

## E Tū – and get to these workshops!



*Preliminary work is underway for Sunday's fence-building workshop.*

The E Tū Edgumbe DIY Home and Garden workshops are drawing to a close... so make sure you make the most of the two events happening this weekend.

On Saturday at 9am, get along to 50 College Road, where you'll be shown how to prepare, mix and lay concrete; and on Sunday, at 6 Puriri Crescent, you can learn the basics of how to build a fence that will last!

The workshops are a great community win/win - the residents who have made their homes available are getting much-needed repairs; and attendees learn really necessary, practical skills, for free.

*Thanks to sponsors Beulah and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa; Peppers Building Supplies and the District Recovery Office.*

## Need a Building Navigator?

**Have you cash-settled with your insurance company and are thinking about how to repair your home?**

The Recovery Office want to help cash-settled, underinsured property owners who may be wondering about the best way forward. We've engaged an experienced project manager as a Building Navigator who can work alongside people to unravel the building process.

So if you're wondering about building consents, how to deal with contractors or have any questions relating to your repair or rebuild, please contact your Recovery Navigator, or Te Tari Āwhina on 07 304 8656, to organise a meeting with the Building Navigator.

## Mall carpark resealing

There will be some activity around the Riverslea Mall carpark for the next couple of weeks, as the area used by Whakatāne District Council as a post-flood refuse transfer station is repaired and resealed.

The contractor will maintain access to the car park for vehicles and pedestrians during the works, but some areas will be fenced off for safety reasons.

Having a central staging area for refuse management during the initial months of Recovery was hugely beneficial, with approximately 3000 tonnes of waste passing through the area in 16 weeks. The Recovery Team thanks the Mall owners for making the area available.

## Tough Bugga a huge (muddy) success



Two-hundred-and-sixteen 'Tough Buggas' took part in the mud run/walk event last weekend, raising over \$3,500 for future Edgumbe community events. In addition to 26 local teams, participants came from as far afield as Auckland and Hamilton.

The organisers would like to thank sponsors Fonterra, RD1, Hirepool and Ōpōtiki New World, together with the Edgumbe Fire Brigade and land-owner Ron Sturme, who provided the venue.

## Bluelight Christmas in the Park

**THIS SATURDAY!**

**1.30pm** Parade leaves from Cosmopolitan Club Carpark

**2pm – 6.30pm** at Edgumbe Domain  
*Concert, food stalls, spot prizes, family games, bouncy castle, truck pull and much more.*

## THE SECRET SANTA project...

**Helping flood-impacted families of the Whakatāne District this Christmas.**

In response to generous offers from some of our partner agencies, the Recovery Office has launched 'The Secret Santa Project', with the aim of ensuring flood-impacted children throughout the District have a little something in their Christmas stocking.



We think the wider community will want to contribute too, so from Monday (and through until 14 December) there will be Christmas Trees at Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgumbe Library and in the Customer Services area at Whakatāne District Council, as drop off points for gifts for children aged 0 – 13.

Details at [whakatane.govt.nz/secret-santa](http://whakatane.govt.nz/secret-santa)

## College Road Stopbank Realignment

The tender process for stage one of the College Road Stopbank Realignment has been extended, due to the unavailability of contractors.

Stage one involves the removal/site clearing of dwellings and that work is now expected to begin in mid-December.

The delay is not expected to impact on the completion of the major physical works programme, which is due to be substantially complete in May/June.