

How you can get involved

We want to hear your thoughts on the projects and how the PDF could best be used to support Pukehina. There are a few easy ways to have your say:

Online: Share your feedback at yourplace.westernbay.govt.nz/pukehina-development-rate

In Person: Come along to the Pukehina Community Hall between 1pm and 3pm on 31 May to learn more about the projects and how they could benefit our area.

On Paper: Complete a feedback form and drop it into the box at Monty's or The Store.

Email: yourplace@westernbay.govt.nz

Consultation is open from Monday 19 May to 5pm, Friday 6 June 2025.

How will the final decision be made?

Your feedback will help shape which projects receive funding. Once the consultation closes and all feedback is reviewed, the funding allocation process will begin.

Project updates and funding decisions will be shared via our website pukehinabeach.co.nz and our Facebook page, so keep an eye out as we move forward together.

Project opportunities for our Pukehina Community

There are already some fantastic projects happening right here in Pukehina - driven by community passion and long-term planning.

Through the repurposing of the Pukehina Development Fund, we now have a shared opportunity to support and strengthen these projects together. It's about making sure the fund benefits our community in ways that matter most to us.



Pukehina Ratepayers' &
Residents' Association Inc.



Western
Bay of Plenty
District Council

Following community feedback during the 2025 Annual Plan consultation, Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) made the decision to stop and repurpose the Pukehina Development Fund (PDF) to support existing community projects in the Pukehina area.

What’s happening now?

The Pukehina Residents and Ratepayers Association (PRRA), with support from WBOPDC, is leading the next phase of community consultation. We’re inviting your input on how the PDF should be distributed among a range of existing community projects - identified through long-term planning and previous community kōrero. See the PRRA website www.pukehinabeach.co.nz for more information on each project.

Our goal is to make sure the fund is used in a way that brings benefits - both for you and the whole community.



▲ **Pukehina Community Hall** - pay off the Hall loan and allocate some funds for new equipment that all the community can use.



▲ **Coast Care** - continuing to invest in dune plants.



▲ **Pukehina Cycleway/Walkway** - a new walking and cycling pathway around the beautiful Waihi estuary to be used in all tides.

▼ **Pukehina Surf Club**



▲ **Midway Park Pump/Skate Track** - free up the tennis courts and build an asphalt or composite track for scooters, skateboards and bikes.

▼ **Pukehina Fire Brigade**



Summary of existing projects in Pukehina

Funding could be allocated in full, in part, or as a koha (donation) to the projects listed below. We’d love to hear your thoughts on these projects and how you think the funds should be distributed.

Project	Total project cost	Proposed amount from PDF	Further information
Hall Refurbishment Loan	\$105,441	\$105,441	Pay this loan off in full with WBOPDC. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Saves each ratepayer approx \$155Back to small fee for insurance and maintenance (\$15 approx per annum)
Pukehina Cycleway/ Walkway	\$250,000	\$150,000	This project is ready to roll, with resource consent and planning in place. It’s a great chance to open up access to the estuary for all-tide walking and cycling. The plan includes a wooden boardwalk through the wetlands and a pumice track along the stop bank. This funding could be used as a match for other grant applications.
Pump Track at Midway Park	\$150,000	\$100,000	A long-awaited asphalt or composite track at Midway Park - perfect for scooters, skateboards, and bikes and for kids and families to enjoy! This funding could be used as a match for other grant applications.
Coast Care	\$10,000	\$10,000	To sit in an emergency fund for additional dune plants from Coast Care, if needed post major storm events.
Community Organisations and Club Projects		\$125,000	A contribution to existing community organisations and clubs for planned projects, upgrades or equipment that benefits the community and our environment. Via an application for funds up to \$25,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Te Wahapū o Waihi - Revitalising Waihi estuary and Cutwater Road Wetland.Fishing Club - Building maintenance, community fishing events, investigation into a potential jetty.Surf Club - Assistance for building completion and Junior Surf Programme equipment.Community Hall - Equipment housed at the Hall for use by community e.g., kitchen equipment, new tables, outdoor community notice board, lay a concrete path at rear of building.Fire Brigade - To support services to our community.
Other existing projects		\$37,612	An amount left to support other existing project ideas like the installation of a new security camera.
		\$528,053	Total fund available: \$528,053

▼ **Pukehina Fishing Club**



▼ **Te Wahapū o Waihi** - Revitalising Waihi estuary

