



OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - October 2016



New electric car charging station for Whakatāne

Electric vehicle drivers in the Eastern Bay will soon be able to top-up at Whakatāne's first electric vehicle charging station, thanks to a Horizon Energy initiative which has been supported by the Whakatāne District Council.

As electric vehicles become more popular, Horizon identified the need to install a fast Electric Vehicle Charger in the Whakatāne CBD for use by locals and visitors. Horizon has been working with the Council to find a suitable venue and get the facility operational.

A site has been identified close to the Visitor Centre in Quay Street, which offers good access to shopping, cafes and entertainment while charging takes place, as well as ease of connection to the existing power supply. The charging station will allow electric vehicles to travel throughout the District. The two parking spaces it occupies will continue to serve as short-term parking bays when not in use by electric vehicles.



Glo Rush

Fun family-friendly 4km run/walk

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER, WHAKATĀNE ROSE GARDENS AT 7:45PM

Whakatāne is set to experience its very first 'GloRush' on Friday, 14 October, thanks to the Whakatāne District Youth Council. Following on from the success of the Colour Rush event, the Youth Council is now hosting Glo Rush, which sees participants run or walk a 4km course along the Warren Cole Walkway with glow-in-the-dark clothing and accessories.

The event starts from the Whakatāne Rose Gardens at 7:45pm and follows the Warren Cole Walkway towards the Bridge before returning to the Rose Gardens. There will be food trucks present, Q97 will be broadcasting, and there are a host of great spot prizes, including a scenic DC3 flight with Air Chathams and a trip with White Island Tours, amongst others.



Left to right, Courtney Wilson, Elisha Woodman (Youth Development Officer), Sharnaye Hall, Courtney McConkey, Madelief de Loeff and Council Youth Council Representative John Pullar

Participating in the event costs \$10 for those under 12 years of age and \$20 for those over 12. Each entrant will get a t-shirt and glow accessories. Anyone interested in taking part can register with the Council's Customer Services team up until the event. Limited registrations will be taken at 6pm on the event day.

New recycling system rolls out

The Whakatāne District's new kerbside recycling system will be rolling-out across the District from Monday.

Each property with a refuse collection service should have received a new, yellow-lidded recycling bin by now, with a brochure explaining how the new system works and when each area's first fortnightly collection will take place. The Council website's waste search function (www.whakatane.govt.nz/waste-search) has also been updated and can be accessed at any time to check the date of residents' next recycling and greenwaste collections.

The existing recycling crate will now be used only for glass, with all other recyclable material – paper and cardboard, steel and aluminium cans, grades 1-7 plastics, and plastic bags – going in the yellow-lidded bin. While the recycling collection will be less frequent, the extra capacity provided by the new yellow-lidded bin will allow residents to recycle a greater volume of recyclable material. The ability to recycle grades 1 - 7 plastics (rather than just grades 1 & 2) will also mean more material is recycled and less waste is sent to landfill.



Recyclables (except glass)

Refuse (existing bin)

Glass recyclables

The fortnightly recycling collections will be undertaken on the same day of the week as the general refuse collection, and on alternate weeks to the greenwaste collection, where that service is provided. Some residents in Ōhope and Murupara will see their greenwaste collection week change to accommodate the new service. Those people affected will have received letters setting out the new greenwaste collection arrangements.

If you have any questions about how the new system works, check the brochure or fridge magnet supplied with the yellow-lidded recycling bins, go to the Council website, or ring the Council on 07 306 0500.

Local Elections 2016
**YOUR VOTE
YOUR COMMUNITY**

LAST CHANCE TO Have Your Say

Now is the time to have your say on who leads our community for the next three years – simply make your choice from the strong line-up of candidates standing for Council and Community Board positions in the local government elections and return your voting papers.

All registered voters should now have received their voting papers, and these should be returned in the post by Wednesday at the latest to ensure that they arrive with the electoral officer by midday on Saturday, 8 October. Ballot boxes will also be available at the Civic Centre in Whakatāne (closing at midday on Saturday 8 October) and the Murupara Service Centre (closing at 4:30pm on Friday 7 October) for anyone wishing to hand-deliver their voting papers or cast a special vote. If you have not received your voting papers, or have any other queries, contact the Council on 07 306 0500.

EXHIBITIONS

What's on at Te Kōpūtu?

Esplanade Mall, Kakahoroa Drive
www.whakatanemuseum.org.nz



E. Mervyn Taylor, Kotuku, Ed. 30, Limited Edition print

BIRDS A PLENTY
WHAKATĀNE COMMUNITY BOARD GALLERY UNTIL 6 NOVEMBER

This exhibition is a 'wunderkammer' of items drawn from the Museum's extensive collections, in support of the annual birdsAplenty festival.



Jeanette Pleijte, L'Automne, Acrylic

VISUAL EXPRESSIONS
SHEAFF FAMILY GALLERY UNTIL 20 NOVEMBER

The Whakatāne Society of Arts and Crafts annual exhibition showcases selected works by members of the Society, including pottery, painting and fibre craft.



Molly Morpeth Canaday (1903-1971), Girl with Violin, c. 1950

A HARMONY OF COMPLEXITIES
Frank and Molly Morpeth Canaday in Retrospect
OPUS GALLERY UNTIL 20 NOVEMBER

In this revealing exhibition, discover the paintings of Wellington-born artist Molly Morpeth Canaday (1903-1971), whose name has become synonymous with Whakatāne's annual art award and biennial 3D award.



New computer skills service at Whakatāne Library

Te Kōpūtu a te whanga a Toi – the Whakatāne Library and Exhibition Centre – is now offering free Beginners Computer Skills Sessions as part of a cooperative partnership by the Whakatāne District Libraries, Eastbay REAP and the 2020 Communications Trust.

Tangimeriana Rua, Team Leader Library Services, says the programme is a fantastic opportunity for people to upskill themselves, and feedback from participants has been

very positive. "Mastering basic computer skills is essential today, and because this programme is funded with the support of the 2020 Communications Trust, there are no tuition costs for participants."

The programme runs until Wednesday, 7 December 2016, with two sessions each Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:30am and Midday to 2pm. Enquiries can be made to the Horizon Energy Whakatāne Library on 07 306 0509.

Tutors and students getting down to work at the inaugural computer skills session at Te Kōpūtu.

