

MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

Murupara Community Board Garden Fiesta 2021

Thank you to everyone who entered the Murupara Community Board Garden Fiesta, and huge congratulations to our winners:

BEST GARDEN

Winners 1st equal – Kim van den Broek and Gail Hudson

BEST VEGETABLE GARDEN

Winners 1st equal – Doreen Taniora and Teresa Thomas

Highly Commended – Julie Aidney, Annabel Spence and Susan Rodgers

SPECIAL CORNER

Winner – Lois Clark

Highly Commended – Gill Burrows and Susan Rodgers

ESPALIERED FRUIT TREES

Highly Commended – Bill McClunie

The judges, Steph de Haan and Cathy Iles, were impressed with the high standard of all the gardens. Thank you to Keep Whakatāne District Beautiful, in conjunction with the Murupara Community Board, for sponsoring the prizes.



KEEP WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COMPETITION

Big congratulations to our local winners in the Keep Whakatāne District Beautiful Garden Competition:

- **Kim & Wayne van den Broek** - Best Country Garden Trophy and Best Rural Garden Trophy
- **Gail Hudson** - Best Garden of a Working Couple

MURUPARA LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Murupara Library and Service Centre will be closed midday Friday, 24 December until 10am Wednesday, 5 January 2022.

Remember, vaccine passes are required to enter the Murupara Library and Service Centre. There are lots of Council services available online, including making payments.

Visit whakatane.govt.nz to find out more.



RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

Your kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal over the Christmas and New Year holiday break.

The Murupara Transfer Station and Recycling Centre will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and open during normal hours all other days.

REMEMBER THE BIG SIX RECYCLABLES

Please help keep our district beautiful this summer.

Remember there are six things you can recycle - cardboard, cans, paper, tins and plastics graded one and two. If people put anything else in the yellow-lid bins, there's a chance the whole load will need to go to landfill. Thank you for doing the right thing!



CARDBOARD
PEPAMĀRŌ
PAPER PEPA



CANS NGĀ KĒNE
TINS NGĀ TINĪ



PLASTICS 1 & 2
KIRIHOU 1 & 2

Vaccine pass requirements for Council facilities

The Whakatāne District is currently at the red setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework, known as the traffic light system. At red, we need to take action to protect staff, vulnerable communities and our health system from COVID-19.



The Whakatāne District Mayor Judy Turner and Councillors voted 10-1 in favour of vaccine pass requirements for entry to all Council facilities from Monday, 13 December **excluding** parks, reserves, playgrounds, cemeteries, Murupara swimming pool, Whakatāne and Murupara Refuse Transfer Stations, and public toilets that are not inside a Council facility.

Please visit whakatane.govt.nz or call 0800 306 0500 for more information.

MURUPARA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRAIL

If you've lit up your property with some festivity, you can enter the Murupara Christmas Lights Trail competition!

Text Graham Thomas on 027 511 9366 or contact him via Messenger to register.



A huge thank you to our community for your continued support this year!

Wishing you a very happy and safe Christmas and New year.

From your Murupara Community Board
– Jackie, Ormond, Mem, April, Ken, Ngapera and Alison.

WATER SPORTS EVENT

SATURDAY, 29 JANUARY 2022
Lake Aniwhenua, Galatea
10am – 2pm

Enjoy some fun in the sun!
Kayaks, paddle boards, waka ama, water slide, bouncy castle, swimming and bombing competition.
Drinks, hot and cold kai for sale.
- Prizes to be won -
Slip, slop, slap, shade & wrap
PLEASE WATCH CHILDREN BY THE WATER!

ALCOHOL & DRUG-FREE EVENT

Contact:
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MURUPARA POLICE UPDATE

Kia ora koutou

With Christmas quickly approaching, we all need to be extra vigilant on our roads and in our communities. If you see something suspicious, please report it.

We've seen a rise in home burglaries in the Murupara area recently – make sure you lock your house, including windows, securely when you're not there. It's also a really good idea to make note of the serial numbers on your personal equipment and mark or identify your belongings. We have kits available at the Police station to help you mark your things if you need one.

We've received complaints from several community members about online fraud through social media such as Facebook Marketplace. Please be aware of people mailing items, selling counterfeit items, requesting advanced payments and creating fake accounts – remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Visit the NZ Police website and follow the links to learn more about how to protect yourself.

If you're drinking, don't drive – the risk is too high. Alcohol and/or drugs are a factor in about a third of all fatal crashes and the consequences are devastating for everyone involved, including your friends and whānau. In the past five years, more than 6,500 crashes resulting in injury included alcohol as a factor. 1,584 people were seriously injured, and 389 people were killed. If you're going to drink, plan how you're getting home before you head out to avoid making a bad decision later. There's always an alternative to drink driving.

Meri Kirihimete – wishing you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. Look out for one another and be assured that the Police will be here throughout to serve you all.

Sergeant Richard Bollard



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