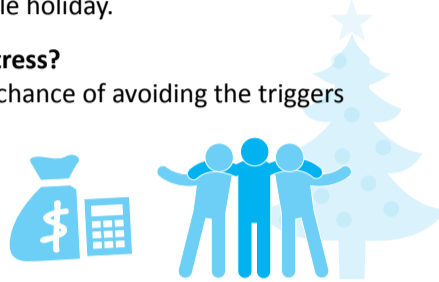


Family safety these holidays

The Christmas period can add stress to family life; and even more so after an already-stressful year. Local police and the other members of the EBoP Family Safety Network would like to offer some tips to help keep you and your whānau safe and ensure you have an enjoyable holiday.

- 1 You know your family – what are the things that might cause stress?**
By identifying these things and planning ahead, there's a better chance of avoiding the triggers
- 2 Avoid bored children!** Plan for trips to the park or beach/river
- 3 Plan some time for yourself,** so you don't get overwhelmed
- 4 Make a budget** and stick to it
- 5 Have plans and alternatives in place when alcohol is around;** ensure food is available; keep an eye on your whānau and guests; don't let anyone drive drunk.



Remember, some support services will be taking a short holiday break, but if you need someone to talk to, you can call the Whakatāne Police Station on 308 5255. And of course in an emergency situation, call 111.

For more holiday family safety tips go to whakatane.govt.nz/recovery-project

College Road Stopbank update

A contractor has been chosen for the demolition works on the College Road stopbank rebuild site in Edgecumbe. There is a formal approval process to go through, but Bay of Plenty Regional Council expects to be able to announce the contractor shortly.

The project is still on-track to start demolition works this side of the Christmas break and rebuild works will commence in January. The Regional Council expects to be able to share initial plans with the wider community at that stage and will mark the start of works with a 'sod turning ceremony'. Keep an eye out for more details in the New Year.

The community is represented by two local people through the early rebuild planning process. Any questions can be emailed to them via Edgecumbe.Questions@whakatane.govt.nz



Future use of wall pieces

During the stopbank rebuild works, people may notice broken pieces of the wall being removed from the site. The Recovery Team has always been aware of the desire to ensure the pieces were secured for future input from the community and decision-making about what they want to do with the concrete debris.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has maintained contact with Community Board Chair Charelle Stevenson and Vicky Richards about the timing for removal and storage of the wall pieces and anyone with any questions or concerns is welcome to contact Charelle or Vicky directly, or via Edgecumbe.Questions@whakatane.govt.nz.

Cash settled? – where to from here?

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

The Recovery Office wants to help cash-settled, under-insured 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 how best to spend your available budget; how to go about the building consent process; how to deal with contractors; or have any questions relating to your repair or rebuild, please register your interest by contacting your Recovery Navigator or Te Tari Āwhina on 07 304 8656.



CHRISTMAS HOURS

Fri 22 Dec	9am – 12pm (Recovery and Library Services)
Sat 23 – Tue 26 Dec	CLOSED
Wed 27 Dec	2pm – 4pm (Library Services only)
Thu 28 Dec	2pm – 4pm (Library Services only)
Fri 29 Dec	10am – 12pm (Library Services only)
Sat 30 – Tue 2 Jan	CLOSED
Wed 3 Jan	Normal hours resume

Stay up with the news!

The next Recovery Newsletter will be published on 22 December; and then newsletters will recommence on a fortnightly basis from 5 January. In preparation for when the Recovery Newsletter is sent by email only, please ensure you are on the distribution list.

Did you know that the Recovery Newsletter is also available by email... if you'd like to receive it in your inbox, please email recovery@whakatane.govt.nz



THE SECRET SANTA project...

Helping flood-impacted children of the Whakatāne District

HOW IT WORKS:

- Buy a gift for a child (up to 13-years)
- Wrap AND attach a tag detailing the gender & age the gift is for.

If you'd prefer to do an office 'whip-around' we would use your cash donation to buy gifts where we see a gap for gender/ages. (Deposit details: 01 0434 03344 11 00 ref: Secret Santa).

Deliver gifts to under the Christmas Tree at:

- Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at the Edgecumbe Library
- Customer Services, Whakatāne District Council.

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER

Visit whakatane.govt.nz/secret-santa



Edgecumbe Christmas Get-Together

OLD FASHIONED RETRO FUN FOR FONTERRA FARMERS, EDGECUMBE RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Thursday 21st December, 5–8.30pm
FONTERRA EDGECUMBE SITE

COME FOR AN ICE CREAM, BBQ, FAMILY FUN, GAMES AND ENJOY CHRISTMAS 2017 TOGETHER

Alcohol free family event. Please wear covered shoes. Parents must take responsibility for their own children.

