

Changes to Recovery Newsletter

After 45 issues, the Recovery Newsletter, in this format, is 'retiring'. Fortnightly newsletters will continue to be produced and distributed to an extensive email database... if you're not already signed up, please email recovery@whakatane.govt.nz to be added to the list.



If you'd prefer to receive a printed copy, please call the Recovery Office on 306 0500 to register your postal address, or mention it to your Recovery Navigator. Hard copies will also continue to be available from Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgecumbe Library.

The Recovery Newsletter can also be found at whakatane.govt.nz/recovery-project and on the Recovery Facebook page.

Residential Advisory Service

The Recovery Office continues to receive good feedback from residents who have accessed the Residential Advisory Service to help unravel issues with their insurance providers.

RAS representatives are visiting again on 7 and 8 February and there is still time to make an appointment if you need help. 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.

Back in Business

Remember, if you'd like to be part of welcoming the homecoming of two key Edgecumbe businesses, get along to Riverslea Mall early Monday morning.

At 7am (Monday, 5 February) there will be a pohiri to acknowledge the return of Riverslea Medical Centre and Edgecumbe Pharmacy, ahead of patient services starting at 8.30am.

Also reopening this coming week is the Edgecumbe Op Shop which plans to open its doors on 7 February.



Thanks... Edgecumbe Womens Institute members would like to offer their thanks to those who attended and contributed to their recent coffee-morning fund-raiser, which enabled the group to make a \$500 donation to the Edgecumbe Volunteer Fire Brigade.



Edgecumbe Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief Adrian Massey receiving the donation from Edgecumbe Womens Institute President Diane Harvey.

Furniture for Flood Relief – centre reduces hours

In another positive sign of recovery, the EBoP Furniture for Flood Relief Centre is reducing its opening hours to two-days a week. With such a high percentage of impacted residents having already collected donated items, demand is dropping, and Coordinator Gary Willoughby says it makes sense to reduce the operating hours.

From this week, the centre, which operates from the Pou Whakaaro building at 1 Bracken Street, Whakatāne, will be open Wednesday and Thursdays, 9am to 5pm.

Gary says over 270 flood-impacted families have accessed goods over the last nine months, with 250 beds; 84 lounge suites; 180 dressers; and 64 fridge-freezers – being just some of close to 2800 items that have been distributed.

The centre can hold items for those who are yet to return home and any flood-impacted residents who haven't already made contact, are welcome to call into 1 Bracken Street.

EDIT Mural Project underway

Edgecumbe's Bridge Street Suppa Market is undergoing a transformation under the brush strokes of Regan Balzer, who has been commissioned to produce the first mural through Te toi o Patutātahi - The Art of Edgecumbe Mural Programme 2018.

Edgecumbe College student, Stevie Shaw, will be working alongside Regan, as the first participant in the youth development aspect of the programme.

Dave Sparks, who did a great job prepping the Suppa Market walls for Regan, will be creating the second mural outside Moby Dick Takeaway in coming weeks.

Dave Sparks and Regan Balzer contemplate the 'blank canvas' prepared for the first of EDIT's Art of Edgecumbe murals.



**TE TARI
ĀWHINA**
community hub

**EDGE CUMBE
LIBRARY**
07 304 8656

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, Wednesday, Friday 10am – noon
- **Te Tohu o te Ora o Ngāti Awa support services** Fridays 9am – 4pm