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**For our District**

## **Te Puke – Eastern Community Board**

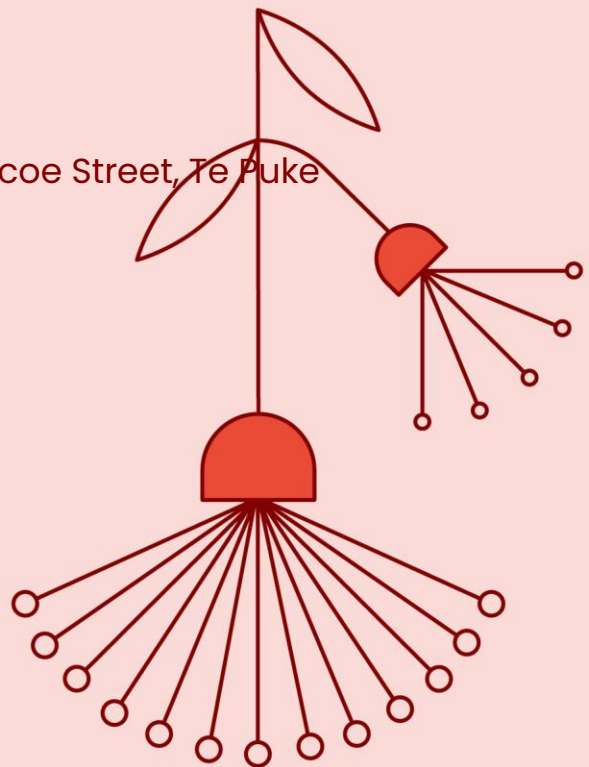
Poari ā Hapori o Te Puke – ki te Rawhiti

### **Late Reports**

TECB26-1

Thursday, 12 February 2026, 6.30pm

Te Puke Library and Service Centre, 130 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke  
(Boardroom).



## **Order Of Business**

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### 9.4 TE PUKE – EASTERN COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLORS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2026

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is Councillor Dally to provide the Board with updates on the items listed below.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Councillor Dally's report dated 12 February 2026 titled "Te Puke – Eastern Community Board – Councillor's Report – February 2026" be received.

Happy New Year, our first full business meeting has finally arrived.

Congratulations to the four new Members of the expanded Te Puke – Eastern Community Board (including Councillor Rae) and welcome back Chairperson Dale Snell and Member Karen Summerhays.

We have had some big discussions already about Community Board Delegations and what an appropriate budget would be for the Te Puke – Eastern Community Board in the 2026/27 Financial Year. So far so good. Once again, I believe our Board reflects a diverse demographic representative of the community we serve. I look forward to working with you all in a collaborative and productive manner.

I would like to acknowledge the presence of Councillor Shane Beech. Councillor Beech has been appointed to the Maketū Community Board but wants to be actively involved with the Te Puke – Eastern Community Board by attending both meetings and workshops to better represent the Eastern Ward constituents when he has his Councillors hat on. Thank you, Chairperson Snell, for being receptive to this.

Council's Community Boards now cover and represent the entire Western Bay of Plenty District, apart from Matakana and Rangiwaea Islands.

The Te Puke – Eastern Community Board has a larger boundary area now covering Te Puke and the Eastern Subdivision. A Community Board boundary map can be found in **Attachment 1**.

This new Community Board boundary will require members to have a different focus and mindset, to be more inclusive and engaging. I hope we can deliver benefits for all.

## Central Government Legislation

The next three years will be no less challenging than before. From a Council point of view, we are currently going through some of the biggest changes in the Local Government sector since the 1989 restructuring, the creation of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council on 6 March 1989 and the introduction of the Local Government Act 2002.

Central Government is putting through a lot of new legislation that directly affects how Council operates, changes to our planning mechanisms and what our future representation may look like. With Bills like:

- The Development Levies System Bill
- The Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill
- The Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 (passed in August 2025)
  - This was the final Act of the 3-stage legislative framework, establishing economic regulation, consumer protection, and water quality standards.
- Rates Target Model (Rates Capping) Bill
- Resource Management Act Replacements Bills
  - Natural Environment Bill
  - Planning Bill
- Simplifying Local Government Bill

## Verbal Updates

I will provide a brief verbal update on the following topics:

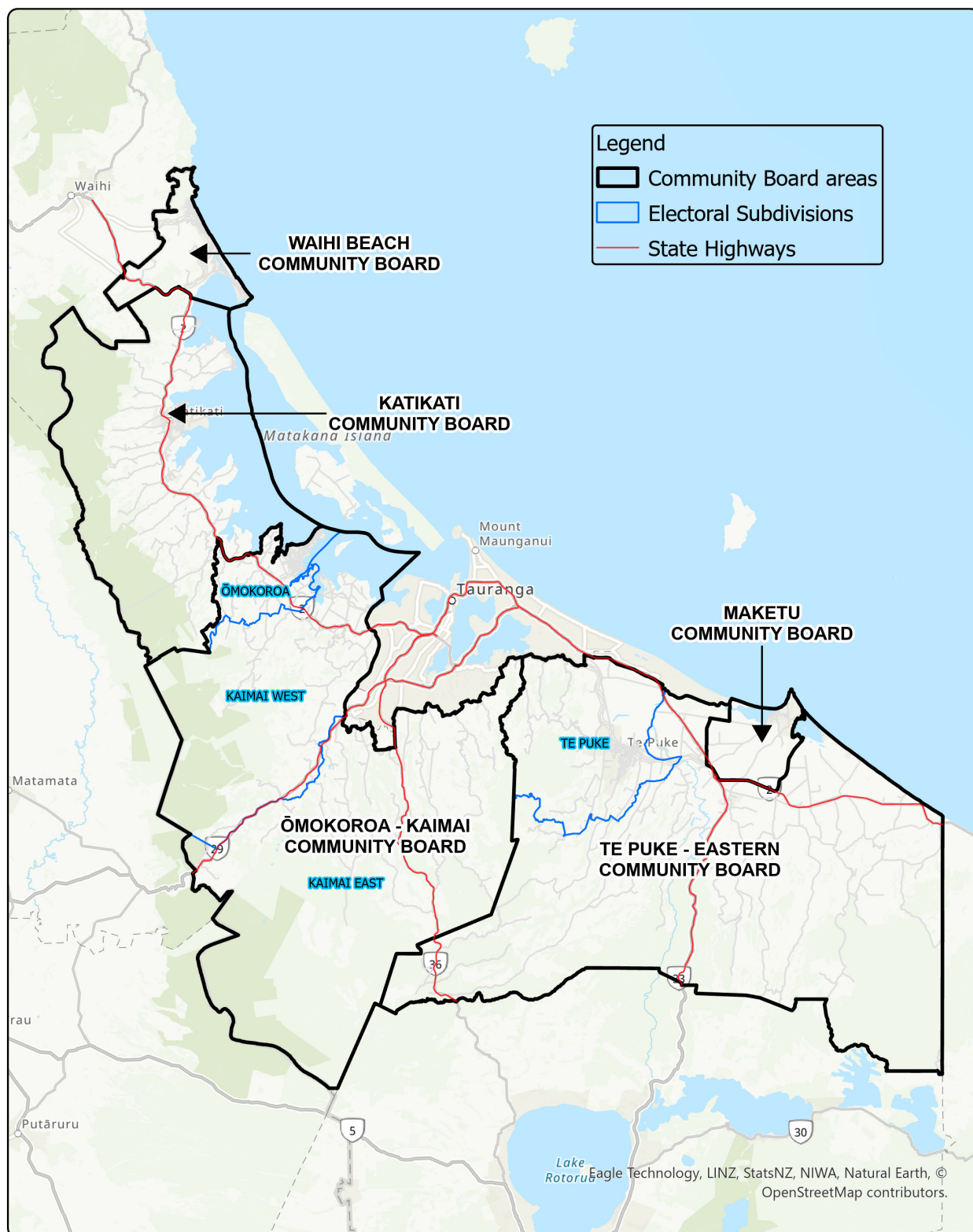
- Annual Plan 2026/27
- Boucher Avenue and No.1 Road Roadworks
- City and Regional Deal
- January Storm – Civil Defence Emergency Status
- Local Waters Done Well Establishment Planning
- Long-Term Plan 2-27/37
- New Chief Executive Officer Recruitment

For more information about other Council activity in Te Puke, including Transportation updates on Boucher Avenue and No.1 Road Rehabilitations, please click link below:

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## ATTACHMENTS

1. **Community Board Boundary Map**  



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**WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY BOARDS 2025  
AND ELECTORAL SUBDIVISIONS**

