



MATATA UPDATE

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

MATATA WATER SUPPLY

The Whakatane District Council will hold a public meeting in Matata on Wednesday 20 February 2008 at the Matata Project office to discuss the Matata Water Supply. The meeting will commence at 6pm.

In May 2005 the Government announced a Drinking-water Assistance Programme to help improve drinking water supplies in small communities.

The programme provides funding and technical assistance for capital works which minimise the health risks caused by drinking water that does not meet certain standards.

The Council is required to develop a Public Health Risk Management Plan for all of the small water supplies owned and operated by the Council.

The Public Health Risk Management Plan identifies the work required to upgrade the Matata water treatment plant to meet the Drinking Water Standards.

The Council wishes to introduce the plan to the community and discuss the issues relating to the Matata water supply.

The Council will also outline plans for future funding applications which will improve the water supply in Matata.

For further information please contact Santha Agas on 073060549

COMMUNITY CULTURAL FESTIVAL

2008's community cultural festival will be held at the Mataatua Reserve in Whakatane on Saturday March 8 commencing at 10.30am.

The Whakatane District Council is hosting the festival and Ministry of Culture and Heritage and Creative New Zealand have sponsored the event.

The festival will celebrate our different cultures. There will be numerous multicultural stalls, performing groups, live music, and heaps heaps more.

If you would like to perform or have a stall an opportunity is available. Registration forms can be collected from the Matata Project Office, or you can ring Hinewai Katene on 073060500 or 0272595165.

Volunteers are also required to assist with traffic, crowd and litter management and to assist erecting equipment. If you are interested in helping please contact Hinewai.

This will be a fun day with heaps of activities to interest everyone.

RESOURCE CONSENTS

As yet I have not received notification of the dates for the hearing for Waitepuru or the appeal to the Environment Court on the decision for the Lagoon. I will let you know as soon as I know.

Regards

IMPORTANT DATES

20 February 2008: Public meeting to discuss Matata Water supply

8 March 2008: Community Cultural Festival in Whakatane

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