

Demolition works on College Road to start soon

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has announced Shane Moore Services (SMS) Ltd as the contractor to carry out demolition works on College Road in Edgcumbe.

The Regional Council's Project Manager, Peter Hay, says the contractor's staff will be visiting the site shortly, but the large-scale work was likely to start post-Christmas.

"The properties were all purchased and signed over to Council in October and we acknowledged that milestone with a small blessing. But it isn't a simple sale and purchase for many former-landowners, so we are working with them to allow for final visits or blessings of individual houses.

"Work on the design of the stopbank continues. A couple of community-representatives sit with us on the team to work on initial designs and we have appreciated their involvement. We hope to be in a position to share those designs with the wider community shortly."

Mr Hay also reminds locals and other College Road users that they should keep clear of the fenced off areas and be mindful of machinery and trucks operating during the removal process and subsequent work.

Minister of Civil Defence visits Eastern Bay



Minister of Civil Defence, the Hon. Kris Fafoi visited the Eastern Bay on 11 December to see first-hand the impacts of the April storm and flood events and progress on Recovery.

From left: Cheryl Wilson (Recovery Navigator), John Pullar (Liveable Homes Project), MP for Wairariki Tamati Coffey, Hon. Kris Fafoi, Hori Clay, Igor Gerritsen (Rural Support Trust), Rangitāiki Community Board Chair Charelle Stevenson, Recovery Navigators Blair Delaney and Vicky Richardson, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Chair Doug Leeder and District Recovery Manager Barbara Dempsey.

BUILDING CONSENTS FOR FLOOD REPAIRS



– REMEMBER IT'S LIKE FOR LIKE

It's great to see so many people taking up Whakatāne District Council's offer of free building consent for repairs to flood-damaged homes. Remember, the free consent is for physical repairs or replacement of items 'like for like'.

The replacement of fireplaces seems to be a hot topic! If you're putting in a much larger fireplace, or one that's a different combustion source, you'll need to provide an amendment to the consent. In that case, the building team will assess the amendments to see what technical inspections are required and whether there will be any additional cost.

Council's free consent offer doesn't cover changing the 'footprint' of your house during the repair, i.e. major remodelling or adding on an extension.

The Secret Santa Project

The Recovery Team would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the recovery partner agencies, businesses and individuals who supported the Secret Santa Project. Your generosity contributed to ensuring that flood-impacted children had a little extra under the Christmas tree this year.



Whakatāne District Council staff members Tori Robinson, Bryan Mortimer and Dayna Chapman help distribute the generously donated gifts for flood-impacted children.

TE TARI AWHINA community hub CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 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

- Recovery Navigators return 8 January
- Te Tohu o te Ora o Ngāti Awa resumes Fridays, 9am – 4pm from 12 January

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Family Safety Network wishes you a safe Christmas and New Year



Please remember these numbers remain available over the festive season:

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Police:

Whakatāne: 308 5255	Kawerau: 323 1400
Edgcumbe: 304 9004	Te Teko: 322 8206
Taneatua: 312 8070	Ōpōtiki: 315 1110

Whanau Awhina Women's Refuge: 0800 Refuge

Child, Youth & Family Services: 0508 Family Victim Support: 0800 842 846

Community Mental Health: 0800 77 45 45

Anonymous Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111

BoP Sexual Assault Service: 0800 2b Safe

Citizen's Advice Bureau: 07 308 5609

Pou Whakaaro: 07 308 8170

Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust: 07 315 5174

Whakatohea Social Health: 07 315 6042

Te Puna Ora o Mataatua: 0800 Mataatua

Need to talk? Freephone 1737

All other support agencies close 22nd December and re-open between 8th to 15th January 2018



EDGE CUMBE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE COFFEE MORNING

The Edgcumbe Womens' Institute invites you to join them at their Coffee Morning

10am – 12 noon, 22 January 2018

Venue: Diane Harvey's home, 143 College Road, Edgcumbe

*\$2 entry includes a cup of tea or coffee, cake and entry into the prize draw

*\$1 spot prizes draw: sales table, plants, books, baking, crafts and bric a brac

Proceeds will be donated to the Edgcumbe Fire Brigade

EVERYONE WELCOME