



Welcome home

Thirty-seven Welcome Home Packs have been collected in the past week by residents returning to repaired yellow-stickered properties across the district.

The Recovery Office launched the packs – a flexi-tub of household goodies – on 1 November and they will be available until all residents are back in their repaired homes.

So... if you've returned home call in, with ID, to Te Tari Āwhina (affected Edgecumbe and Plains residents) or to the Customer Services counter at Whakatāne District Council (affected Poroporo/Tāneatua/Rūātoki residents), register that you're back home, and receive your Welcome Home Pack.

Recovery Navigators Vicky Richards and Dorothy Gilliland.

Lighting up the Edgecumbe sky

Edgecumbe Blue Light's annual fireworks display has been dubbed a huge success by organisers.

The postponed event went ahead on Sunday night, in spite of reservations about the weather.

Blue Light vice-chair Kris Byrne says people from throughout the Eastern Bay attended the display, making for great numbers on the night.

"The weather made the event touch and go but we went ahead. About \$1000 worth of fireworks was let off during a 50-minute period."

Mrs Byrne said a huge thanks was in order to the Edgecumbe Fire Brigade. "They had two trucks on site and a heap of volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the evening."

The Edgecumbe Blue Light committee now turns its attention toward the combined Whānau Day, Christmas Parade and Concert in the Park to be held on Saturday 25 November.



A fun and challenging all-terrain team event, with 3km, 5km or 10km options.

When: 19 November 2017

Where: 376 Manawahe Road

Enter at www.soakedinadventure.co.nz

For more details contact Fiona Cleghorn on 027 626 7910 or Vicky Richards on 027 309 3657

Funds raised will support future Edgecumbe community projects

New Hours at Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub and Edgecumbe Library

Please note the following days and hours to access services:

Monday to Friday, 9am – 2pm (unless open later for advertised events)	Library services, Recovery Information including Welcome Home Pack distribution
Tuesday to Friday, 10am – noon	Recovery Navigators
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 3 – 4pm	Library Services only (Please note: We are endeavouring to return to 5-day-a-week afternoon library services and will let everyone know as soon as there is an update).
Fridays, 9am – 4pm	Te Tohu o Te Ora o Ngāti Awa (Social and Health Services)
Every second Tuesday, 11am – 1pm	Internal Affairs grant funding

DIY Home and Garden workshops

11 Nov Edgecumbe's Big Plant Day! Reserve Beside Te Tari Āwhina – Edgecumbe Library.

Come along and choose from the dozens of free plants we have to give away! ❖

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! ❖

26 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! ❖

For more information or to book contact:

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or go to: facebook.com/whakatanedistrictrecoveryproject

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Bringing our community together to learn practical skills and support each other

It feels like the weather is ruling our lives – whether you're still trying to dry out a property, grow stock feed, or like our event organisers, trying to run activities – we are all sick of the rain. Fingers are crossed that this weekend's scheduled events will go to plan... but please note that if it is raining on Saturday, Edgecumbe's Big Plant Day (now being held on the reserve beside Te Tari Āwhina – Edgecumbe Library) will be postponed to Sunday.

NEED HELP TO FINALISE YOUR RESIDENTIAL INSURANCE CLAIM?

The Recovery Office is receiving good feedback from residents who have been assisted by the Residential Advisory Service.

RAS representatives are back again on 28-29 November, with future dates planned, depending on demand. Assistance by phone can also be arranged in urgent cases. To find out more, or to make an appointment, call in to Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgecumbe Library or ring on 304 8656.