

Community Recovery Expo TOMORROW

10 June 2017 – 10am-6pm
Edgecumbe War Memorial Hall

Come along on Saturday to the Community Recovery Expo.

Most of the recovery agencies will be in one place – get advice or have your questions answered, and gather with friends and whānau.

Everyone welcome – free food, free entry, free advice, free fun



Organisations attending include...

- Work and Income NZ (WINZ)
- NZ Police
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board/Toi Te Ora
- NAVA
- Pou Whakaaro
- Whakatāne District Council
- Earthquake Commission (EQC)
- Liveable Homes Project
- Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE)
- Worksafe
- Community Law office/Budget Advisory Service
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- Rural Support Trust and Federated Farmers
- Emergency Management Bay of Plenty
- Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce

Information sessions – no bookings required

- 10.30-11am Department of Internal Affairs – Lottery Rangitāiki River Stopbank Breach Recovery Fund
- 11-11.30am MBIE – update on the temporary accommodation situation
- 11.30-12pm Whakatāne District Council – building inspector – Q&A
- 12-12.30pm Te Puna Ora o Mataatua Charitable Trust – health services available
- 12.30-1pm Emergency Management Bay of Plenty – community preparedness
- 1-1.30pm Hon Anne Tolley MP for East Coast – Government response to flood event
- 1.30-2pm BOP DHB Mental Health and Addiction Services – Recognising signs of stress
- 2-2.30pm ACC – home safety, falls prevention
- 2.30-3pm Te Tohu o Te Ora o Ngati Awa – wrap around health services
- 3-3.30pm How timebanking can build resilient communities
- 3.30-4pm Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce – business support update



Tamariki space

If parents want to have a look at what's on offer without distraction – a supervised area will be provided for young children to play/read/draw.

- Bouncy castle
- Face-painting
- Games

The Recovery Expo has been developed following a request from the Rangitāiki community hui. The Recovery Project team is keen to know if further Expos will be useful in the coming months. Please email your feedback and ideas to recovery@whakatane.govt.nz if you have any thoughts on this.

Find out about...

Building/housing/living

- Insurance
- Community Law
- Building inspections
- Liveable Homes
- Temporary housing
- Worksafe
- Civil Defence preparedness

Health and well-being

This will include sessions on:

- Identifying and managing stress
- Social service agencies – contacts and support available
- Budgeting and financial advice
- Information on funding sources

Volunteering and donated goods

- NAVA
- Pou Whakaaro

The natural and rural environment

- Flood and river management
- Biosecurity
- Rural support
- Roding

Help needed for Kohanga playground rebuild

Edgcumbe's Patutaatahi Kohanga Reo has received an amazing offer to help get their premises back to their pre-flood standard – but first they need a helping hand from the community.

Kohanga staff have been approached by TV3s The Block NZ with a generous offer to rebuild a section of playground. From June 16 – 18 June, Dyls and Dylz will lead a team of volunteers to get the work done – and all in front of the cameras.

Members of the community are being asked to come along to help and it's definitely a case of the more the merrier. If this sounds like you, registration forms are available at the Te Teko Memorial Hall, the Edgcumbe Library and at the Edgcumbe Blue Light building (where the Kohanga is currently located).

Everyone must be registered to take part. All volunteers will be given breakfast, lunch and dinner. (On the work days, donations of baking would be appreciated; and if volunteers can BYO wheelbarrow and spade, that's even better.)



Please do not dump rubbish on berms or other land

Major progress has been made in cleaning up Edgcumbe's streets – and it would be great to keep them that way. You can still request skip bins for larger loads (0800 000 611) or take rubbish to the Edgcumbe staging area at the Mall Car Park – please report to the portacom before entering site.

Skip bins are in high demand, so please make sure you fill them within a couple of days, so they can be emptied and put back into service.

Business Support update

Need to know more about the MBIE Business Support Package? Head along to the Plains Hotel, Edgcumbe at 5.30pm on Monday 12 June.

Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Gerard Casey will be on hand to give an update on the package and answer queries. RSVP for catering purposes to info@ebopchamber.co.nz www.ebopchamber.co.nz/whakatane-district-business-recovery-grant-programme

EQC silt removal

EQC continues to remove silt from around sections and underneath dwellings for many of the 239 customers that have lodged claims.

There has been a delay in work on some properties as EQC awaits reports from some of the private insurers around asbestos testing and certificates of clearance where known asbestos has been removed. Contractors are unable to work on sub floors until such reports where required, are received.

Whakatāne District Mayoral Relief Fund open

Applications to The Whakatāne District Mayoral Relief Fund are now open. Any affected Whakatāne district residents are eligible to apply to the fund for financial assistance, as they recover from the April flooding and storm events.

Priority will be given to applications under the following criteria:

- Provision of essentials for daily life, transport needs and household contents;
- Rebuild/recovery costs of buildings damaged by water or storm damage;
- Essential items not covered by insurance or other funds.

Application forms are available at Te Tari Awhina Community Hub (at the Edgcumbe Library), libraries in Murupara and Whakatāne, the Kawerau i-Site; and on the Whakatāne District Council website (whakatane.govt.nz).

An Advisory Board will assess applications on a fortnightly basis and provide recommendations to the Trustees to confirm approval and distribution of the funds on a fair and equitable basis.

Strong demand for insulation

The Liveable Homes programme is seeing a strong demand for the installation of underfloor insulation in flood-damaged homes around the District.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has generously made \$200,000 available for insulating any house that was made uninhabitable due to flood damage, with the aim of ensuring that displaced residents can return to warmer and healthier homes. By the end of last week, some 120 applications for underfloor insulation had been lodged with the Liveable Homes project team, with nine installations completed and more work scheduled.

Meanwhile, 17 owners who do not have the means to repair their flood-damaged homes have also registered with the project. Seven homes have had damaged wall linings, and in most instances floors, stripped-out and are now in the dry-out phase. Floors were being refitted in two homes this week and blowers are being used to speed-up the drying process.

For information about insulation or the Liveable Homes project, visit the Expo, ring 027 565 3898, or visit Te Tari Awhina Community Hub at the Edgcumbe Library.



Can you help?

Do you have a vacant rental property, bach, or other accommodation which could help people whose homes were damaged in the April flooding?

If you have a property you would like to make available, you can register it with MBIE at www.temporaryaccommodation.mbie.govt.nz. MBIE will pass your property information and contact details on to people registered with the service, so they can contact you directly to discuss renting your property.

PLEASE NOTE: MBIE's Temporary Accommodation Service has a new phone number. You can reach them on 0508 754 163 between 8am and 4.30pm on weekdays.