

## Returning home: Remember to apply for rates remission

Since the 6 April flood, rate payments have been postponed on all yellow-stickered properties across the Whakatāne District.

Owners of affected properties have received letters explaining the process of rates postponement and remission (which effectively means that rates will not be charged for the time a house was unable to be occupied as a result of the flood and repair process).

Owners are reminded that they need to let the Whakatāne District Council rates team know when their house repairs are finished, so that the rates remission can be applied. Please feel free to contact a member of the rates team on 07 306 0500 if you have any questions about rates postponement or remission.

## Inland Revenue Info Session – 9 November

Inland Revenue staff will be at Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgecumbe Library on 9 November to provide advice to help people understand how recent events may impact on their tax obligations. You can drop-in between 4 and 7pm, or make a specific appointment time by calling 07 304 8656.

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### Don't miss this inspirational evening with Doug Avery

*Doug Avery now shares his powerful story of how he weathered years of drought and desperation to turn his farm – and his life – around.*

**Friday, 3 November 2017, 7pm-9pm,**  
Whakatāne War Memorial Hall, Little Theatre,  
Short St, Whakatāne. Ticket \$10 from Whakatāne  
Paper Plus, 07 308 6799 (Includes light supper, tea & coffee)



## Need a lift?

**Finding it harder to get to doctor's visits and other engagements?  
Do you need a lift to appointments?**

NZ Red Cross is providing a free door-to-door transport service between Kawerau, Edgecumbe and Whakatāne to support the district Recovery.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Community Transport Service is available weekdays, from 9am to 3.30pm. **To make a booking, call 07 923 4057.**

All NZ Red Cross Community Transport Volunteers hold a current first aid certificate and have undergone a Ministry of Justice check. For enquiries, you can email [rotorua@redcross.org.nz](mailto:rotorua@redcross.org.nz)

## Need help to finalise your residential insurance claim?

The Recovery Office has negotiated additional, free, legal support for people with concerns about settling their home insurance claims.

Specialists from the Christchurch-based Residential Advisory Service were here earlier this week and will return on 8/9 November, with additional future dates planned, depending on demand. Assistance by Skype or phone can also be arranged in urgent cases. To find out more, or make an appointment, call in to Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgecumbe Library, or ring 304 8656.



## Green Fingers – can you help?

The organisers of Edgecumbe's Big Gardening Day, being held on 4 November at the Edgecumbe Domain, are asking for plants that can be given away to workshop participants. If you have cuttings potted up – or seedlings sprouting that you'd be happy to share – contact Vicky on 027 309 3657.



## DIY Home and Garden workshops



**28 Oct** **Pizza Oven Making 9am,**  
79 Main Street, Edgecumbe.

Learn how to make your own pizza oven for your garden or BBQ area, basics on preparing, mixing, moulding your oven! ❖

**4 Nov** **Edgecumbe's Big Gardening Day! 10am,**  
Edgecumbe Domain. Join us for a morning of

creating, making funky letter boxes, kokedama moss balls with plants inside, hanging baskets and pallet planters! Lots more including free plants to give away! ❖

**5 Nov** **Fence Building 9am, 6 Puriri Cres,**  
Edgecumbe. This workshop will teach you how

to build a basic fence, learn all the tricks, dos and don'ts to build your own fence! ♦

**19 Nov** **Home Maintenance Workshop 9am,**  
58 Puriri Cres, Edgecumbe. DIY Home

Maintenance – painting, weather boards, electrical, plumbing and guttering. ♦

**25 Nov** **Concrete Workshop 9am, 50 College**  
Road, Edgecumbe. Learn how to lay concrete

correctly. Experts will teach you the basics on how to prepare, mix and lay concrete the right way! ♦

**For more information or to book contact:**

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or go to: [facebook.com/whakatanedistrictrecoveryproject](https://www.facebook.com/whakatanedistrictrecoveryproject)

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