

## Back in Business

**Great news, confirmed this week, that the Medical Centre and Edgecumbe Pharmacy will be open for business in the Riverslea Mall from Monday, 5 February.**

Riverslea Medical Centre Manager Storm Hale says there will be a pohiri at 7am, which everyone is welcome to attend, and patient services will start at 8.30am.

She says the return from Te Teko to the Mall is a huge step for the community and staff can't wait to 'be home'.

Meanwhile, a combined marketing campaign, funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is encouraging the public to support the wider Edgecumbe business community. The campaign aims to build an awareness of those 'Back in Business' and provide updates on when others will reopen. Listen to Radio 1XX, Tumeke and Sun FM; check out [edgecumbebackinbusiness.co.nz](http://edgecumbebackinbusiness.co.nz) and look out for advertising features in the Whakatāne Beacon later in the month.



## Christmas flashback:

## Secret Santa and NAVA deliver Christmas cheer



*Recovery Navigator Cheryl Wilson, Wini Geddes and Te Tari Āwhina Customer Services Officer Grahame Bryce with Christmas hampers supplied by NAVA and sponsored by Te Wānanga o Awanuiarangi.*

Over 300 Christmas presents made their way to flood-impacted children as a result of the District Recovery Office's Secret Santa Project.

Wini Geddes also played Santa, on behalf of NAVA, providing hampers filled with Christmas treats for distribution to 40 families.

Sincere thanks to the Recovery partner agencies, individuals, Council suppliers and staff who donated Secret Santa gifts; and to NAVA (and sponsor Te Wānanga o Awanuiarangi) for adding an extra sparkle to Christmas 2017.

## Stay up with the news!

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](mailto:recovery@whakatane.govt.nz)

In preparation for when the Recovery Newsletter is sent by email only, please ensure you are on the distribution list. If you'd prefer to receive a printed copy, please call the Recovery Office on 306 0500 to register your postal address, or pick up a hard copy from Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgecumbe Library.



## Bay of Plenty Regional Council update

The contractor responsible for demolition and removal works on College Road is making good progress.

Shane Moore Services established its site office and security over the Christmas period and work is now well underway. Asbestos has been removed from two houses. Hazardous waste will be stripped from properties before some of the houses are relocated off-site. Where possible, the contractors are cleaning and recycling materials.

Tenders were called for the contract to reconstruct the stopbank earlier this week and close in the first week of February.

## Building Consents for flood repairs – lodge yours now

Owners of flood-damaged homes who are yet to lodge a building consent are encouraged to do so, sooner rather than later. (And remember, if you haven't sought a consent because you're not sure if you can afford to repair your home – talk to our Building Navigator to get some informed advice.)

Whakatāne District Council continues to offer free building consents for physical repairs or replacement of items 'like for like', for building repairs to flood-damaged homes.

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

## Cash settled? – Where to from here?

**Are you concerned that your insurance cash-settlement may not be enough to repair your home?**

The Recovery Office wants to help underinsured property owners who may be wondering about the best way forward. Our Building Navigator is available to meet with people to help unravel the repair process.

So if you're wondering how to best 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.

### EDGECUMBE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE COFFEE MORNING

The Edgecumbe 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, Edgecumbe

**\$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 Edgecumbe Fire Brigade**



**EDGECUMBE LIBRARY**  
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*Recovery and Library services have resumed normal hours:*

- **Library services, Recovery Information** (including Welcome Home Pack distribution) Weekdays 9am – 2pm
- **Library services only** Weekdays 2 – 4pm
- **Recovery Navigators** Tuesday to Friday 10am – noon
- **Te Tohu o te Ora o Ngāti Awa support services** Fridays 9am – 4pm