

# Rotorua Youth Council

## 2024 End of Year Report



# Re-establishing the Youth Council

- The Rotorua Youth Council was re-established in November 2023 in response to increasing interest in civic engagement and leadership for taiohi.
- Research informed the relaunch:
  - Youth engagement
  - Comparison with other councils
  - Input from youth agencies, schools, and community groups
- Key Objectives:
  - Amplify youth voices in Council decision-making
  - Create leadership & development opportunities

# Timeline



# Meet the Youth Councillors



# Milestones and Highlights

- Monthly meetings with a focus on civic participation, leadership and development.
- Workshops about governance, local government, key topics.
- Engagement with key stakeholders (taiohi, schools, RLC).
- **Projects:** Youth Engagement Strategy, Long Term Plan submission, Inner City Revitalisation and Climate Change & Environmental Strategy implementation

# Looking Forward

- Refine and expand the Youth Council programme.
- Continue to develop leadership opportunities.
- Ensure diverse voices are heard in future council decision-making.
- **Vision:** Establish the Youth Council as a cornerstone of youth civic engagement in Rotorua.

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