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Your Whakatane District Council  
Community Update - July 2015



AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE

## Closed for scheduled maintenance: 20 – 26 July 2015



The Whakatane Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be closed to the public for scheduled maintenance during the week of 20-26 July. This will allow for pools to be drained and cleaned, and any necessary tile repairs to be completed. The installation process for an upgraded pool water quality maintenance system will also commence, alongside the servicing of existing equipment.

We apologise to our customers for the disruption this closure will cause and look forward to bringing you improved services when this essential maintenance is completed.

**Aquatic Centre**

20 – 26 July: Closed to the public

**Fitness Centre**

20 – 22 July: Closed to all users  
23 – 26 July: Member access only (no casual visits)

**Normal services resume Monday, 27 July 2015**

## Pride Whakatane recognises special achievements

Outstanding contributions to the beautification of the Whakatane District were recognised by Pride Whakatane last month. Chairman Andrew Iles says the recipients of the special recognition certificates – Fonterra Edgecumbe’s environmental team leader Henare Kapa and site manager Doug Gerry, and coastal environment champion Kenny McCracken – have done a fantastic job of ensuring that the parts of the District that are special to them are well looked after.

“Over recent years, Fonterra has initiated a number of beautification and litter abatement projects, which have certainly made a big difference to the Edgecumbe community. Fonterra staff are very much aware of the part they can play and Pride Whakatane was very happy to recognise this great example of corporate citizenship,” he says.

“And Kenny McCracken’s efforts to organise coastal clean-up activities have been a true inspiration. Our District’s coastal environment is very much the better for that work and Pride Whakatane would be delighted to see similar, community-led initiatives springing-up throughout the District.”



*Pictured: Pride Whakatane Secretary Sandy Pryde, Kenny McCracken, Henare Kapa, Doug Gerry, Councillor Andrew Iles and Mayor Tony Bonne.*

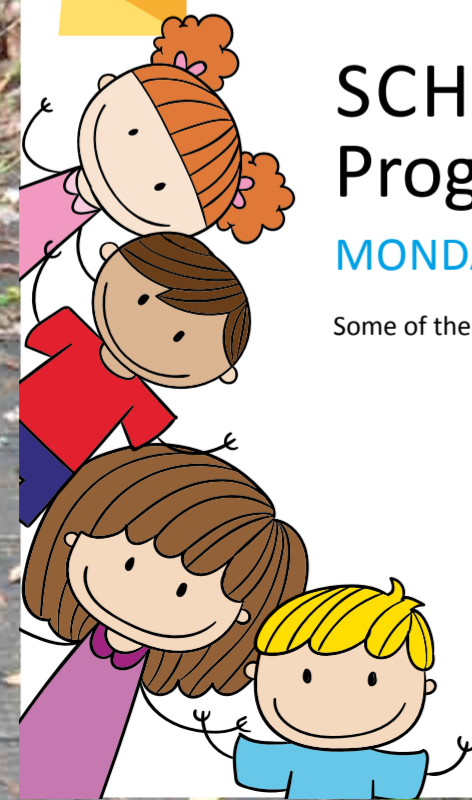
## SCHOOL HOLIDAY Programmes & Activities

MONDAY, 6 JULY TO FRIDAY, 17 JULY 2015

Some of the activities on offer during the July school holidays are:

- Art Power Art Classes
- Have a Go Archery Day
- Whakatane Blue Light's Pool Party
- ASB Fun Football Holiday Programme
- Adventure SolutionZ Urban Assault Course
- EBOP Rugby Holiday Programme
- Whakatane Blue Light's Awatapu Whanau Fun
- Hockey Holiday Programme
- Whakatane Blue Light's 'Roller Disco'.

To find out more about what's on during the July school holidays in the Whakatane District, visit [www.whakatane.com/Events](http://www.whakatane.com/Events)



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## Funding available for community providers



Applications are being called for the Annual Grants Scheme which makes funding available to groups providing a social service to the residents of the Whakatane District. Preference will be given to groups with a voluntary component.

Multi-year funding can be sought for a three year period, in line with the Council's Long Term Plan. For further information contact Janie Storey on 306 0530 or email [janie.storey@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:janie.storey@whakatane.govt.nz)

Application forms can be obtained from any Council Office, Public Library or accessed via the Council's website - [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz)

**Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, 31 July 2015 and addressed to The Chief Executive, Whakatane District Council, Private Bag 1002, Whakatane 3158.**



## Musical Matariki performances at Te Kōputu

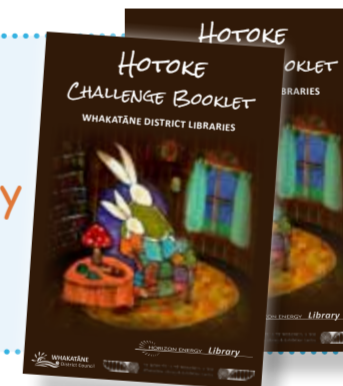
School holiday fun heats up at Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi—Whakatane Library and Exhibition Centre—on Wednesday, 8 July, when talented musician and storyteller Ora Barlow will deliver an exciting, interactive performance for children of all ages to enjoy.

Ora, of Pacific Curls fame, will perform two 30-minute sessions at 10:30am and 11:30am. The theme is Matariki, and Ora will take her audience on a musical and storytelling journey to the stars and back again.

Whakatane Library Public Programmes Officer, Anneke Philips, says she is delighted that Ora Barlow will be performing at Te Kōputu. “Her expressive and thought-provoking performance will provide a fitting tribute to the significance of Matariki,” she says. “It’s hard to define her sound, but Ora has pioneered a fusion style of music that seamlessly blends her Te Whānau-ā-Apanui/English roots through backbeat Pacific rhythms, fiddle playing and evocative Māori instrumentation and lyrics.

“Attendance is free and bookings are not required, so bring the whole family along for a great time at Te Kōputu.”

Looking for some interesting activities to occupy the kids these school holidays?



The Hotoke (Winter) Challenge Booklet is available from all Whakatane District Libraries, along with our Matariki activity sheets. People visiting Te Kōputu can also decorate a star to remember someone special in their lives who has passed away. The stars will go on display in the library in a special area dedicated to Matariki.



## Major grant for Museum redevelopment

Whakatane’s planned Museum redevelopment project has received a major boost, following confirmation of a \$400,000 grant by the Lottery Grants Board.

Councillor John Pullar, Chairman of the Whakatane District Council’s Museum Redevelopment Governance Group, says the fact that the Museum’s grant application was funded in full is very encouraging. “This much-needed project requires \$3 million in external funding to be secured before it can proceed,” he says. We’ll be applying to a range of major funding agencies to secure the support required, so to have our first significant application funded in full is a very positive sign.”

The \$4.5 million project involves:

- The expansion and redevelopment of the existing Museum Research Centre facility on Boon Street to provide a dedicated public research centre with greater access to museum resources
- A multi-functional education room for school groups and researchers
- The creation of purpose-built storage areas with museum-standard climate control

Mr Pullar says that the Museum collection contains some 700,000 items of regional and national significance and is conservatively valued at more than \$9 million. “It’s vital that we take steps now to preserve the collection adequately and ensure that it is available to inspire and enlighten our future generations.”

## OXFAM TRAILWALKER coming to Whakatane



*Photo courtesy of Ariur Francisco*



One of New Zealand’s most successful national fundraising events is coming to Whakatane following an agreement between Oxfam New Zealand and the Whakatane District Council.

The annual Oxfam Trailwalker challenges teams of four people to walk a 100-kilometre course in 36 hours or less and raise funds to fight poverty in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Held in Taupō for the past ten years, the 2015 event raised close to \$1 million and attracted approximately 2100 participants and supporters.

Mayor Tony Bonne said the Whakatane District was honoured to be involved in the event and to assist Oxfam’s efforts to combat poverty.

“The synergies between this award-winning national event and our events strategy make this an absolute winner from every perspective. Oxfam’s activities have worldwide recognition and Oxfam Trailwalker’s commitment to environmental sustainability is a natural fit for our values and District promotion objectives,” he says.

“Our aim is to firmly establish the Whakatane District as a centre of eco-tourism excellence and we believe Oxfam Trailwalker is a significant step towards that. It gives us the opportunity to showcase our superb climate and natural assets to a wide range of participants and supporters from New Zealand and abroad.”

Mayor Bonne says the community has a reputation as very welcoming and friendly. “This event will need a significant voluntary input and I have no doubt that people will come aboard and support it wholeheartedly.”