

Welcome Home packs

Have you returned to your repaired, yellow-stickered home? The Recovery Office would like to say "Welcome Home" with a flexi-tub of household goodies.



"We know there are now over 50 families back home and with the number of properties that are in the pipeline to be finished in coming weeks, we felt it was a good time to launch a welcome home pack to mark this significant milestone in the recovery process," says District Recovery Manager Barbara Dempsey.

From Wednesday 1 November, call in, with ID, to Te Tari Āwhina (affected Edgecumbe and Plains residents) or to the Customer Services counter at Whakatāne District Council (affected Tāneatua/Rūātoki residents), register that you're back home, and receive your Welcome Home pack – which will be available until all residents are back in their repaired homes.

The Recovery Team would like to thank The Warehouse, Countdown Whakatāne and The Tindall Foundation for sponsoring the packs.

New hours at Te Tari Āwhina

Te Tari Āwhina at Edgecumbe Library has been the hub of flood recovery services, 6-days a week since early-May. Initially up to seven partner agencies were operating from Te Tari Āwhina, returning to their usual bases as the demand for their services has reduced.

The Liveable Homes Project, which is close to completing all of its builds, is now based out of the Recovery Office at Whakatāne District Council (tel. 306 0500).

Please note the following opening times at Te Tari Āwhina – effective from Monday 30 October:

- Open Monday to Friday, 9am-2pm (unless open later for advertised events)
- Recovery Navigator's – Tuesday to Friday, 10am-noon
- Internal Affairs (grant funding) – every second Tuesday (next visit 7 November), 1-3pm

Red Cross needs you...



There has been a great response to the Red Cross Community Transport Service... so much so that the organisers are needing to recruit more volunteer drivers and support-people.

So, if you:

- Have a full driver's licence
- Can navigate your way around our district
- Are willing to undergo a police check
- And have some free time to help your community;

please give Julie Forrest a call at Red Cross; Phone: 07-348-3738 ext 7202 or email: Julie.Forrest@redcross.org.nz

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 and help people to understand how recent events may impact on their tax obligations. You can drop-in between 4-7pm, or make a specific appointment time by calling 07 304 8656.



Edgecumbe Blue Light WHANAU DAY
Edgecumbe Domain
Saturday 4th November, 2pm-7pm

Games • Food stalls • Entertainment • Raffles • NO EFTPOS
Fun for the whole family • Fireworks Display to follow at dark

Geotechnical work continues

People may notice some further geotechnical equipment in various spots around the Rangitāiki River over the coming weeks. Bay of Plenty Regional Council confirms that this work is part of the ongoing investigation of the stopbank and river system, which will help facilitate the repairs following the April flood and storm event.

A RURAL SUPPORT TRUST FUNDRAISER

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)



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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