



# MATATA UPDATE

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## MATATA PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to issue 15 of the Matata newsletter.

### Waitepuru Debris and Stream Management Works and Awarua Drain Stop Banks

I am pleased to advise that a hearing date for the above mentioned resource consent application has been set. The hearing will commence on Wednesday 16th April 2008 at 10am at the Matata Project Office in Mair Street, Matata.

Should further days be required the Hearing will resume on Thursday 17th April 2008 and if necessary Friday 18th April 2008.

The application will be consider by Mr Alan Bickers, an Independent Commissioner. Mr Bickers will represent both Whakatane District Council and Environment Bay of Plenty.

While the Hearing is open to the public to attend, only people who have submitted on the application will be able to participate in the process.

### Draft Annual Plan 2008/2009

The Council is currently preparing the draft Annual Plan 2008/09 and budgets.

The draft Annual Plan will be adopted at the beginning of April and will be open for public consultation from 4 April until the 5 May 2008.

The draft Annual Plan will be available from Council offices and libraries and on the Council website [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz). A summary of the Draft Annual Plan will be distributed through the Council's newsletter "Byways".

The Draft Annual Plan will include information regarding the Council's review of the Hazard Mitigation Policy and a new policy on Community Funding.

The review of Council's Community Funding Policy aims to ensure that funding assistance is provided in a transparent, equitable and consistent way. A number of steps are being implemented that will improve the application process and administering of the funds over the coming years. The full review and publication of a new Community Funding Policy will take place alongside the preparation of the 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan.

The Council welcomes submissions to the draft Annual Plan. Any enquiries please contact Cashy Stedman on 073060500.

Regards

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 16 April 2008 :** Hearing for the Waitepuru Debris and Stream Management Works and Awarua Drain Stop Banks commences.
- 5 May 2008:** Submissions close on the 2008/2009 Draft Annual Plan

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