

## MEET OUR NEW COUNCIL



On Tuesday, 29 October 2013, the new Whakatāne District Council was sworn in for the 2013-16 triennium. The Council consists of the Mayor, elected by the District at large, and ten Councillors, elected from four wards. The wards are: Rangitāiki; Galatea-Murupara; Tāneatua-Waimana; and Whakatāne-Ōhope. The Mayor and Councillors are elected to govern, make decisions and manage the interests of our District on behalf of everyone who lives here.



Mayor Tony Bonne

### WHAKATĀNE – ŌHOPE WARD



Deputy Mayor Judy Turner

John Pullar

Julie Jukes

Scott Jarrett

Dave Sheaff

### RANGITĀIKI WARD



George Johnston

Russell Orr

Gerard van Beek

Andrew Iles

Alison Silcock

## FLUORIDATION REFERENDUM RESULTS

Some 10,500 electors took part in last month's Fluoridation Referendum, with 60.5 percent (6,362) voting for the fluoridation of our water supply systems and 39.5 percent (4,154) voting against.

Voting patterns varied quite significantly between wards, with Whakatāne and Ōhope solidly for fluoridation (Whakatāne: 3,213 for and 1,617 against; Ōhope: 981 for and 410 against). In the Rangitāiki Ward, the outcome was closer, with 1,581 votes for and 1,251 against, while Tāneatua and Murupara Ward voters were opposed

to fluoridation (448 against and 396 for fluoridation in the Tāneatua-Waimana Ward and 374 against and 191 for in the Murupara-Galatea Ward).

Voters on the Kōhī (Māori) role were also solidly opposed to fluoridation, with 1,063 (58.3 percent) opposed, compared to 758 (41.7 percent) in favour.

The new Council will consider the results of the non-binding referendum and make decisions on whether to continue, extend or cease water supply fluoridation.

## COMMUNITY BOARDS BY-ELECTION

Local Elections 2013  
YOUR VOTE  
YOUR COMMUNITY

A community board by-election will be taking place on Tuesday, 11 February 2014, for the Murupara (Murupara Subdivision) and Ōhope Beach Community Boards. The by-election is required due to the insufficient number of nominees for positions within these two community boards.

### 2014 MURUPARA (MURUPARA SUBDIVISION) AND ŌHOPE BEACH COMMUNITY BOARDS BY-ELECTION TIMETABLE

Monday, 18 November 2013	Nominations open – Roll open for inspection
Monday, 16 December 2013	Nominations close (noon) - Roll closes
Monday, 20 January 2014	Delivery of voting documents
Monday, 20 January – Tuesday, 11 February 2014	Progressive roll scrutiny Early processing period Special voting period
Tuesday, 11 February 2014	BY-ELECTION DAY Voting closes noon – counting commences Preliminary results available as soon as practicable

## TAKE THE LEAD PROGRAMME

Young women across the Eastern Bay of Plenty will have the opportunity to get involved in sports leadership roles thanks to the Take the Lead initiative, which launches this week.

Take the Lead will run over a three-year period and has been developed to provide leadership development opportunities for young women (aged from 13 to 20) in sport and recreation. The project is jointly supported by Sport New Zealand, Sport Bay of Plenty, and the Whakatāne, Kawerau and Ōpōtiki District Councils.

Whakatāne District Council Manager Community Services and Take the Lead Project Steering Group Chair, Paula Chapman, says the benefits of the programme are far-reaching. "These young women are more likely to stay engaged in sport and recreation, and become positive role models for other young women," she says. "We'll also see a regenerated volunteer pool supporting others keen to participate in sport and recreation."

Sport Bay of Plenty Sport Manager and Steering Group representative, Megan Cleverley, says the programme will be carried out in phases, with the initial step being to recruit facilitators in each of the districts and establish the project team. "It's



important that the programme has buy-in from the young women right from the get-go," she says. "This is why we'll be engaging young women, who have been identified through the facilitators, to help develop the programme through a series of focus groups."

The project will be kicking off in schools with students from Edgecumbe College, Ōpōtiki College, Te Whānau-a-Apanui Area School, Tarawera High School, Murupara Area School and Te Wharekura O Rūātoki the first to be involved in the programme development.

Mrs Chapman says the Take the Lead programme has huge potential, but support is paramount. "The programme needs to have support and early engagement from the schools, as well as our community sport and recreation groups, clubs and organisations."



### MURUPARA POOL PARTY A SUCCESS

Close to 200 people took advantage of a perfect Murupara day to enjoy the opening of the summer season at the town pool last Saturday. Picnics and fun were the order of the day as the largely youthful crowd were entertained by a selection of pool toys, including an inflatable rolling log, and swimming races.

## SMITHS CITY CHRISTMAS LIGHT TRAIL



The Whakatāne Community Board, the Whakatāne Beacon and Radio 1XX are pleased to present the Smiths City Christmas Lighting Trail. This district-wide event encourages home owners and businesses to light up their premises for the festive season.

Smiths City will be the major prize sponsor for the Supreme Award, while PAK 'n SAVE and Bunnings are sponsoring the Residential and Commercial sections. Opus, Nova Energy and Horizon will sponsor the Community, People's Choice and Best Neighbourhood Awards. There will also be spot prizes on offer.

Each of the Community Boards has sponsored a \$250 prize for its community.

Each Board will determine their own basis for selecting the winner and allocating the prize.

### KEY DATES:

- 22 November to 7 December - Entry forms for the event will be published
- 12 – 24 December - Lights will need to be on
- 12 – 20 December - People's Choice Voting takes place
- Monday, 23 December - The Prize Giving Ceremony will be held

More information is available on Facebook: Smiths City Whakatāne Christmas Light Trail

## ROAD SAFETY PROMOTIONS WERE A SUCCESS

Road safety promotions centred around fatigue were a resounding success at Labour weekend.

The Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme organised a car wreck display and fatigue stop in liaison with Z Whakatāne and Eastern Bay Police respectively.

"Both activities gave Eastern Bay Road Safety representatives an opportunity to directly engage with motorists and promote road safety in our region," Eastern Bay road safety communications advisor Justine McLeary says.

The Z event centred around a car wreck display, courtesy of Valley Road Wreckers. Held in the service station's forecourt, the day highlighted the dangers of driving while fatigued, as well as promoting other aspects of road safety.

Eastern Bay road safety staff and Z Whakatāne management were pleased with how the day went, saying the public was receptive to the messages being highlighted.



There were 221 entries for a \$100 petrol draw being run, with many drivers taking away entry forms to be completed and returned at a later date.

The Z activity supported a fatigue stop in the Waioeka Gorge last Monday. Eastern Bay Police staff, supported by road safety representatives and Ōpōtiki Lions volunteers, stopped vehicles from 10am-3pm at the Maunganuku rest area and offered drivers the chance to take a break from the road. Food and drink was provided.

Volunteers say there was a steady flow of traffic through the fatigue stop and, thanks in part to the perfect weather, everyone involved enjoyed themselves.

## NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS NOW IN EFFECT

Do you have young children? Drive them anywhere? Then you need to read this.

Under a new restraints law that came into force on 1 November 2013, all children aged under seven now need to be in approved child restraints when travelling in a motor vehicle. Children aged 7-8 should be in an approved child restraint if one is available.

Our children are not safe if they're not correctly restrained. Please be a responsible parent and restrain your children correctly when travelling.



Visit [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz) for more information.

## 'TE UREWERA CONVERSATIONS' AT TE KŌPUTU

Multiple-artists' response to Te Urewera – the place, the people, the history

A powhiri on Saturday 23 November will mark the opening of the next major exhibition at Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi.

Te Urewera Conversations brings together the work of 20 artists, spanning almost six decades of contemporary New Zealand art. The earliest piece is a limestone sculpture 'Tūhoe Woman' created in the late 1950s by Russell Clark; the most recent are works by the new echelon of Tūhoe artists including Kylie Tiuka, Aimee Ratana and Saffronn Te Ratana.

While many of the artists are of Ngāi Tūhoe descent, the line-up purposefully includes other makers who have created work in response to Te Urewera – the place, the people and the history.



Others include Colin McCahon's Te Urewera triptych; a selection of photographic images by Peter James Quinn from the new publication Tūhoe: Portrait of a Nation; and artworks by John Walsh, Neil Dawson, Para Matchitt, Brett Graham, Dion Hitchens, Rueben Paterson and Nigel Brown.

The Whakatāne Museum has curated the exhibition, drawing the content from individual artists, other institutions and dealer galleries.

## DON'T PAINT THE DRAIN

Master Painters, Bay of Plenty Councils, Tauranga Environment Centre and paint suppliers Dulux, Watty and Resene are conducting the Paint Waste Reduction Campaign across the Bay of Plenty, with the aim of raising awareness of the environmental issues which can result from painting and the disposal of waste paint.

The paint companies involved all run paint waste disposal programmes to allow painters to return unused paint and old paint buckets.

The campaign reminds painters that everything that goes down stormwater drains ends up in our rivers, lakes and the sea. It also highlights the best way to reduce waste from painting.

Riki Nelson, Master Painter, says it is critical that people never dispose of paints or thinners in sewers or stormwater drains, and emphasises that trade painters and DIYers need to treat paint washwater the right way, and recycle paint buckets.

To learn more about painters' responsibilities, a 'Don't paint the drain' brochure can be picked up from paint shops in Tauranga, Rotorua, Te Puke and Whakatāne.

Painters can enter a text quiz and go into a draw to win fantastic prizes, including paint vouchers, paint waste treatment systems, and double passes to 'swim with the dolphins'.

To enter the prize draws, DIY painters should text 'DIY' to 4363, while trade painters should text 'TRADE' to 4363. Texts cost 20 cents. Winners will be drawn at the end of November.



## TV TAKEBACK PROGRAMME

The TV TakeBack programme is one TV programme you definitely don't want to miss. The Ministry for the Environment's TV TakeBack programme is an initiative that involves the Government partnering with a range of recyclers, retailers, and councils to help recycle more TVs.

TVs contain materials like lead that are hazardous to the environment and your health if dumped in landfills or into the environment, so they should be recycled responsibly. TVs dropped off for



Visit [www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz) to find where to recycle your old TV in the Whakatāne District.

recycling are taken to national recycling facilities where they are taken apart. Components are recycled locally or sent to specialist facilities overseas.