

MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

Courtesy crossings coming to Murupara

Two courtesy crossings will soon be installed at the Murupara Area School.

Courtesy crossings are a visual aid intended to make crossing the road safer. At these crossings, drivers have the legal right of way, and pedestrians are required to stop and look both ways to determine if the way is clear and safe for them to cross before doing so. However, there is also an expectation that drivers will be courteous to pedestrians at these crossings, and allow them to cross the road if it's safe for the driver to do so. Courtesy crossings can be unmarked, they can be flush with the road, they can be a raised crossing, or they can be enhanced with additional coloured surfacings and linemarking to help them stand out better for drivers.

Sometimes the different types of crossings can be confusing for people, so the golden rules for all crossings are:

- **For pedestrians** – always stop, look both ways, listen, and cross only when it's safe to do so;
- **For drivers** - be aware of your surroundings at all times, and especially watch out for pedestrians, and stop if necessary at any time.

Whakatāne District Council is, along with many other councils across the country, currently assessing its various forms of road crossings and enhancing them with new road markings and signs, to help make them more easily seen by drivers, and safer for pedestrians to use.

The improvements are part of the Active Whakatāne initiative, which ensures infrastructure projects support the community's desire for safe and easily-accessible travel routes for active modes of transport. The courtesy crossings are funded by the Whakatāne District Council Low-Cost Low-Risk programme.

Don't treat us like rubbish!

Yellow-lid recycling bin audit is on – recycle just the 'big six' items, or your yellow-lid bin won't be collected.

The Whakatāne District Council reminds people of the six things that can be recycled in yellow-lid bins ahead of an audit of the District's recycling practices.

Cardboard and cans, paper and tins - plastics with the one and two logos are all recyclable. So please, don't treat yellow-lid bins like rubbish.

Council Manager Solid Waste, Nigel Clarke, says the audit is necessary to help determine exactly how widespread the problem is and to provide a consequence for those who refuse to do the right thing.

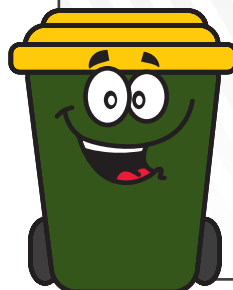
The on-street audit takes place in March, and will identify offending bins and leave them unemptied on the street. The unemptied bins will have a green sticker attached to them identifying the non-recyclable products. The trucks will not return to stickered bins, but they will be emptied two weeks later if the non-recyclable goods and sticker have been removed.

"We're reminding people about the six recyclable items, cardboard and cans, paper and tins, plastics one and two. Contaminated recycling leads to truckloads of recyclable products entering the waste stream. This is an expensive and unnecessary waste of time and money and is not good for the environment, and it's not fair on those doing the right thing" Mr Clarke says.

Yellow-lid kerbside recycling bins should only contain clean paper, cardboard, tins, cans and plastics grades 1 and 2. For plastics, check the recycling symbol which is usually on the bottom of the product - and only put plastics 1 and 2 in the yellow-lid bins.

"Or even better - look for ways of purchasing fewer products using 3 to 7 plastics. And remember, only greenwaste goes in your greenwaste bin." Mr Clarke says.

The six things you can recycle in your yellow-lid bin:



CARDBOARD
PEPAMĀRŌ
PAPER PEPA



CANS NGĀ KĒNE
TINS NGĀ TINI



PLASTICS 1 & 2
KIRIHOU 1 & 2

Murupara Community Board appointments

At the Murupara Community Board meeting on Monday, 24 February 2020, resolutions were passed to appoint Shaun Bicknell and Bella (Ngapera) Rangiaho to fill the extraordinary vacancies on the Murupara Community Board. A very warm welcome to Shaun and Bella.

Lake Aniwhenua

Pioneer Energy Ltd, on behalf of Southern Generation Limited Partnership, would like to advise that the water level of Lake Aniwhenua will be lowered by up to two metres below its normal minimum operating level for a period of up to nine days, commencing early morning Thursday, 26 March 2020.

The lake is being lowered for the purpose of weed control.

Any updates to this notice will be posted in the latest information section of their website pioneerenergy.co.nz/press-releases/



Murupara Police report

Police staff continue to attend a high volume of family harm incidents. There has also been a spike in stolen vehicles and theft from cars, especially in remote places like River Road and Waiōhau – and many victims have been unsuspecting visitors to our area. We have had a few calls regarding suspicious vehicles in and around the Galatea area, so please be vigilant and keep reporting these to Police.

We have succeeded in recovering of some stolen vehicles and equipment with the help of the local community and the use of static cameras by victims. Please remember to mark equipment and tools and record serial numbers. This helps when Police locate tools, equipment, chainsaws and more from locations of interest and are unable to find the rightful owners.

Consider using cameras at your location – footage has successfully put local offenders before the court. Have you checked out the Police website lately? You can report crime online, download the police app, keep informed and find information and advice. There is even a 'rural hub' where you can get information on safety advice for those living in rural areas, including links to resources to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

USEFUL LINKS:

- **NZ Police website:** www.police.govt.nz
- **Rural Hub:** www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/personal-and-community-safety/ruralhub
- **Safety information:** www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/guide-to-crimeprevention-english.pdf
- **Reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime by taking precautions:** www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/personal-community-safety/rural-hub/usefulresources

CONTACT POLICE:

- **EMERGENCY:** Call 111
- **NON-EMERGENCY:** Call 105
Online: 105.police.govt.nz
- **Report a bad driver or traffic incident:** Urgent but not life-threatening driving incidents call *555
- **Non-urgent driving incidents** online community Roadwatch form or head to your nearest Police Station.
- **Report crime anonymously** call 0800 555 111 or complete online form



WHAT'S ON?

ALL ABOUT YOUR RATES

Rating officers from Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Whakatāne District Council will be available to answer your rates questions.

When: 5:30pm Monday, 23 March

Where: Murupara Area School
Community Hall

MURUPARA (P) MARCH

Come support or have a say. Gain more understanding on meth and its pull! Our vision: to empower individuals, whānau and community to better understand the 'P' pull.

When: 10.00am Wednesday, 25 March

Where: Te Ika Whenua Hauora - Pine Drive
Contact Mem Jenner on 021 712 905 for more information.



GALATEA

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

The Galatea Embroiderers' Guild will be ordering bulbs from NZ Bulbs as our annual fundraiser. Contact Julie Aidney to request a catalogue. Orders to be in by Monday, 30 March 2020. Thanks for supporting a local group.

GALATEA ANNUAL REUNION

Past and present residents

When: 11.30am Sunday, 19 April

Where: Galatea Memorial Club

Please bring a plate for lunch

The Hon. Anne Tolley will be at the Murupara Electorate Office, 22 Pine Drive on Monday, 30 March.

Contact Carolyn Meihana on 07 366 5893 for an appointment.



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