

GEOLOGY OF THE TAURANGA AREA

GEOLOGICAL LEGEND

- Sand, silt and gravel of modern streams*
- Fixed foredunes*
- Moving dune sand*
- Peat*
- Fluvial terrace deposits post-dating the Hamilton Ash*
- Fluvial terrace deposits post-dating the Waiteariki Ignimbrite: Matua Subgroup fluvioatile sands and gravels, lignites, estuarine sands, lacustrine silts; Pahola Tephra*
- Mamaku Ignimbrite:**

Mahakau Ignimbrite:
pink to grey, partially welded crystal-poor ignimbrite, with vapour-phase altered pumice

Waimakariri Ignimbrite:
pale grey, partially welded, pumice-rich ignimbrite, with white to pale brown pumice containing plagioclase, quartz and hypersthene

Te Ranga Ignimbrite:
whitish grey, non-welded, crystal- and pumice-poor ignimbrite, containing small pinkish-grey pumice, and lithics of obsidian and rhyolite

Te Puna Ignimbrite
light-grey, partially welded, crystal- and pumice-rich ignimbrite, with crystals of plagioclase, quartz and hornblende

Ongatiti Ignimbrite:
whitish grey, partially to densely welded, crystal- and pumice-rich ignimbrite with crystal clots of plagioclase, quartz, hornblende and hypersthene

Papamoa Ignimbrite
buff brown, partially welded, crystal- and pumice-rich ignimbrite; lower unit contains andesitic (dark grey) to rhyolitic (whitish-grey) upper unit is rhyolitic. Lithics of andesite and rhyolite

Waiteariki Ignimbrite
grey to dark brown, non-welded to densely welded and lenticularly crystal-rich ignimbrite, with dark grey lenticular pumice and lithics of rhyolite and andesite

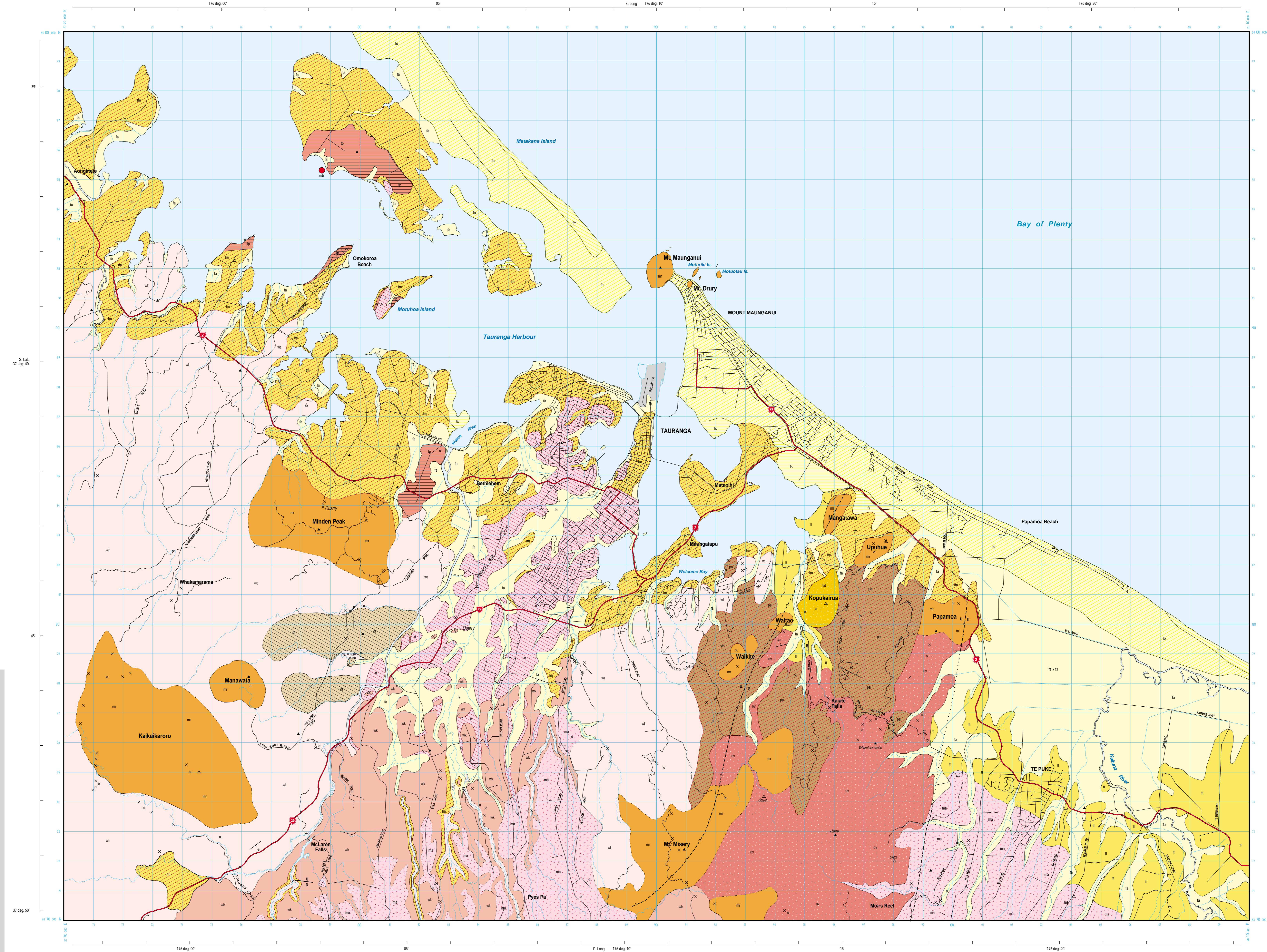
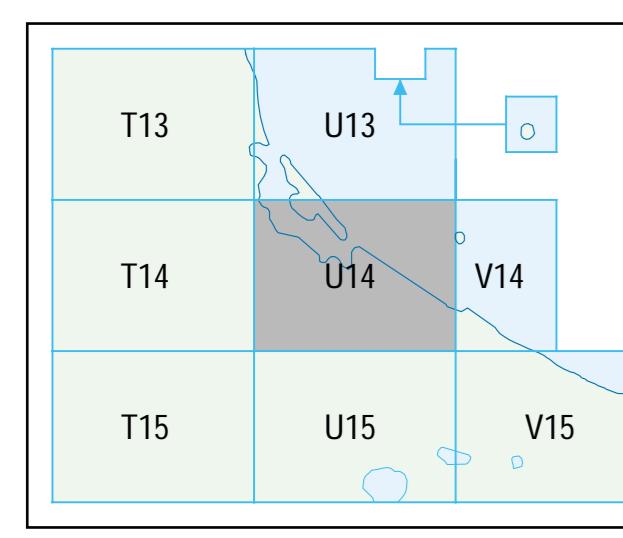
Kopukairua Dacite:
grey to light-grey, dacite to rhyodacite lavas containing phenocrysts of plagioclase, hornblende, hypersthene and quartz; biotite also present in rhyodacite lavas

Matahaka Basalt:
dark grey, porphyritic basalt lava with phenocrysts of plagioclase, hypersthene and olivine altered to iddingsite

Minden Rhyolite:
cream to grey to pink, spherulitic and flow banded rhyolite lava with phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, hornblende, biotite and hypersthene

Otawa Volcanics:
dark grey, fine to medium-grained porphyritic andesite lavas containing phenocrysts of plagioclase, hypersthene, hornblende, augite and minor quartz

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