

How can we meet the demand for residential and business land for the next 30 years?

One of the important decisions we need to make is about where new urban development could happen. We can then work on how to make it happen.

Based on the information we have, including projected population growth, environmental constraints and key areas for economic development, three high-level scenarios were created to support discussions on how we could accommodate current and future needs.

Below is a summary of the three scenarios. The draft Scenarios and Development Options Report sets out the rationale and explains how specific locations were assessed for suitability for development. Visit ourplacesebop.org.nz for further details.

Scenario 1



Resilient greenfield areas

Provide a long-term supply of housing and business land in a series of new greenfield areas: Matatā, Awakeri, Hukutaia. There would be a low level of residential infill and a low level of rural residential development.

Scenario 2



Un-serviced rural residential focus

Enable demand for housing to shift into rural locations, with a relaxed regulatory approach (and avoiding highly productive land, areas prone to natural hazards). There would be a high level of rural residential development. Over time this could encourage a high level of infill and intensification of townships and villages.

Scenario 3



Growth outside the sub-region

Demand shifts out of Whakatāne and Kawerau to Western Bay of Plenty and Rotorua because there are no new greenfield areas and rural residential development is not enabled. There would be a low level of rural residential development. Over time this could encourage a high rate of intensification and infill of townships and villages because there are few other options for housing growth in the districts.